

HANCE PTO MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2006

ATTENDEES

Sharon Marfisi	Emily Williard
Michelle Schonbachler	Jennifer Bissell
Brenda Stasko	Michelle Gierl
Judy Smith	Sabrina George
Jill Raible	Kim Szelc
Regan Shebeck	Kim Pierce
Mary Pyle	Laurel Anderson
Jen Sarabok	Ginny Setterini
Jennifer Nicotra	Katie Kukieza
Tracy Reich	Nikki Woodrow
Joan Grassucci	Candy Tierno
Dawn Cory	Trish Golla
Anne Schubert	Maureen Raium
Nancy Buszinski	Kathy Bauer
Nancy Colomarino	Cathy Devor
Val Ostrowski	

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. President's Report – Sharon Marfisi/Emily Williard
Sharon and Emily introduced themselves, welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. They informed everyone of the PTO bulletin board and its location. They explained that there will be a PTO parking space this year. Everyone will submit their name and the ticket that gets pulled wins the space until the next meeting.
- B. Principal's Report – Dr. Pysch introduced himself. He noted that there are 609 students enrolled in the school this year so space is limited. He informed everyone that the new upper elementary school will be completed in 2 years and Hance will become a K-3 elementary school. Two new teachers were hired this year. Mrs. Hoffman is in the first grade and Ms. Hughes is the reading specialist. Also, Ms. Cornibe will be doing math/literacy. Dr. Pysch also spoke about the PSSA test results.
- C. Vice President's Report – Jennifer Bissell & Michelle Schonbachler – They introduced themselves and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- D. Secretary's Report – Michelle Gierl
- E. Treasurer's Report – Brenda Stasko – See Report dated September 14, 2006.

II. SPEAKERS

- A. Officer Scott Rick – He spoke about the merger of Pine/Marshall/Bradford Woods and Richland Township. They will be able to perform extra services such as the fingerprint program and Safety House program.

- B. Terry Wentz – She noted that healthy snacks are being promoted in the school; for parties there are new guidelines, healthy snacks should be supplied to the children in addition to the traditional party treats; teachers are not permitted to restrict physical activity as a disciplinary tool or use food as a reward

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Ice Cream Social – Being held Friday, September 15th at 6:30 pm. A D.J. will be playing and a few more volunteers are needed.
- B. Directory Info/Purchases – The directory has been proofread and is going to print next week. 333 were ordered, which is less than last year. A new option was added this year in which a listing could be made in the directory without having to purchase one.
- C. Fall Fundraising – The fall fundraiser will be from Market Day. The brochure featuring fall and Christmas items will be going home in the Friday Folders tomorrow. Orders due by 9/28 and will arrive the first week in November.
- D. Hance Happenings – Nikki Woodrow will now be writing the Hance Happenings. Deadline for the next one is September 22nd. They are distributed the last Friday of each month and the deadline for entry is the Friday before it comes home. Nikki gave her e-mail address for anyone who wished to submit something. For the first time, an issue was done in August and everyone thought it was a good idea.
- E. Spirit Apparel – Everything ran smoothly. Items will be in at the end of the month and will be packed per student, per classroom.
- F. Fantastic Fun Friday – Next one is October 6th. Wear Pine Richland apparel – green and white. November's falls on picture day.
- G. HPTO Website – The address for the website was given.
- H. Market Day – Orders are in. Pick-up will be on September 21st at 4:45 to 5:45 in the cafeteria. The process was explained to the group.
- I. Grandparent/Grandfriend Day – October 13th for K-2 and October 16th for 3-5 from 9:30 to 11:00. The first announcement will be going home in Friday folders tomorrow. This year the gym will be utilized since the cafeteria was a bit small last year.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. New HPTO Office – This is located in the cafeteria now. All committee chairs have mailboxes in there and supplies are also available.
- B. New Teachers/Staff – Mrs. Hoffman in 1st grade; Mrs. Siebert in Kindergarten; Mr. Belchick, Strings and Mrs. Cornibe – Math Literacy Coach. Each was given \$100 for their classroom.
- C. New Process for Homeroom Party Sign-Up – Vice Presidents are working with the teachers to get information to the parents about the responsibilities.
- D. Classroom Money to Teachers – \$100 was distributed to each teacher for supplies for their classroom.

- E. New Treasurer's Report – This report has a new look and format compared to last year. Each committee is itemized so that it is clear where the money is going and what makes a profit.
- F. Committee Chair Binders – Binders have been made for each committee. Committee chairs were asked to sign out their binder at the end of the meeting. These binders will be able to retain information from year to year.
- G. Leaders Club – This is new to Hance this year for the 4th and 5th grade. Children will apply for it. None will be turned away. They will be involved in doing helpful things at school and in the community.
- H. Hance Store – This is new to HPTO this year. 4th grade is not running it this year so the PTO is taking it over. It will be open from November to April, 2 to 3 days per week for 15 minutes in the morning. It will contain items from 5 to 50 cents.
- I. Kindergarten Aid – One aide has been approved to split time among the AM classes.
- J. Playground/Cafeteria Worker – one new playground worker and one new cafeteria worker have been added this year.
- K. New Upper Elementary Building Committee – A committee of parents that will meet periodically regarding the new upper elementary building is still in need of 1 second grade parent
- L. Volunteer Orientation – September 20th from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. See Tammy Godino for more info.
- M. Friday Flash – This program has been piloted at Richland Elementary and is going over very well. Friday Folder information is done electronically instead of sending home paper. No children's names are listed online. This may be put into effect at Hance in the near future.
- N. New Reimbursement Form – found in the HPTO office, on the website and in the committee chair binder.
- O. Spirit Week – 1st week in October; discussed what things will occur; the recipient of the \$1 donations still has not been decided upon
- P. U.S. Map on Playground – October 10th from 9:00 until 3:00; volunteers are needed – approximately 15. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. New Student Tea – Held on August 30th. 30 new children were welcomed. They are listed on the bulletin board.
- B. Penny Wars – held in May. Raised \$1200 for Children's Hospital.
- C. Groundbreaking Ceremony – Held on September 13th. There was a very good turnout and it was very organized.
- D. 660 Minutes Summer Reading Program – 70 children participated on September 19th. They received a certificate and \$1 off coupon to the school store.
- E. Kindergarten Meet & Green Table – this went very well

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Committee Chairs Needed – for Hance store, Leaders Club, School Board Liason and Outreach
- B. Next Meeting – Thursday, October 12th at 9:30 am in the cafeteria. Barb Cornibe will talk about her position.
- C. Walk for Diabetes – Friday, October 6th
- D. New Basement Area – HPTO has a new area in the basement. Harry installed shelves that were purchased and all items are organized and paper products are in containers. Please check the supply before purchasing more items. There is a form provided to mark items that need to be replenished.
- E. Spirit Week – October 2nd – 6th
- F. Holiday Shop – This will be open December 1st and 4th. Everything will be \$1.

VII. OPEN DISCUSSION

- A. Michelle Schonbachler noted that Campbell's is changing the way of collecting labels. The old labels can only be turned in until the end of the year. If anyone has any, please submit them as soon as possible.