

## HANCE PTO MINUTES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2006

### I. PRESENTATION BY TERRY WENTZ, HANCE SCHOOL NURSE

~Nurse Wentz explained about BMI, or Body Mass Index, and how it relates to our children. The students' BMI will be measured and reports will be sent home within the next couple months.

### II. REPORTS

#### A. Principal: Dr. Richard Pysch

~A summer tutoring program is being planned in reading and math. It will be conducted by our Slippery Rock University interns.

~Mr. Boyd's after-school Art Program has begun, and it's been very well-received.

~Maria Osio will take over the successful after-school Spanish program that was developed by Mrs. Pereyra, who has moved to Wisconsin.

#### B. Secretary: Katie Kukieza

#### C. Treasurer: Brenda Stasko

#### D. Vice-Presidents: Jennifer Bissell and Sharon Marfisi

~The Valentine's Day parties will be on Friday, February 10. Backpacks will be assembled for Crisis Center North—you'll be receiving your donation request soon.

#### E. Presidents: Cathy Devor and Val Ostrowski

### III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### A. Market Day: Late Internet orders are due by January 13. Pick-up is Jan.

19 from 4:45 – 5:45 PM in the Hance cafeteria.

#### B. Ice Skating Party: Monday, Jan. 16 from 11-1 PM at the Ice Connection

Admission is \$4.00 which includes skate rental. Children must be

accompanied by an adult.

C. School Board Member Recognition Meeting: Jan. 17

~Hance will be giving IOU's for our Hance Cookbooks to each School Board Member, along with some decorated "recipe cards" and gift cards, following the theme of "School Board Members are our Recipe for Success." Also, some 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be writing personal letters to thank the members, and emphasize our writing initiative.

D. Gateway to the Arts Assembly: Friday, Jan. 26 featuring Dan Kamin,

The Pantomime Man

E. Outreach Week: Jan. 23 – 27 Food Drive

~Grocery bags will be placed in the lobby to drop off donations. Look for details in the Friday Folder.

F. Fantastic Fun Friday: Feb. 3 Theme: Super Bowl

G. Jump Rope Demonstration Team Assembly: Feb. 3, 1:00 – 1:45

~The Jump Demo Team from Mars, PA will be showing off their skills to our students in grades 1-5. This will get our kids very excited for our Jump Rope for Heart event on February 24!

H. Valentine Parties/ Backpack Service Project: Friday, Feb. 10

I. PTO Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 9 (Time and Place to be determined)

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Fall Fundraiser Final Report: Tracy Reich

~The Kathryn Beich fundraiser was extremely successful.

B. Holiday Shop "Wrap-Up": Maureen McCue

~The Holiday Shop was enjoyed by all the students. Ideas for next year include possibly partnering with a local dollar store to keep it simple.

C. Cookbook Update: Julie Grguras

~339 recipes were collected, and sales are going well. 152 advertisements were sold. The books will be delivered in March.

- D. Outreach December Service Project Report (Mitten/Hat Giving Tree):  
Emily Willard

~465 gloves, hats, and mittens were collected. Thanks to the 5<sup>th</sup> graders who stood in the lobby to accept the donations!

- E. Yearbook Progress and Committee Update: Regan Shebeck

~The deadline for all photo submissions is March 23. The order forms will be distributed in February.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. School Board Member Recognition Gifts

- B. Outreach January Service Project (Food Drive): Emily Willard

- C. Valentine Backpack Project: Sharon Marfisi

- D. Jump Rope for Heart Day: Katie Kukieza and Florence Oakes

~This event will benefit the American Heart Association. The students in grades 1-5 will come to the gym by grade level and spend an hour doing fun and educational jump rope and heart-healthy activities. Volunteers are still needed—see the Friday Folder for details.

- E. Spirit Apparel Spring Sale: Nancy Colamarino and Katie Kukieza

~Order forms will be sent home shortly.

- F. Author's Month and Spring Book Fair (Mar. 13-17): Mary Pyle, Tracy Reich, Kim Mullen, Gissella DelFrate, Cindy Micco

~Our featured author is Sally Alexander from Squirrel Hill. Her books will be available for review in the library and the classrooms.

- G. Hance Fun Fair: DATE CHANGE\*\*\*\*\* March 18: Marybeth Marchionda

~Volunteers are still needed for this event.

H. 2006 – 2007 PTO EXECUTIVE BOARD OPENINGS ARE AVAILABLE. Please consider volunteering to be an integral part of the Hance family. All inquiries are welcome and are needed. Our Hance PTO would love to have you “on Board”!