

HANCE PTO MINUTES  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2007

ATTENDEES

Emily Willard	Sharon Marfisi
Nikki Woodrow	Wendy McCarthy
Michelle Gierl	Nancy Buszinski
Jen Nicotra	Mary Gordon
Colleen Gelstch	Kathy Bauer
Cathy Devor	Val Ostrowski
Kim Pierce	Sabrina George
Mary Bucci	Amy Bajus
Suzie Schietroma	Carol Bateman
Lori Wardocl	Nancy Colamarino
Adriana Alatorre	Lori Caputi
Tammy Godino	Kimberly Smelser
Robyn DelVecchio	Jane Gessner
Lori Kwasnick	Candy Tierno
Michael Barud	

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. President's Report –Emily Willard – She introduced the Board and noted that the goal of the PTO is to do things for the children to enrich their time at Hance. She reminded parents to sign up for parties if they had not already done so. The entire staff was given new calendars by the PTO for the beginning of the school year.
- B. Principal's Report - Dr. Pysch introduced himself and said that the school year has started off to a good start with 620 children. The building next year will be a K-3 building. The DIEBELS testing for grades K-2 will begin next week and the Stanford Achievement test for grades 2-5 will be the week of 9/17.
- C. Vice President's Report
- D. Secretary's Report – thank yous from the teachers were distributed.
- E. Treasurer's Report – See Report dated September 6, 2007. Wendy reviewed the report and noted that each classroom was given a donation of \$100 and \$50 was given to support staff to start the school year. The PTO is now tax exempt so the form should be used to make large purchases.

II. SPEAKERS

Dr. Mary Bucci, Assistant Superintendent for elementary education, gave her background in education. She noted that the math curriculum will be focused on so that all 3 elementary schools will be equal when they merge into the 4-5-6 building. Reading will also be focused on. Concerns were voiced by the parents in attendance about how the school will be when it goes to a K-3 building. Dr. Bucci noted that she feels that the important roles in the school are the Guidance Counselor and the Principal. Her proposal is to have a Guidance Counselor at the

school all the time. The day will be longer next year and Kindergarten will most likely stay \_ day. A discussion ensued regarding the importance of having a school nurse on site all day. It was also noted that with the day being longer the lunch period may be lengthened to allow the children more time to eat. The School Board is also voting on redistricting and the information is on the district web page.

### III. COMMITTEES

- A. Ice Cream Social – September 14 (6:30-7:30 Ice cream and 7:30-8:30 Bird Show) – Social is good on volunteers and it will have approximately 300-350 people in attendance. Rita’s Italian Ice is doing very well.
- B. Directory Purchases – a reminder notice was sent to teachers reminding children to order their directory. Sales are doing very well and the contest is being tabulated.
- C. Fall Fundraiser – Katheryn Beich kick-off assembly September 13 – October 10<sup>th</sup> the sale ends and delivery is 11/7.
- D. Spirit Wear – Sales ends 9/10.
- E. Silent Fundraisers – Trash for Cash – Campbell’s, Box Tops, Giant Eagle, Ink Cartridges, Target Credit Cards and Market Day – Target – school receives 1% of purchases and in 10 years the school has received \$60,000 from market day.
- F. Popcorn Dayz – need chair and sign ups to help – will do it until December and then stop if a chairperson does not sign up.
- G. Ice Skating Party – Feb. – a chairperson is needed to chair this event which occurs on President’s Day.
- H. 660 Minutes Reading Program – breakfast date September 14 at 8:15 am. This year parents are invited.
- I. Friday Flash – 564 addresses are registered. Tomorrow will be the last hard copy. If someone does not have access to a computer, let the secretaries know and they will provide the family with a paper copy. If you are submitting information you should e-mail Nikki Woodrow by the deadline of Wednesday at 12:00 noon.
- J. After School Programs – art, sign language, ultimate Frisbee and taekwondo.

### IV. DISCUSSION/VOTING

- A. Mr. Rickenback – purchase of Peavy Escort Sound System \$649. This was voted on and approved.
- B. Tables for Harry and school usage – Around \$40 each. They were voted on and approved.
- C. All State deal – will not be participating in.
- D. Vote of Budget for 07-08 – The budget for Holiday Shop was increased to \$6500; the Directory budget was increased to \$3000. The budget was voted on and approved.
- E. Drawing for Awards and More – winner – Wendy McCarthy.
- F. Cafeteria Workers – no longer having a sign up – parents may work anytime their schedule permits. The PTO thanked all of the parents for helping the first two weeks of school with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders.

V. UPCOMING DATES

- A. September 7 – Popcorn Dayz and FFF (favorite summer outfit)
- B. September 10 – Spirit Wear Orders Due (on Flash)
- C. September 13 – Fundraiser begins with an assembly
- D. September 13 – Market Day pick-up
- E. September 14 – Ice Cream Social and Bird Show (6:30-8:30)
- F. September 14 – 660 Minutes Reading Breakfast @ 8:15 am
- G. September 14 – Homework Buddy Forms (on Flash)
- H. September 24 – After school programs begin
- I. September 28 – All district Pep Rally held at Hance
- J. October 4 – HPTO Meeting at 7:00 pm
- K. October 5 – Popcorn Days and FFF (TBD)
- L. October 8 – In Service Day ( No school)
- M. October 11/12 – Grandparents/Grandfriends Day