

**Granger Elementary PTO
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 27, 2006**

PTO President Barb Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The meeting agenda is attached. She thanked everyone for coming. She introduced some special guests including teachers: Mrs. Spaite, Mrs. Eshbaugh, and Mrs. Waltos; along with Mr. Collins and Sharon's PTO President: Jane Back.

Barb went right to New Business. She explained that on a recent Executive Board Conference Call, the Board voted to support the Highland School Levy that will be on the ballot in November. If anyone is interested in getting involved with the effort to pass the Levy please contact Barb or Lori Miller.

Barb thanked Anita Finucane and Ann Murphy for the PTO Wall in the building's foyer. If you have not seen it yet, take a look.

Barb mentioned the ideas Nancy Everett had brought at the last meeting regarding a Talent Show and/or Reflections program (an art competition for the students). Nancy was not at the meeting. Mrs. Collins said that last year the 4th grade did do a Talent Show. Diane Soldat said years ago Sharon Elementary did a Talent Show in conjunction with a Spaghetti Dinner and it was always well-attended and lots of fun. These options will be looked into.

Barb then brought up the Testing that the 3rd graders will be doing in the near future. No motion was needed to approve this expenditure because money already exists for it in the budget. Snacks had been requested for the students. While some of the other grades will be doing testing, it will not be the intensive 2 ½ hour testing that the 3rd graders are doing. Karen Howard volunteered to get the snacks.

OLD BUSINESS

Barb noted the attached sheet containing a detailed list of Field Trips planned for this year including costs that the PTO will be paying for. Last spring Mrs. Collins asked the teachers for their field trip requests that was how the list was developed.

Mrs. Collins noted that these are Field Trips outside of the School District. Those in the District are still being paid for by the Board of Education. Mrs. Collins also noted the cost break down is \$22. per hour per bus driver and \$3.00 per mile. She also told the group that Sharon Elementary PTO is paying for field trips on a one on one basis and at this point the Hinckley PTO is not paying for any field trips. Gail Kelly suggested this go into the newsletter. Please see end of minutes which contains a list of all field trips.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Collins then went over her calendar of upcoming events.

Oct. 1st – Highland Foundation Golf Outing

Oct. 3rd – 3rd Grade Reading Achievement Tests
 Oct. 5 – Medina County Library – Highland Location Groundbreaking at 12:30
 Oct. 6 – Highland Spirit Day – All wear green, black and white
 Oct. 8-20 – IOWA Test of Basic Skills
 Oct. 10 – 6:30 pm OhioReads Volunteer Meeting in Library
 Oct. 10 – Junior Great Books Program Begins
 Oct. 13 – NEOEA Day – No School
 Oct. 16 – Professional Development day – No School
 Oct. 17 – Market Day
 Oct. 19-20 Kindergarten to Boyert’s Farm
 Oct. 25 – School Pictures
 Oct. 25 – PTO Meeting
 Oct. 25 – Guidance and Nutrition Meeting
 Oct. 26 – Alternate Day School Pictures
 Oct. 26 – Alternate Day Halloween Parties
 Oct. 27 – End of First Quarter
 Oct. 27 – Halloween Parties 1:45

She then discussed the following items.

- October Count week – Oct. 2 through 6 – If students are absent this week please making certain that we receive a written excuse. State funding for the school district is determined by class membership and attendance this week. Students riding the buses are also counted.
- Promoting Healthy Bodies and Healthy Friendships - Oct. 25 – HHS Media Center – Mary McArthur a Registered Dietician from Medina Gen. Hospital and Moriah Ice, Elementary School Guidance Counselor will present a program focusing on nutrition, exercise, healthy friendships, and positive social skills.
- Granger School Pictures – Oct. 25th and 26th
- Halloween Parties – Please choose costumes carefully. Costumes should not contain unsafe items attached or anything that squirts out of the costume. We also do not want make-ups and sprays because of the time it takes to apply the make-ups and the fumes from sprays. Also no “weapon” type things can be brought to school. Students riding the buses much take off costumes before going out to the buses.
- The following testing is coming up. IOWA Tests of Basic Skills and Cognitive Abilities test: Grade 2 – CoGat Test, Grade 3 – CoGat and Reading and Math IOWA Tests, Grade 4 – CoGat Test, 4 Grade 5 – CoGat and Complete Battery.
- Special Thanks to Karen Scherler and Cindy Lenhart for their hours of work on the Magazine Sale. Also thanks to all the parents that volunteer daily at Granger.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Angie reviewed the budget. She noted some revenue has come in from Market Day and Spirit Wear. Nothing unexpected has appeared thus far. Barb pointed out that cash flow is tight right now until we get some of the larger monies in from Magazine Sale, etc. Angie will keep a close watch on this.

TEACHER'S REPORT

Mrs. Lyon was not able to attend. Barb reported that last year the PTO paid for the 2nd grade Science to Go Program. Last year's cost was \$330, this year the price went up to \$380. Gail Kelly made a motion to pay the additional cost for the Program. Janice White seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fall Festival – Angie Raynor/Colleen Lerch

Colleen reported that she and Angie had met and went over their needs as far as prizes, food, etc. Mrs. Zacharias has volunteered to set up a Take Home Craft Area at the Festival. Obviously, some items will be needed for this. Colleen expects \$1,000. to cover the cost of all the upfront expenses. She reminded everyone that money will be made at the Festival. Carol Baker made a motion to approve \$1,000 for the Fall Festival. Karen Howard seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Magazine – Cindy Lenhart and Karen Scherler

Congratulations – we passed our goal and more orders are still coming in. Don't forget you can still order on-line. Barb thanked Cindy and Karen for all of their hard work.

