

**Granger Elementary PTO
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 26, 2007**

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

She thanked everyone who helped paint the playground and for those who help get the fans for the building.

TEACHER'S REPORT

Mrs. Lyon thanked the PTO for the piano for Mrs. Frambaugh and the playground painting.

She then asked if the PTO would consider spending \$255 on a 4th Grade program that teaches students about disabilities. This program had been offered free through the county but due to their budget cuts would now be only available for a fee. Nancy Boyert made a motion to spend \$225 on a 4th grade disability program. Gail Kelly seconded the motion.

Diane Soldat suggested putting this into the budget so it becomes an annual event. Karen Howard asked if an oral vote was OK. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Angie went over the budget, not much has been happening fiscally. Income for the month included Market day and spirit wear. Expenses included the fans, water bottles for the third floor water coolers. The checking account balance as of today is \$11, 264.49.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Calendar of events

Thurs., Sept. 27	9:15 - Talent Show Committee Meeting
Fri., Sept. 28	12:30 – Parent preview – Girls Matur. Video
Tues., Oct. 2	3 rd grader Reading Achievement Tests
Wed., Oct. 3	8:15 – Granger Staff Art Project w/ G.Woideck
Thurs., Oct. 4	2:30 – Rainforest Assembly – 5:30-7:30
Fri., Oct. 5	4 th Grade Train Presentations
Fri., Oct. 5	5 th Grade Girls Maturational Video
Mon., Oct. 8	Market Day – IOWA & CoGat Begin
Tues., Oct. 9	9:10 – Magazine Sale Pig Race
Wed., Oct. 10	4 th Grade Train Ride – Bus Evac. Drills
Thurs., Oct. 11	Spirit Day – Wear Green, Black and White
Fri., Oct. 12	NEOEA Day, No School
Mon. Oct. 13	Staff Professional Dev. Day – No School
Thurs., Oct. 19	Board of Ed. Meeting HHS
Mon., Oct. 22	0:00 School Safety Drill

Tues., Oct. 23	7:00 – Guidance Parent Meeting
Oct. 24- 25	School Pictures
Fri., Oct. 26	1:45-2:45 – Halloween Parties
Fri., Oct. 26	End of Quarter
Sat., Oct. 27	Highland Health Run & Highland Community Health Fair
Wed., Oct. 31	PTO meeting

Mrs. Collins then explained to the group the new tile mural that Mrs. Zacharias and George Woideck will be working on called “East Meets West” is being funded by the Highland Foundation.

Also upcoming is a Safety Drill which is a practice of the school’s lockdown procedure.

She then reviewed the School District’s State Report Card and the Granger Report Card which both received “Excellent” rating.

Mrs. Collins then reminded everyone that the upcoming Levy is a renewal which means no new taxes. If you have any questions about the Renewal Levy please see her.

NEW BUSINESS

Anita announced that there was a new committee being formed to look at playground improvement. Diane Soldat and Donna King will be heading this committee. They will be looking into equipment options especially for the older grade levels.

OLD BUSINESS

Twelve fans were purchased for a total of \$1,100. The situation will be reassessed in the spring.

Also, water bottles that had been purchased for the 5th graders cost \$287.46. This exceeded the PTO Board approval amount of \$200. Angie asked if the water coolers had been approved. We had discussed this last spring and the District did pay for the water coolers. Donna said the 5th graders really appreciate the water coolers and bottles. Nancy Boyert made a motion to approve the extra amount of \$87.46 for the water bottles. Nancy Gatsios seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Anita reviewed the “Raised Bed Flower Gardens” the Girl Scouts are working on. Anita gave more explanation as a continuation of the prior meeting.

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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 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.