

**Granger Elementary PTO
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 28, 2007**

PTO President Barb Wright called the meeting to order at 9:17am. She thanked everyone for coming.

She started off the meeting by announcing we had some great news. She let Karen Howard tell the group that on Monday, Ruth Crane had a healthy baby boy – Gavin Josef. Karen also thanked the PTO for the donation made by the PTO on behalf of her mother.

Barb proceeded with the meeting by telling the group she wanted to make some clarifications in regard to the last meeting. According to our bylaws we are governed by Roberts Rules of Order which means the majority rules. At January's meeting there was one "nay" vote, however a majority is needed to defeat a motion. Barb reminded everyone that they should not hesitate to speak up if you do not like something.

Barb explained the budget procedure again to the group. There is not a "budget" committee. The board presents a budget to the general membership for approval. Gail Kelly pointed out at last May's meeting when the budget was presented it was very rushed. Everyone agreed. Angie Sollenberger suggested moving that meeting from May to April. Barb pointed out that the new Board needs to be in place for that to happen.

Donna King said that the Long Range Planning Committee would like to look at the by-laws and revise them so that could be taken into consideration -- along with having Committee Chairs in place to submit committee budgets to the Board for inclusion into the budget.

Next, Barb wanted to clear up any misconceptions about the budget. We have \$23,000 in the bank currently and are projected to spend \$9,000 the rest of the year -- leaving us \$14,000 to spend. It should be noted that there were some expenditures that did not come to fruition which resulted in the extra.

Barb asked if anyone had any questions. Diane Soldat asked when we pay certain costs and what they are, i.e. teacher support. Teacher support is not teacher appreciation (gifts and luncheons for teachers). Teacher support is an amount of money allocated to each teacher to spend on supplies and classroom items. It was noted that to date only four teachers have used their basket auction money. Barb will check with Amy Lyon and get this all figured out.

Nancy Everett asked to speak on behalf of the Talent Show at this point in the meeting. There is a planning meeting for on March 1 at 9am in Mrs. Nar's room. Please attend if you are interested in helping.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Collins went over her calendar of upcoming events.

1.	March 2	Cuddle Up and Read Day
2.	March 5	Mrs. Harner's Leadership Term Begins
3.	March 6	Staff Meeting
4.	March 7	Teacher Book Study Begins
5.	March 8	COSI On Wheels
6.	March 14	Test Prep Meeting for Parents at 1:30pm
7.	March 15	4 th Grade Book Bistro
8.	March 16	St. Patrick's Day staff lunch
9.	March 16	Mix It Up Day
10.	March 19	Blood Drive Assemblies
11.	March 19	Board of Education Meeting
12.	March 20-21	Kindergarten Registration
13.	March 23	End of 3 rd Quarter
14.	March 28	Granger PTO
15.	March 28	Dr. Zoolittle
16.	March 29	Conference Night
17.	March 30	Report Cards

Mrs. Collins reported that she had met with her Financial Needs Assessment Committee. The purpose of this group was to decide what can we impact now that the building is up and running. She said the group is still clarifying the needs with details on numbers, costs, etc. They will have their next meeting later this month and hopefully with a clearer picture. Some of the items the group discussed included.

- Listening centers that have CD capabilities
- FM Systems
- Tables, Computer Tables, Desks and chairs
- Digital Cameras
- Class sets of small science books
- Piano
- Professional Library based on Book Studies
- Scanners
- Computer Speakers

Next, Mrs. Collins reminded everyone that the Highland Health Fair will be Sunday, October 27, 2007. The next meeting for the planning group is Monday, March 12 at 7:00pm at the Granger Library.

Mrs. Collins also thanked Carol Grande and June George for all the time and effort they have put into developing an intervention process that is designed to get at the actual problem and produces workable, achievable goals. This new system is celebrating huge success. Thank you to Mrs. Grande and Mrs. George!

Barb suggested to the group that she would like to see added to the PTO wall in the foyer a place for teachers and staff to put needs, so that people may be able to donate them. Diane Soldat suggested that it should not just be material things but people could have time or talents to donate.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Angie reported on February income and expense statement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Spirit Wear – Colleen Lerch

Colleen reported that she has been coordinating with Sharon and Hinckley's PTO and the Booster Club in ordering Spirit Wear. Everything has been ordered except the H sticker.

Market Day – Gail Kelly

We made \$311 in January and \$400 in February.

Rebate – Janice White

Janice thanked everyone who helped cut BoxTops.

Spaghetti Dinner – Mary Miller

Due to very, very cold weather conditions the Spaghetti Dinner did not have a huge turnout. The Dinner lost more than \$400. All those that did turn out had a great time! Thanks for everyone's help!

Playground – Colleen Lerch

Colleen reported on some various companies who sell templates to paint the country and/or world onto the playground. After some discussion, Donna King suggested that Colleen come back next month with some more concrete information for the membership to review. Janice White suggested Colleen inquire with Sharon and Hinckley if they have the templates that we could borrow.

Weather Line – Betty Romito

Barb posed the question of the group if the Weather Line was something we need. She said if you would have asked her last month, she would have said -- no, however with the recent snow/weather days? Most people agreed they loved getting the mass phone message from Dr. Armstrong. Mrs. Collins is going to look into the possibility that it be used every time school is cancelled because the feedback she is getting is that it is never too early to call someone's house to notify them of a school closing.

Muffin Mania – Natalie Yuschak

The dates are scheduled for April 23 and April 24, but Natalie will look into the possibility of April 24 and April 25 due to Kindergarten schedule.

Hospitality – Gail Gold/Erica Loomis

Gail Gold has taken a full-time job. Erica Loomis has agreed to help fill in.

Supplies –

Heather reported that recently Gail Gold had done an inventory and everything is looking in good shape except the Clorox Wipes. Heather has gone to Sam's Club to purchase

more this past week. This was the second time they had to be purchased since the start of the school year.

OLD BUSINESS

Barb announced that everyone who participated at the Pinnacle Play Date had an awesome time. There were 35 kids from Granger, 35 from Hinckley and 40 from Sharon who attended.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Collins announced that recycling of water and juice bottles will begin soon.

Please see Barb soon, if you are interested in being on the Nominating Committee or are interested in running for President or Vice-President.

Colleen Lerch expressed her concern over the use of the Styrofoam trays and plastic silverware in the cafeteria. These are non-biodegradable items. Contact Colleen if you share the same concern.

Barb adjourned the meeting at 10:45am. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 28th at 9:15am.