

Granger PTO Meeting
April 27, 2005

Meeting called to order by Mary Miller at 9:07 a.m. 24 members in attendance.

Thank you to all those involved in the Read-a-thon effort. A special thanks to Lori Miller and Theresa Holland-Gresock.

Excuse Linda Collins from meeting today due to commitment with Kindergarten registration, which is currently in progress.

Secretary Report – Kathy Alred

Minutes submitted for approval on internet web page highlandschools.org and copies left in office and circulating at current meeting. A motion to approve the minutes from March meeting was submitted by Lori Bryant and second by Sharon McFadden. All were in favor.

Principal Report – by Mary Miller

April 27 – Kindergarten Registration

April 27 – Secretary's Day

April 27 – PTO

April 29 – Volunteer Breakfast 9:00 a.m., babysitting provided thanks to a Hinckley mom

April 29 – 2nd Grade parents in for Continent Study Carnival 1:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

May 1 – District Open House – 5th Grade Leadership Team helping

May 2 – Parents view Maturational Film 5th grade

May 3 – Grounds committee meeting at 8:15 a.m.

May 3 – Preliminary Spelling Bees Grades 3,4,5

May 4 – Mother's Day plant sale for all grades

May 5 – Mother's Day plant sale for Kindergarten

May 6 – KinderConcert

May 10 – Final Spelling Bee

May 11 – Principal for a Day (winner of Read-a-thon drawing)

May 11 – 5th Grade Maturational Program

May 12 – 2nd Graders to NASA

May 12 – 5th Grade Parent Student Orientation at Middle School 7-8 p.m.

May 13 – 3rd Grade Wax Museum in the gym

May 16 – Market Day

May 18 – 5th Graders to High School – Chaz Baker- KSU Trombone – Jazz Assembly

May 19 – Pre-school to Hale Farm, 3rd Grade to Childrens' Museum

May 20 – 1st Grade to Magical Theater – Lillies' Purple Purse

May 23-24 – 5th Grade outdoor program at Hinckley Reservation

May 24 – X'Treme Reading Asemble

May 25 – PTO Meeting

Thank you to everyone who helped and are helping at Kindergarten Registration. Yesterday went very well and I hope things are going well today. The success of yesterday is thanks to the volunteers, their hard work, and their ability to keep me "calm." Also, thank you for everyone who are and have been working on all the projects, grounds, read-a-thon, etc. There is so much going on!

Volunteer Breakfast – Don't forget the volunteer breakfast on Friday. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. Miss Frambaugh will have her students sing 3-4 songs for you and I will speak on parenting. Babysitting is provided.

Purchases – We are looking at our purchases for next year. We will be purchasing many wipe-off boards, shelves, cabinets, possibly desks and chairs. To begin this year, we merely moved in and got started. Now we are looking at our needs and are making decisions as to what we can purchase this year, and what will need to wait. Many classrooms will need wipe-off boards. I am not currently asking PTO for funds for the

items we are working on, because we are trying to determine what will be left in this year's budget, and what we will need to use from next year's. It is a process.

Sign – Mary has the information. I have contacted the trustees and they have given their approval if the sign is the same size. With the bricking, I don't think it is. I will need Mary to give me the full dimensions of the sign, measure the current sign and discuss this with the trustees. Dr. Deuber and I are working on this together and have chosen identical signs. Dr. Armstrong has given me the approval that the board will pay for ½ of the sign.

Treasurer's Report – Tammy Esmaili

\$7,411.37 income this month after expenses paid:

\$5,067.04 collected from Read-a-thon
\$2,727.05 collected from Family Carnival
\$321.42 collected from Market Day
\$161.70 collected from TOPS Rebate
\$109.00 collected from Spirit Wear
\$80.00 collected from Skate Party

Funds available for school support \$11,180.09. Doing well with fundraisers and budgets.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report made by Cindy Lenhart and second by Karen Scherler, with all in favor.

Committee Reports:

Fundraiser Committee – Colleen Lerch

Suggestion made to focus on 3 primary fundraisers next year and run all others as community and family fun events. Focus on Magazine Sale, Read-a-thon and Market Day in efforts to limit drain on resources. May want to do Carnival every other year and alternate with an different Family Fun activity, just to keep idea fresh.

Cookbook is in the process of being completed. Coming out soon. Meeting on Monday to decide price and final format. Will use cookbook as staff gift, drawing from already budgeted money up to \$300.00. Motion made to use cookbooks as staff gifts and spend up to \$300.00 for this project (from the budgeted staff gift money). 1st by Marcia Karwowski and 2nd by Lori Bryant with all in favor.

