

HANCE PTO MINUTES  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2007

ATTENDEES

Emily Willard	Sharon Marfisi
Nikki Woodrow	Wendy McCarthy
Michelle Gierl	Nancy Buszinski
Jen Nicotra	Barbara Young
Kim Smelser	Kathy Bauer
Ann Allan	Judy Smith
Suzie Schietroma	Helen McCarthy
Cathy Devor	Jane Gessner
Mary Beth Marchionda	Michelle Zirckel
Susan Maleckar	Lori Wardoclip
Kimberly Mullen	Lori Caputi
Val Ostrowski	

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. President's Report –Emily Willard – She distributed last month's minutes and asked everyone to review them. The dates for Holiday Shop were incorrect and the change was noted. Wendy McCarthy nominated the minutes for approval. The minutes were approved.
- B. Principal's Report - Dr. Pysch mentioned the upcoming dates. November 8<sup>th</sup> is a half day for students and they are off on 11/9 due to teacher conferences. 11/7 report cards will be issued. Thanksgiving break will be 11/22 through 11/26. The school received a letter of congratulations from the Secretary of Education for Pennsylvania. The letter congratulated the school in meeting the standards for academic excellence for the 2005/2006 and 2006/2007 school year. The letter also mentioned that the state hopes to have all students meet the standards in taking the PSSA tests by 2014.
- C. Vice President's Report
- D. Secretary's Report – thank yous from the teachers were distributed.
- E. Treasurer's Report – See Report dated November 1, 2007. Approximately \$9400 was raised from the fundraiser. She reminded everyone to send in a reimbursement form with their receipts.

II. GUEST SPEAKERS

- A. Dr. Manley – He reviewed his Transformation Blueprint for Pine Richland. This is the path that he hopes the district takes in the future. It is on the website for review. This idea is to give children a competitive advantage for the future by offering personalized teaching and looking at customized learning. He noted that the school day will be increased by 15 minutes next year. Questions were raised about the bus runs to the UES. He noted that by adding about 6 buses, the times of the bus routes will remain close to the times of the elementary school. The buses will run in between the middle school and elementary. Many

questions were raised about the UES and Dr. Manley suggested that an informational show about the UES be aired on the PR TV station.

- B. Barbara Young – She is the UES PTO President. The UES PTO meetings will be held starting in January. They will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays in the morning from 9:15 – 11 in the Spirit Room at the Stadium. Once the meetings begin a survey will be given to parents to determine the best days to hold the meetings. The school will be hosting 3 family nights. The first will be on 2/22 for the future 4<sup>th</sup> graders and will be a pizza/bingo night. The second will be on 3/28 for the future 5<sup>th</sup> graders and be a family game night and the third will be on 4/11 for the future 6<sup>th</sup> graders and be a family survivor night. These will be held in the Richland Elementary gym. Parents with children attending the UES next year will receive their first fundraiser packet tomorrow, which are personalized bricks at the UES. After the first 30 days, anyone will be able to purchase bricks district-wide. They are in the process of working on family orientations. They will only do 1 fundraiser a year. There will also be a Parent/Teacher Liaison Committee. This will include different parents than those on the PTO. There will be 1 or 2 year terms which will begin February. The UES Friday Flash will begin in January.

### III. COMMITTEES

- A. Friday Flash – 80 families are still not registered; there will be no Flash the week of Thanksgiving break.
- B. Fantastic Fun Friday – PR Spirit Day – November 2.
- C. Market Day – Orders are due by noon on 11/2.
- D. Holiday Staff Luncheon – Desserts are needed
- E. Fall Fundraiser – made \$9400 profit; pick up is Wednesday 11/7 from 3:30-7:00
- F. Hance Store – parents that are volunteering are not showing up; it was requested that a staff member be available to help for a short time if this happens. Dr. Pysch stated that he would look into that.
- G. Book Fair - \$13000 in sales. \$1800 went to fill teacher's wish lists; \$1420 in books went to library and \$1330 went to the library in order to get books from another source. 75 books were given to Children's Hospital and \$55 was given to students at Hance in need. There was a problem with volunteers that signed up to help the nights of Open House not showing up. They had a Preview Breakfast for the teachers this year where they filled out their wish list request forms.
- H. Holiday Shop - volunteers are needed and the area will be decorated this year.
- I. Yearbook – books on sale now; order forms are on the Flash.
- J. Popcorn Dayz – last month made \$117; next one is 11/2.
- K. Pizza Bingo – 11/8 is last day to respond; to donate to the bake sale, contact Jenifer Bissell
- L. Spirit Apparel Sale – The next orders will be due 11/20 and orders will be in around 12/17.
- M. Holiday Songfest – December 21 at 1:30; will occur before parties.

- N. Outreach – November 5-16 will be collecting new/gently used DVDs of G rated movies and books with African American themes to donate to the Homeless Children’s Fund.

### III. DISCUSSION/VOTING

- A. Kids Stuff coupon books will be going on sale soon for \$25 dollars. Each family will receive a book and if they do not want to purchase it, they will send it back to the school. The spring fundraiser will be the flower sale.
- B. The PTO is looking into purchasing some new storage units that can be locked since the playground equipment has been stolen for the second time this year. Police were notified.
- C. When your event is over, remember to complete the event recap in the binder and return the binder to the PTO office.
- D. Winner of the parking space – Lisa Mroz  
Winner of the PR tote bag – Kim Smelser

### V. UPCOMING DATES

- A. November 2 – FFF/Popcorn Dayz – Spirit Day
- B. November 5 – Outreach Collection
- C. November 7 – Report Cards issued
- D. November 7 – Fundraising Pick up
- E. November 8 – Parent Conferences (Half day for students)
- F. November 9 – Parent Conferences (No school for students)
- G. November 12 – Hearing Screening
- H. November 16 – Pizza/Bingo Night
- I. November 22, 23, 26 – Thanksgiving Break
- J. November 26 – Season of celebrations begin
- K. November 29, 30 and Dec 1 – Holiday Shop
- L. December 7 – FFF and Popcorn Dayz
- M. December 13 – Market Day pickup
- N. December 13 – Holiday Staff Luncheon
- O. December 19 – Winter Choral Concert at 7 pm
- P. December 21 – Winter Songfest at 1:30
- Q. December 25 – Jan 1 – Winter break
- R. January 2 – school resumes
- S. January 3 – PTO meeting at 7 in library – guest speaker Mr. Bob Cooper, UES
- T. January 4 – FFF and Popcorn Dayz