

Granger Elementary PTO Minutes

February 23, 2005

Meeting called to order by Mary Miller at 9:06 a.m., with 20 in attendance.

Principal's Report by Linda Collins

Upcoming Events:

March - PTO Read-a-thon

March 2 and 3 – Spring Pictures – Panoramic Picture pending weather

March 2 – CAP (Child Assault Program) by Catholic Services Parent Meeting 7 p.m.

March 7 – 4th Grade Reading Achievement Test

March 8 – 3rd Grade Reading Achievement Test

March 9 – 4th Grade Writing, 5th Grade Reading Achievement Test

March 10 – 3rd Grade Math Achievement Test

March 11 – Early Return of Ohio Achievement Tests

March 14 – 4th Grade Math Proficiency Test

March 14 – Market Day

March 14 – CAP program 2nd Grade

March 15 – CAP program 5th Grade

March 15 – Granger Staff Meeting

March 16 – 4th Grade Citizenship Proficiency Test

March 18 – 4th Grade Science Proficiency Test

March 21 – Drama Club Rehearsal for Grades 3-5 at 9:45 a.m.

March 21 – Drama Club Performance 7 p.m. at HHS auditorium

March 21 – Board of Education Meeting 7 p.m.

March 22 – PTO Meeting 7 p.m.

March 24 – End of Grading Period

March 25 – Beginning of Spring Break

April 5 – Return from Spring Break

Other items:

- A. School lawn sign – Dr. John Dueber and I will meet with Bruce Armstrong on Friday morning. We are asking for 1/2 the amount of funding necessary for sign, to be provided by board. (Sign designs shown at PTO meeting with proposal of \$6-7,000 to complete.)
- B. Kindergarten Registration – will be held on April 26 and 27 at the Middle School for all Elementary School students. This will be a district wide registration. K-teachers will be present, speech and hearing testing. Need PTO volunteers.
- C. Safety Week – Tammy Kunze is heading up a team of people including PTO presidents, all three fire department representatives, DARE Officer Sharon Centner, local police and building principals. I met with Tammy yesterday and she has done a nice job of getting everything ready. The dates for Safety Week will be June 13-17 and June 20-24. One week will hold an afternoon session and one week will hold a morning session. Both weeks will be held at Granger.
- D. Landscaping Project – I will need to meet with the PTO Chairperson for Landscaping. We are receiving a very generous donation of \$3,500 from Mr. and Mrs. Berry to be used for Landscaping and I would like to meet with the PTO Landscaping and Mrs. Berry as soon as possible. The area to be landscaped is around the flagpole.
- E. Granger Elementary Spelling Bee – A committee of Mrs. Loch, Mrs Bergstrom, Mrs. Miller and I met yesterday to make plans for the Granger Elementary Spelling Bee. We will be holding preliminary Spelling Bees in Grades 3-5 on May 3 for any student interested in competing in the spelling bee. Volunteer participation only, no pressure. The top 10 from each grade level will participate in the Granger elementary Spelling Bee. Parents will be invited to attend finals. All of those students will receive a certificate and the top three Granger Sellers will receive a small trophy. In addition, we are going to try to purchase a large plaque that each year's champion speller will have nameplate added to and the plaque will be place in the hall.
- F. Beat the Test Information – Attempts to eliminate test anxiety help avoid a self-defeating attitude. The 5th Grade Leadership Team will be meeting again on Friday to discuss our plans for our "Beat

the Test” campaign for the 3-5 Grade Students. I have purchased “Do Your Best on the Test” pencils for every student and the 5th Graders will be making signs and perhaps writing notes to students encouraging them to “Beat the Test”. This is the 3rd Leadership that is meeting now and it is going well with the students participating in school programs.

Thank you

1. I want to say a special thank you to some staff members: Joanne Sours, Karen Kissel, Millie Frambaugh, Nate Howard, and Tina Hummel who worked with the Leadership Team and made the Beach Party quite a success. The students had a great time and although it got a little hectic, it was great fun.
2. Thank you to Colleen Lerch and everyone who helped at the Spaghetti Dinner. A special thanks to Anita Bates, who instead of just opening the cafeteria and waiting for the event to finish, worked very hard throughout the evening. It was great fun for everyone.
3. Once again... Thank you to Granger Staff – I know that often a true test of an organization comes when the person who is suppose to be in charge is not there. While I was off with pneumonia, the Granger Staff worked great. I can't tell you how much I appreciate all they do and the leadership of Tina Hummel.

Secretary Report by Kathy Alred

Minutes on internet, no request to read them in meeting before approval. Motion to approve minutes as submitted 1st by Heather Duve, 2nd by Cindy Lenhart and none opposed.

