

**Granger Elementary PTO  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, April 30, 2008**

PTO President Anita Finucane called the meeting to order at 9:20am.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Apr. 23 Why Gender Matters – Dr. Leonard Sax – HHS  
Apr. 24 Highland Art Show – Selected pieces from district  
Apr. 25 Volunteer Breakfast  
Science of Critterograph  
Apr. 28 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading Achievement Test  
Apr. 29 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Achievement Test  
Apr. 30 4<sup>th</sup> Gr. Writing, 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. Science Achievement Tests  
May 1 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. Social Studies Achievement Test  
May 1 & 2 2<sup>nd</sup> Gr. Field Trips – Historical Society  
May 2 Interim Reports Go Home  
May 3 Barnes and Noble 1:00 – Sharon – Granger Wkend  
5/5-5/9 GATES K-1-2 Testing this week  
Teacher Appreciation Week.  
May 6 Preliminary Spelling Bee  
May 8 4<sup>th</sup> Gr. Recorder Concert – 7:00 pm  
May 9 10:00 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Gr. Grandparents Day  
1:30 – Kinderconcert  
/12-5/16 Writing Diagnostic Testing – K-1-2-3  
May 13 1:30 – Final Spelling Bee  
May 14 6:00 – HMS – 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. DARE Grad.  
May 16 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr. Wax Museum  
May 19 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr. Hale Farm & Village  
Market Day  
7:00 – Board of Education Meeting  
May 20/21 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. Hinckley Park Science Exploration  
May 26 NO SCHOOL  
May 27 Field Days – 1<sup>st</sup> – 9:15 – 11:30, 2<sup>nd</sup> 12:30 – 2:15  
7:00 pm - 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. Band Concert – HHS  
May 28 Field Days – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9:15 – 11:30, 5<sup>th</sup> 12:30 – 2:15  
PTO Meeting  
May 29 4<sup>th</sup> Gr. Field Day – 12:00 – 2:15  
June 3 Kind – Zoo Trip  
June 4 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Concert – Party  
June 5 Last Day for Students - Carnival

Mrs. Collins then reminded everyone that Achievement Testing was just around the corner. A lengthy discussion ensued about the Tests, why they are important and how they are approached.

The next item Mrs. Collins discussed was Room Parties for Halloween, Christmas and Valentine's Day. Everyone agreed the parties had gotten out of control. Mrs. Collins expressed her desire to do away with Goody Bags and eliminate prizes for games. Mrs. Collins asked the group if they thought there should be Room Parents or not. No consensus was reached. Mrs. Collins is going to continue to work on this.

Then Mrs. Collins discussed 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation. She told the group that yes she thinks it is necessary. Yes, there will be the morning music concert followed by the party at the Red Wing Cabin. Beyond that however, it is has gotten out of control. The idea is to say Goodbye and Good Luck. Mrs. Collins told the group that she does not want it to get out of control with other activities, etc. The Board said that in the budget next year for Graduation is money for the flowers, ribbons and pizza.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Angie reported that the checking account has about \$32,000 but \$14,000 of that is earmarked for the playground. After all other expenses come in we should be left with around \$9,000 at the end of the fiscal year.

Angie then went over the proposed budget for next year line by line. The budget will be voted on at the next meeting.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Nancy Everett – Talent Show*

Thank you to Nancy for a great show.

*Spirit Wear – Buffy Hill*

The order should be in about two weeks.

*Market Day – Gail Kelly*

We made about \$600 this month.

*Donna King/Diane Soldat -*

Now that we have all the money, yeah! -- we will be meeting with the rep to place the order. The School Board will be paying for the mulch.

*Staff Appreciation – Ann Murphy/Anita Finucane*

If you signed up to help we will be contacting you.

*Mother's Day Plant Sale – Anita Finucane*

Plants will be \$0.30 each. Please save empty 1 gallon water jugs, cut off and discard the tops so the bottom can be used for plants.

*Projects Reports – Karen Howard*

Reminder to please turn your project reports in.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Reminder the next and last meeting of the year will be Wednesday, May 28.

Anita adjourned the meeting at 10:28am.