

HANCE PTO MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2006

I. REPORTS

A. Principal – Dr. Richard Pysch

Dr. Pysch thanked Cathy Devor and Val Ostrowski for all of their hard work in the previous years in their roles as co-presidents. He also thanked Betty Balla for her many years of service.

He also discussed the need for another section of 1st grade for the 2006-2007 school year. He noted that the school will not be getting a modular due to the projected deficit in revenue. The enrollment for Kindergarten for next year is at 72 right now and is projected to be between 80 and 85. Therefore, there may only be 4 sections of Kindergarten next year which would leave an open classroom for the anticipation of another 1st grade classroom. Other options for making more classroom space is to put Art on a Cart or to make the Kindergarten class bigger, and adding an aide, or increasing the number of students in the 5th grade classes. This may be more of a challenge due to having students with special needs in this grade. However, he did note that an additional teacher has been budgeted for the next school year. He did thank the parents and staff for their hard work in the school which is currently being used for more students than it was designed for.

Dr. Pysch also noted that the anticipated opening of the new 4-5-6 building will be Fall 2008.

B. Secretary – Michelle Gierl – April's minutes were approved

C. Treasurer – see attached Treasurer's report

D. Vice Presidents – Jennifer Bissell & Michelle Schonbachler

E. Presidents – Sharon Marfisi & Emily Willard – new officers were introduced

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Mrs. Balla's Retirement Recognition – the PTO thanked her for all of her hard work and presented her with gifts

B. Farewell to Cathy Devor and Val Ostrowski – they were thanked for all of the good things they accomplished as presidents for the school. They were presented with gifts from PTO.

C. Comm. Chairs Needed – It was noted that volunteers were needed for many of the committees for next year, such as Outreach, Fundraising and Spirit Apparel

D. Hance Happenings Deadline – May 19th. Send submissions to ngrosskinski@zoominternet.net. This will be the last issue for this year and it will also be Nancy's last issue. The PTO thanked her for her years of writing the issue.

- E. June Market Day – Pick-up will be on June 15th at the Pine Richland Youth Center. Promotion for the month is buy \$40 or more in May and receive \$10 of coupons for specific items.
- F. Field Day – 1 & 2 May 16th; 3 & 4 May 17th and Gr. 5 May 18th. The events have all of the volunteers that are needed and everything is in order. Popsicles had been donated by Giant Eagle.
- G. 5th Grade Picnic – May 23rd at the Richland Swim Club. The needed lifeguards for the event have been located and everything is in order. Betty Kern has offered to coordinate the event next year.
- H. Grandparents/Grandfriends Day – It was noted how successful this event was last year and it will be held again next school year in the middle to end of October.
- I. Kindercamp – May 31st and June 1st
- J. Fantastic Fun Friday – Thursday, June 1st – Crazy Hair and Clothes

III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Hance Health Fair – The event went wonderfully and all of the volunteers who helped were thanked.
- B. 5th Grade Colonial Days – The event went well and all of the students had fun.
- C. Staff Appreciation Lunch – It was noted that the lunch went well and everyone who sent in food was thanked.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Plant Day – Kindergarten was on May 9th and it went very well. The rest of the grades will be on May 11th. Daily's helped with the plants by giving the school a discount. There were lots of volunteers and if it rains the event is scheduled to take place on the stage.
- B. Voting on New Bylaws – it was noted that they were being changed to coincide with the upper elementary bylaws. A suggestion was made that the PTO should have an assistant treasurer, which will be added into the bylaws. Val Ostrowski made a motion to approve the bylaws and they were approved unanimously.
- C. Class Placement Letter – Dr. Pysch noted that an issue has arisen with posting the class lists on the front doors of the school. He noted that a preference has arisen to send a class placement letter to the student at the beginning of August due to privacy issues. It was noted that with the letter would be the PTO form for buying a directory, which will be able to be sent in before school starts so that the directory can get distributed quicker.
- D. Purchase of New Directory/No Membership Dues – It was noted that there will be no PTO membership dues next year. The money will be for purchasing a copy of the directory.
- E. New Student Tea – August 17th from 1:30 – 2:30 pm. Volunteers are needed.
- F. Purchase of Projectors & Digital Cameras – One projector was purchased from the earnings from Giant Eagle receipts. Fundraising money was used to purchase another projector and digital cameras.
- G. Field Day – Dates for the event were given.

- H. Key Communicator's Meeting – it was noted that this meeting focused on not using candy as rewards in the classrooms or having too many treats for parties. It also focused on not punishing bad behavior by taking away recess which is physical activity.
- I. Open House/Meet the Teacher Night – Dr. Pysch discussed the idea of combining Open House with Meet the Teacher Night. The grades would still be divided over 3 nights. The 2 hours each night would be divided into 2 sections, but an issue that has arisen is what the children will be doing while Meet the Teacher is going on.
- J. Outreach – Emily Willard explained Penny Wars the week of May 15th.
- K. Helium Tank Contract – It costs \$120 per year plus \$75 to fill and is only used for the Ice Cream Social, Fun Fair and Spirit Week. The contract is up June 5th. Since one can be rented for a specific night it was decided not to renew the contract.
- L. Reading 600 Minute Program – Emily Willard discussed what the program was and since there is no grant for it this year, she asked if the PTO had funds to give to keep the program going.
- M. Yearbook – They are in and one was on hand for everyone to review. May 31st and June 1st are signing days. There are extras if anyone hasn't bought one. Did have a few problems with the company, but we have a contract with them since Life Touch takes the pictures.
- N. Volunteer Breakfast – Wednesday, May 24th. Everyone was encouraged to come.