Gail Kelly – Market Day

We made \$345. for September. Don't forget to order in October. Barb asked Gail to write something up for the newsletter.

Community Outreach

Karen Howard and Ruth Crane

The word is getting out about our Outreach Committee. A call had been received about a family in Sharon. However, they were referred to the Highland Outreach Committee. Unfortunately, our resources are limited to helping those families within Granger.

Rebate – Janice White

It was noted that we are not participating in the Buehlers' program this year. We attempted to participate last year, but we not even the minimum amount of labels were turned in.

SPECIAL GUEST

Dr. Bruce Armstrong, Highland Superintendent, spoke to the group about the upcoming

School Levy. He explained the Strategic Planning Process that the school district completed. He mentioned that of the 613 school districts in the state of Ohio, Highland is only one of 22 Districts that has been rated Excellent for the past seven years. He talked about the continued growth the district is experiencing and the why the levy is needed. The last operating Levy was passed in 1998. Any questions, please feel free to call Dr. Armstrong directly.

Barb adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm.

**GRANGER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2006-07 PROPOSED FIELD TRIP TRAVEL EXPENDITURES**

Grade Level	Location	Driver Cost	Bus Cost
	Total Cost		
Kindergarten \$312.00	Boyert's Farm 7171 Wooster Pike Medina, Ohio (15 miles)	\$132.00	\$180.00
1bus each day			
Kindergarten \$556.00	Cleveland Zoo 3900 Wildlife Way Cleveland, Ohio (28 miles)	\$220.00	\$384.00
2 buses			
First Grade \$604.00	Cleve. Mus. Nat'l History 1 Wade Oval Drive Cleveland, Ohio (32 miles)	\$220.00	\$384.00
2 buses (w)			
Second Grade \$700.00	Harry Londons Choc. F. Planetarium 800 McKinley Monument Drive Canton, Ohio (40 miles)	\$220.00	\$480.00
M.H. class 2 buses (w)			
Third Grade \$352.00	Hale Farm and Village 2686 Oak Hill Road Bath, Ohio 44210 (11 miles)	\$220.00	\$132.00
2 buses			
Fourth Grade \$376.00	Stan Hywet 714 N. Portage Path Akron, Oh 44303 (13 miles)	\$220.00	\$156.00
2 buses			
Fifth Grade \$604.00	Cleve. Mus. Nat'l History 1 Wade Oval Drive Cleveland, Ohio (32 miles)	\$220.00	\$384.00
2 buses			
Fifth Grade \$348.00	Barberton Magical	\$132.00	\$216.00

2 buses	Theater 565 West Tuscarawas Avenue Barberton, Ohio (18 miles)
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Total Costs	\$3852.00	\$1584.00	\$2268.00
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**Granger Elementary PTO
Meeting Agenda
September 27th, 2006**



President's Report - Barb Wright

- ✓ Introduction/ Welcome Guests and New Members!
- ✓ Thanks to **Debbie Kasulones** for arranging babysitting!
- ✓ Committee reports below
- ✓ Thank You *Mrs. Z and volunteers for the new benches!*

New Business

- ✓ Executive Board Resolution to endorse school levy (See reverse side)
 - ✓ Neighborhood get-togethers: **contact Barb or Lori Miller**
- ✓ PTO Wall (Anita Finucane/ Ann Murphy)
- ✓ Nancy Everett to investigate Reflections/ Talent Show
- ✓ 3rd Grade Testing Snacks: **volunteer?**

Principal's Report - Linda Collins

Treasurer's Report - Angie Sollenberger

Teacher Representative's Report - Amy Lyon

2nd Grade Science to Go: Budget \$330, Actual \$380, **motion to approve**

Games for indoor recess: we would like to buy in bulk, *so keep your eye out for sales!*

Standing Committee Reports

- ✓ Box Tops (Janice): Flyers went out Friday; get that Target card!
- ✓ Magazine Fundraiser (Cindy/ Karen): *made goal of 1300 orders! Great job Cindy and Karen!*
- ✓ Market Day: *\$313; free freezer with October sales!*
- ✓ Spirit Wear (Colleen/ Karen): \$2,050 revenue (\$1,950 billed)= *\$1,000 profit (less costs already incurred)*
- ✓ Fall Festival and Basket Auction (Ann/ Anita/ Angie): **motion for expenses**
- ✓ Directory: *Board authorized \$500 (lowest quote) (see attached)*
- ✓ Skate Night/ Amazone Night: *see calendar in PTO handbook for dates*
- ✓ Community Outreach: *Granger families*
- ✓ Other Standing Committee Updates

Old Business

- ✓ Field Trip Transportation: **see attached**
- ✓ Cafeteria: *see September Hornet Happenings*
- ✓ New Family Dinner: **thank you Mary Miller and all mentors!**
- ✓ Hornet Happenings dates and deadlines set: **see attached**

Guest Speaker

- ✓ Welcome Dr. Bruce Armstrong, Superintendent Highland Local Schools!

NEXT MEETING DATE: WED., OCT. 25TH @ 9:15
(LAST WED. OF THE MONTH)