Read-a-thon – by Lori Miller and Theresa Holland-Gresock

Very successful event. Earnings raised were \$4,600 (after expenses) which will help pay for sign and still leave about \$1,000 to put into PTO funds. Top winners will be rewarded tomorrow. Bracelets were given to all participants and extras will be sold at events for \$2.00 each. 50 Strickland coupons given out, extras will be given to Mrs. Collins to distribute as incentives for her programs. Top 20 readers participated in a drawing for top prizes. Riley Swartz will be principal for a day. Madison Wicks wins a \$50.00 gift certificate to Barnes and Noble and Cami Miller wins a \$25.00 gift certificate to Barnes and Noble. Magazines were awarded to 13 children who brought in the most money or minutes read.

Volunteers – Mary Miller (in absence of Barbara Wright)

Forms distributed today and will again appear at beginning of school year for sign up of interest in volunteering next year. Please fill out and return to school.

Market Day – Marcia Karwowski

Last opportunity to buy, coming up, so load up for the summer.

Rebates – Heather Duve

Keep collecting Campbells labels and box tops throughout the summer. Balls have been ordered and a megaphone using points and funds collected from these programs. Received \$63.00 from Giant Eagle.

Grounds Committee

Meeting next Tuesday, May 3, 2005. Teachers joining in planning. 4-H is planning to take care of the circle area in front by the pole. Girl Scouts are cleaning the shrubs in the front. May want to consider a Grounds Maintenance budget from the PTO next year to continue a few of the needs of the grounds.

Santa Shop – Donna King

Storage units have been investigated and found to cost \$40.00/month and \$60.00/month. Will need to consider this in September to store items intended for Santa Shop.

President's Report – Mary Miller

Old Business:

Sign funds have been raised from the Read-a-thon and it has been requested by the principal that the PTO help fund half of the sign for replacement late this summer. An amount of \$3,561.80 is requested with a motion by Heather Duvé and a second by Lori Miller to fund this project. All were in favor.

Mrs. Zacharias has requested a kiln be purchased for her art class needs. It is the understanding that she is applying to the Highland Foundation for a Grant to help cover some of the cost for a kiln. A new kiln would cost \$3,330. A motion was made by Lori Miller and second by Theresa Holland Gresock to help with the purchase of this kiln for up to \$3,330. We will wait to hear from the Foundation in July and proceed from there either purchasing with the entire cost coming from PTO funds or subsidizing Foundation funds.

Need coordinator for Field Day. Lori Bryant offered to purchase water containers needed, cups and oranges as refreshments. Funds for this were approved at last meeting.

Any committee chairs that would like to stay in their positions, please let Mary know. Also, please compile information of your committees to hand over to next chairperson.

New Business:

A concern/suggestion was made addressing the need for some sort of sound system in the school that could be used for programs in the gym, and where needed. The last concert event was very difficult to hear the program announcer without any sound system used.

Executive Board nominations brought before the PTO members present. It was proposed that Mary Miller remain on as President as well as Julie Sievers as Vice President. It was proposed that Karen Dulaney be submitted as Treasurer and Lori Bryant as Secretary. The group voted with a unanimous acceptance of these candidates. School year 2005-6 PTO Board will then be as proposed above.

5th Grade parents are invited to the next couple Middle School PTO meetings scheduled for May 5, 2005 and June 6, 2005. Positions to fill at MS involve Membership, Activity Night Prizes/Decorating, Book Socks, Spirit Wear.

Granger Elementary May meeting we will have guest speakers, principal from Middle School Dr. John Deuber and Vice Principal Daryl Kubilus.

Fifth Grade rosettes need to be ordered for end of the year remembrance activity. Julie Sievers offered to take care of this.

Teacher Appreciation for the end of the year discussed and decided to give cookbook with card to each teacher. Colleen Lerch, Marcia Karwowski and Kathy Alred will help in getting signatures from class children in their books.

Welcome goes out to Natalie Yuschak and family, new to the school.

Table open for discussions and concerns. Lissa Carrino opened discussion of recent news on child abduction attempts in the area. Be aware that a red 4-door car and a blue Cadillac have been spotted with reports of suspicious behavior exhibited toward school-age children. Caucasian male and female wearing a

hat have been spotted in the cars. Can check the Plain Dealer Metro section for further reports. A suggestion was made to bring in guest speaker to talk with the children as they approach summer, addressing ways to protect self from possible abduction. Sharon McFadden will check with resource speaker she knows who voluntarily speaks with children about this topic. This will be discussed with Mrs. Collins also. A motion was made by Colleen Lerch and second by Marcia Karwowski to fund a speaker if need be with up to \$500.00. None opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m. with a motion from Colleen Lerch and a second from Kathy Alred.

**NEXT PTO MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 25, 2005 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE
CAFETERIA AT GRANGER ELEMENTARY.**