

HANCE PTO MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2006

I. REPORTS

A. Principal - Dr. Richard Pysch

- ~Dr. Pysch discussed the enrollment for the 2006-2007 school year. Each grade will most likely have 5 sections. Projected total: 633 students, assuming a 3% growth in enrollment.
- ~Additional staff will be hired for the new school year. These positions will include an additional Reading Support teacher, an additional Gym teacher, and 1-2 more playground/cafeteria aides.
- ~We are hoping to continue Bear Camp this summer with Slippery Rock Univ. and Mrs. Liberati. We are also hoping to add a math camp and a writing camp.
- ~The new Upper Elementary School will not be ready until fall of 2008.

B. Secretary - Katie Kukieza –January’s minutes were approved

C. Treasurer - Brenda Stasko—see attached Treasurer’s Report

D. Vice-Presidents - Sharon Marfisi and Jennifer Bissell

E. Presidents - Cathy Devor and Val Ostrowski

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Valentine Party Day - Friday, Feb. 10. Also: Crisis Center North Backpack Project. Backpacks will be filled on Friday, Feb. 10 and delivered on Monday, Feb. 13.

B. Market Day - Late Internet orders by Friday, Feb. 10. Pick-up: Thursday, February 16th from 4:45 - 5:45 PM. Mary Gordon will be our Market Day coordinator for next year—thanks, Mary!

C. Hance Happenings Deadline - Noon on Friday, Feb. 17th. Send submissions to ngrosskinsky@zoominternet.net or call (724) 766-0156. Items may also be placed in Hance Happenings boxes in the office near the teacher's mailboxes.

D. No School - Inservice Day: Monday, February 20th

E. Jump Rope for Heart Event - Friday, February 24th. Volunteers still needed.

F. Fantastic Fun Friday - Friday, March 3rd

G. March PTO Meeting - Thursday, March 9th at 7:00 PM. Speaker will be Mrs. Deb Lokay on Environmental Education

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Outreach Project (Food Drive) - Emily Willard. We collected 100 bags of donations. THANK YOU to all who brought items.

B. Cookbook Update - Julie Grguras

We have sold 550 cookbooks. They will be available for sale at WalMart on March 25th, and also at the Fun Fair on March 18th.

C. Spirit Apparel Spring Sale - Nancy Colamarino. We sold \$1500. worth of merchandise.

D. Yearbook - Regan Shebeck. Candid Pictures are due by March 23

Regan’s email address is rshebeck@zoominternet.net.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Jump Rope for Heart Event - Katie Kukieza and Florence Oakes

We still need a few more volunteers. The event will be held on Friday, Feb.24th.

The snow date is Friday, March 3rd. Lunch will be provided to all staff and volunteers.

- B. March is Author's Month: Guest Author: Sally Alexander (Visually Impaired)
Committee: Mary Pyle and Gisella DelFrate. The theme will be "Overcoming Challenges". Ms. Alexander is a local author (from Squirrel Hill) and she will be accompanied by her guide dog.
- C. Spring Book Fair - Mary Pyle, Tracy Reich, and Kim Mullen. Sale will be held during Library times March 13 thru 17th, as well as a sale during the Fun Fair from 4 - 7 PM
- D. Fun Fair - MaryBeth Marchionda This event will be held on Saturday, March 18th from 4-7 PM. Please watch your Friday Folders for event happenings.
- E. **Executive Board Positions are available.** Please consider volunteering. All inquiries are welcome.
- F. Committee Chairs - Please start to consider your intentions for next school year. Also, please document and organize information for your committee into a folder/binder.
- G. Committee Chair Opening for 2006-07 - Spirit Apparel Sales
- H. 5th Grade Picnic Committee - Kim Mullen, Gisella DelFrate, Laurie Gazdik
A vote was passed unanimously to increase the allotment per 5th grader to \$12.00 due to rising costs.