

HANCE PTO MINUTES  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2006

ATTENDEES

Sharon Marfisi	Emily Willard
Jennifer Bissell	Michelle Gierl
Brenda Stasko	Kristin Hasley
Kimberly Mullen	Nikki Woodrow
Nancy Buszinski	Val Ostrowski
Jen Nicotra	Katie Kukieza
Cindy Walpole	Ann Schubert
Nancy Keilly	Tracy Reich
Mary Beth Marchionda	Cathy Devor

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. President's Report – Sharon Marfisi/Emily Willard  
Emily welcomed everyone and introduced Dr. Manley.
- B. Principal's Report – Dr. Pysch noted that report cards had been sent home and that parent/teacher conferences were underway.
- C. Vice President's Report – Jennifer Bissell – First graders and new students to the school will be fingerprinted on December 6<sup>th</sup>. These will be completed in the classrooms. Next year the school will be holding the CHIP program again. The Safety House signs should have been received by the people that reapplied for them. Jennifer also thanked the parents who helped with the Halloween parties and those who helped in the cafeteria.
- D. Secretary's Report – Michelle Gierl – A motion was made by Brenda Stasko, seconded by Sharon Marfisi to approve the September minutes. Also, thank yous to the PTO that were received were distributed for everyone to see. Most were from teachers thanking the PTO for books donated to their classrooms from the Book Fair.
- E. Treasurer's Report – Brenda Stasko – See Report dated November 9, 2006. She noted that the decrease in revenue generated from the fundraiser will cause a spring fundraiser to be held. This will ensure that there is money in the account for the beginning of next year.

II. SPEAKERS

- A. Kristin Hasley from Homemade Gourmet introduced her line of foods that were available for sampling. The proceeds benefited World Vision.
- B. Dr. James Manley, Pine-Richland Superintendent – Dr. Manley extended a thank you to the PTO for Grandparent's Day. He expressed his appreciation to Dr. Pysch for his leadership and noted that he was pleased with the test scores. The teachers' contract was finalized and it was a very difficult time. The contract is a four year contract that increases the amount of time spent in the classroom. By the third year, the school day will be increased by 15 minutes. He noted that the district must move forward with education. He

read the Mission Statement from the Strategic Plan and noted how important it was to have goals to work towards. The new Upper Elementary School will be open in 2008. This will cause the vision to change for each elementary building. The new K-3 building may be able to focus more on the arts and foreign language. Dr. Manley also noted that the Assistant Superintendent will be retiring and will be replaced by two positions. One will be responsible for K-6 elementary and staff development and the other for secondary and E learning. These positions will be named in February. There is an Act I meeting next Thursday and he encouraged those who could to attend.

### III. UPCOMING DATES

- A. November 9<sup>th</sup> – Fundraising pick-up on the stage
- B. November 9<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> – Conferences
- C. November 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> – Outreach giving thanks all week:
  - Monday – Grade 1 – Instant Mashed Potatoes
  - Tuesday – Grade 2 – Stuffing Mix
  - Wednesday – Grade 3 – Canned Vegetables
  - Thursday – Grade 4 – Gravy (can/jar/instant)
  - Friday – K and Grade 5 – Dessert (pie crust mix, pie mix, evaporated milk)
- D. November 15<sup>th</sup> – Hance Happenings Deadline – nikki.woodrow@yahoo.com
- E. November 16<sup>th</sup> – Market Day Pick-up in cafeteria 4:45 – 5:45
- F. November 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Break
- G. December 1<sup>st</sup> – Fantastic Fun Friday – Crazy Socks
- H. December 1<sup>st</sup> – Popcorn Dayz – 25 cents per bag
- I. December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Shop
- J. December 6<sup>th</sup> – Hance Choral Concert – 7 pm in the Hance gym
- K. December 14<sup>th</sup> – Market Day pick-up 4:45 – 5:45 in the cafeteria
- L. 2<sup>nd</sup> week of December - Fingerprinting
- M. December 20<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Staff Luncheon
- N. December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Holiday Parties – 2:00-3:00 pm
- O. December 25<sup>th</sup> – January 1<sup>st</sup> – Winter Break
- P. January 5<sup>th</sup> – Fantastic Fun Friday – to be announced
- Q. January 11<sup>th</sup> – next HPTO meeting – Upper Elementary discussion with all 3 elementary principals

### IV. OPEN DISCUSSION

- A. T-Shirt Machine Vote – Nikki Woodrow gave information on what she had reviewed. The machine purchase was not approved by the HPTO.
- B. Yearbook Update – Sales will be starting in the next 3 weeks. In order to receive a better product, the price has been increased to \$12.
- C. Hance Store – The store opened this week and will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from November through April. Adult and student volunteers are still needed. The store is located across from Miss McCoid's classroom.
- D. Pizza Bingo Night – This will replace the Fun Fair this year. It will be held on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

- E. Book Fair – It was noted that sales were \$500 less than last fall which was due to Scholastic being out of stock on some popular books. Volunteers also cancelled on Open House nights which made the lines too long and people may not have tried to enter the library. A breakdown of how much money went into the classroom libraries and the main library was given. The next one will be held the week of March 19<sup>th</sup>.
- F. Spirit Wear Sale – There is a spirit sale going on through the website and orders can be placed until Wednesday.