

**Granger Elementary PTO  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, August 29, 2007**

PTO President Anita Finucane called the meeting to order at 9:17am. She introduced the Board and had all the attendees introduce themselves.

She thanked everyone who helped get ready for Open House, and with Kindergarten orientation and the painting of the playground maps.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Angie went over the budget, not much has been happening fiscally. She made note that Fifth Grade graduation shows an expenditure of \$172.01 for last year's Memory Books. The bill came in after the close of the fiscal year causing them to appear on this year's budget, so that should be kept in mind.

Angie also noted that since we paid our portion of the piano \$3,000 and the end of last year versus this year the checking account balance is a little lower than anticipated.

Angie also reminded everyone to use reimbursement forms.

**TEACHER'S REPORT**

Mrs. Lyon did not attend as she had nothing to report.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

*Calendar of events*

Thurs., Aug. 30	Band instrument try-outs
Tues., Sept. 4	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Advanced Math Parent Meeting and Band Meeting
Sept. 5-6	Bus Safety Practice
Fri., Sept. 7	Reading Kick-off Assembly – Body Works
Mon., Sept. 10	Market Day
Fri., Sept. 14	Summer Reading Celebration
Mon., Sept. 17	Constitution Day and Magazine Sale Assembly
Mon., Sept. 17	Board of Ed. Meeting
Tues., Sept. 18	New Family Dinner
Tues., Sept. 25	Bully Be Gone Assembly
Tues., Sept. 25	GATES Reading Assessment Begins
Wed., Sept. 26	PTO Meeting
Fri., Sept. 28	Interim Reports go home
Tues., Oct. 2	Reading Achievement Test begins

Mrs. Collins thanked the custodial staff, Mr. Paul Stacey, Mr. Craig Holbein, and Mr. Garry Sefcovic for all of their hard work. The building looked great to begin the school year. The rest of the staff has also worked many hours to make the start of school a

success. Students arrived on Monday to classrooms that were exciting learning environments thanks to the many extra hours given by the teachers.

On another wonderful note, the Board of Education has instituted one out of district field trip per grade level this year.

Mrs. Collins then reviewed staff changes, welcoming three new teachers this school year. Mr. Mike Gibbons – PE Teacher, Miss Lindsay Booth – LD Tutor, and Miss Amanda Spaulding – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher filling a year leave of absence for Mrs. Buckingham. We have also moved Mrs. Sharon Klaehn from the High School as an additional teaching assistant in Mrs. Kennedy’s classroom.

Mrs. Collins then reviewed the highlights of Highland Community Survey performed by Cleveland State University -- for more information check out the website.

She then reminded everyone of the Highland Heath Fair and Health Run – Both are held on Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>. The Health Run will begin at the Middle School and the Health Fair will take place at the High School.

Mrs. Collins then invited everyone to come and see the new piano after the meeting. A grant was not written for the piano since a grant was already being written the Reading Program as well as an Art Grant.

Mrs. Collins then moved onto the subject of Fans. Everyone was aware after the Open House last Thursday of the heat situation. As she has told us before the current wiring of the building is unable to handle air conditioning and rewiring the building could cost up to \$300,000. However, Mr. Nick’s room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor will get an air conditioning unit as it is the hottest room in the building. Mrs. Collins then asked the PTO for money to buy additional fans as the wiring of the building would allow. Nancy Everett made a motion to spend up to \$2,000 for fans. Debbie Mall seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## NEW BUSINESS

Anita announced that there are still some open Committee positions, if interested see a Board Member.

Next, Anita reported that two Girl Scouts would like to request \$500 to purchase plants and supplies for their raised bed project in front of the school. This is for their Gold Award Project (similar to Eagle Scout for Boy Scouts). Gail Kelly made a motion for \$500 for the Girl Scouts to purchase supplies for the front raised beds. Donna King seconded the motion.

Nancy Gastios said that seems like a lot of money for plants. Angie asked for a copy of the plan. A discussion ensued about the feasibility of the project. Mrs. Collins urged us to take a vote to move things along. The motion passed.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### *Gail Kelly – Market Day*

We made \$3,400 last year. Our goal for this year is \$3,800.

### *Ruth Crane – Community Outreach*

Ruth said that this is still a relatively new committee and thus still trying to figure it out.

### *Rebate – Janice White*

Most of the programs are the same as in the past; we did drop Buehler's because of a lack of participation. When Janice gets the dates for ACME and Giant Eagle she will pass them along – they should be similar to last year. The biggest change is Campbell's. Now they only want the UPC code and not the whole front label. She will be sending in one more set of whole labels. She will be getting out a flyer soon to let people know. Please pass it along to neighbors, grandparents, etc. Go online if you would like at [www.boxtopsforeducation.com](http://www.boxtopsforeducation.com) and register for free information and more BoxTops opportunities.

### *Nancy Everett – Talent Show*

There will be a meeting next Thursday, September 6 at 9:00am. There will be a contest in the near future for the students to name the Talent Show.

Karen Howard then said that as Vice President per the bylaws it is her job to make sure everything is running smoothly with the Committees. Karen said she is going to have all the Committees start using Binders/Notebooks to ensure better record-keeping and smooth transitions when Committee Chairs change.

Donna King then asked when the other stuff was going to be painted on the playground. Angie suggested setting a date. After much discussion it was decided that coming Saturday, anyone who wanted to come and help paint the rest of the stencils should be there at 7:00am.

Anita adjourned the meeting at 10:15am.