Treasurer Report by Mary Miller (in absence of Tammy Esmaili)

Treasurer report submitted for review. Funds currently available for school support are approximately \$10,100.00. Magazine receipts for this month \$812.23. Spaghetti dinner income was \$1,397.00 (\$1,241.00 after expenses). Items purchased thus far have been teacher die-cuts, etc., Playground ramps, mats, signs and mulch, Digital Cameras (3), DARE 5th grade T- shirts, 5th Grade speaker, Donation to HHS After Prom.

Motion to approve treasurer's report was made by Diana Molchan and 2nd by Carol Baker and none opposed.

Teacher representative by Amy Lyons

Parents reported to teachers that they enjoyed the Spaghetti Dinner. Thanks to PTO for all your efforts in making that happen.

Will discuss with teachers the request made for their participation in the upcoming Winter Carnival.

No items of request at this time.

Fundraising by Colleen Lerch

Spaghetti Dinner was a great success. Big thanks to Anita Bates again for all the work she did. \$174.00 made in Bake Sale, thanks to all those who participated in this effort. Give-Aways and 50/50 raffle helped promote event. Will take suggestions into consideration for next year on ways to improve avoidance of line backups.

Winter Carnival in the planning phase. Event scheduled for March 12th from 4-8p.m. Need help running games and selling food. Need Easy Up Canopies that do not need staking. Will decorate these with lights. Poloroid camera needed for picture booth. Request funds of up to \$500.00 to use towards expenditures of event. Motion made by Marcia Karwowski and 2nd by Donna King to spend up to \$500.00 for Winter Carnival, and passed. Thanks to Donna Wagner for donation of stuffed animals for prizes.

Cookbook project running. Need recipes by February 28th. Would like teachers to participate to help boost sales and they will have feature page.

Basket Auction to be held at Winter Carnival. March 9th need baskets turned in for display before Carnival. Suggest a PTO basket be provided with school spirit items included.

Rummage Sale still planned. No date yet, but keep your stuff. Will check price for rental storage unit. Checked with VA and they will provide a pick-up truck to take extra items away.

Request made for \$1,000.00 to purchase bracelets for fundraiser and school incentives. Bracelets similar to Hope bracelets, only they have Highland Pride written on them. Will be used for Read-a-thon incentives and sold at other events. Motion made to approve spending \$1000.00 for bracelets, to enable buying in bulk at \$1.05/bracelet. 1st by Marcia Karwowski and 2nd by Karen Scherler and none opposed.

Read-a-thon with information supplied by Theresa Holland-Gresock. Flyer coming out this week. Incentives include Strickland ice cream coupons, Barnes and Noble certificates, Bracelets. Read-a-thon monies would be earmarked to help fund new sign, on lawn, in front of school which currently reads Highland Middle School.

Volunteer Committee by Mary Miller (as Barbara Wright was absent)

Volunteers needed for Kindergarten Registration Tuesday 4-26 and Wednesday 4-27, can do 2-3 hours blocks or as much as you can offer. Needed from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

President's Report by Mary Miller

PTO information card has been sent out. One correction – Mary Fulton is not coordinator of Book Bingo, as noted on the card. There is no Book Bingo. We apologize for this miss print.

Market Day Cookie Dough contest, congratulations to the Holdsworth family selling 23 tubs and winning the Game Boy prize. Second place went to the Eastman family with 17 tubs sold. Thank you for all who participated in this effort to raise money for our school.

Volunteer Breakfast – This is a thank you breakfast to the PTO members. Discussed in meeting and will be taken care of by Mrs. Collins. Scheduled for April 29th at 9 a.m.

School Supply Sale being planned for next year. Michelle Maruna is working with Linda Collins and collecting ideas.

Safety Town Representative needed from school, a liaison person from each school to help coordinate event. PTO Presidents are not working on this as was reported. Debbie Kasulones volunteered. Thank you Debbie.

Nominating Committee forming for next year's officers. All positions open; if interested in running please see Kathy Alred or Mary Miller. Diana Molchan to join committee; if interested in being on committee we can take 2 more PTO members.

PTO March Evening Meeting will be planned to accommodate those unable to attend day meetings. Planned for March 22, at 7 p.m.

Opened floor for questions or discussion. Discussion started about helping fund a new kiln for art department here at Granger. Application has been made to Highland Foundation for this item and we will revisit the funding of a kiln pending Foundation approval. No other items brought to table at this time.

Motion made to close meeting 1st by Angela Raynor, 2nd by Diana Molchan. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.