
Opening Comments

Suzanne Peterlin, President, called the general meeting to order at 9:25 AM. Everyone was welcomed and Suzanne shared a thank you note to Mrs. Holland in the office from Anka Wiencek for all her help in distributing the Magazine information. We also had a nice discussion about the wonderful Opera performances. You wouldn't believe how lucky we were to get the auditorium just a week later than the original date! By the way, if you attended the First Performance we do know that the Opera wouldn't have been so awesome without the efforts of Mr. McClintock. We're not sure who clapped louder at the end of the second performance, the audience or the choir! (The membership present sure accomplished a lot; read on☺!) Absent were board members Wiencek and Wade.

Minutes and Treasury Report

The January 2007 PTO Minutes will stand as written. Vicky Kuczynski moved to accept the minutes; Debbie Prescenzi seconded the motion. Motion passed. The full financial report was discussed by Suzanne in Cindy's absence. Debbie Prescenzi moved to accept the Treasurers Report as written and Vicky Kuczynski seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Principals Report – Mrs. Rastok

Spring Pictures March 1 & 2: Smile and say cheese! This one is easy; you place an order if you like the proofs. Details are already home.

Academic Dates: 3/23 is the end of the 3rd quarter, conference night is 3/29 and report cards come home on 3/30.

Spring Break! 4/2-4/9~need we say more except that hopefully March will go out like a lamb!

COME TO SCHOOL FOR TESTING: All week beginning 4/30. Please reserve those days!

COSI: It's coming again April 10th! A volunteer list was sent around. If you were not able to attend the meeting and want to help with this educational day contact Peggy Dietz (330.220.7951).

SAVE APRIL 20; Earth Day/Alex Bevan/All Hinckley School Art Show: This is our next major All-School Event of the year. Look for more information. It will include a family night with concert so mark your calendars now! (FYI: the School District Art Show is 4.26)

SCHOOL DAZE IS AVAILABLE 24/7 at our website: www.highlandschools.org. March is BUSY!

Fund Raising Reports

School Cash – Vicky Kuczynski: When your tax returns come back and you have extra cash remember to place a school cash order. Thanks!

Market Day – Sue Bernhofer (by Suzanne Peterlin): Internet orders are the most reliable way of assuring your order makes it to us by delivery date! There are two order pick up dates in March: 3/01 and 3/29 from 5:15-6:15. Please order for the Spring Holiday!

Magazine Sale: Turn in dates are the first two Friday's in March. Order on-line at www.qsp.com we benefit from all internet orders...so will your child. Any questions please call Anka Wiencek.

Events / Meetings

Skate Night – Debbie Prescenzi: Our last school sponsored skating event is March 15th you'll be getting more information. *Thanks to Debbie for organizing these super fun events!!*

Red Cross Bloodmobile: Thank you in advance to everyone who gave, or tried to give 2/28! Thank you to everyone who helped make the donor's feel relaxed. This 'Pint-Sized' program makes such a difference!

Kindergarten Registration: March 20/21. If you need to call the school, please use 330.239.1901. We need parents to welcome and escort the new families. Remember how good you felt when you started here? If you want to help someone new please offer to help. (Call Suzanne Peterlin: 330.220.8781)

Hospitality: When you see Maureen Fragnoli and/or Vicki Tiff first thank them for doing such a wonderful job with everything this year. Second: PLEASE offer to help them before they ask you. In March they are responsible for Kindergarten registration, conference night dinner and Academic Achievers Breakfast. Please, if you can bake or make a great simple salad call them!

Funding Proposals – WOW! Read on:

United Streaming: We had a demonstration on this prior to the holiday. The Highland Foundation gave us \$1200 toward a new 1-year subscription. Jen Simonis made a motion to discuss PTO funding of the balance. Debbie Prescenzi seconded the motion. Discussion followed and Jen Simonis motioned that PTO pay \$500 for the balance of the license cost. Vicky Kuczynski seconded the motion; all in favor; motion passed.

New Clinic Thermometer: Mrs. Rastok said our current thermometer is 'exhausted' and we could use a new one to more accurately tell us when our little ones don't feel well. Melissa Augustine motioned that we discuss the spending for this; Debbie Prescenzi seconded it. No discussion followed and everyone agreed that up to \$100 could be used to replace the thermometer; the same two people made the necessary motions; motion passed.

Playground Proposals: (2 absentee ballots for the proposal). The proposal for up to \$16,000 and some changes to the design were discussed. Melissa Augustine made the motion to accept the proposal; Debbie Prescenzi seconded the motion. Motion Passed. There will be such excitement when the kids return from Spring Break! Thank you to everyone who helped raise the money above and beyond what was expected! A second Playground Proposal was asked for by Mrs. Rastok. Jen Simonis made a motion to discuss the Autistic Playground portion; Vicky Kuczynski seconded the motion. We learned that the Highland Foundation is willing to give us a grant for the additional portion of the playground to include some see-saws (now you know how old the Secretary is) where all the younger kids can play together. We need an additional \$500 to add to the Grant. Jen made a motion to pay the additional \$500. Debbie Prescenzi seconded the motion; all in favor; motion passed.

Alex Bevan: We believed that it was already discussed as part of the Earth Day Program; but just in case Debbie made sure it was OK to pay Alex Bevan \$500 for two performances. Laura Ruggerio made the motion to ensure that this could be done to secure the venue. It was seconded; no discussion and the same two people motioned to pay the money for the concerts. All in favor; motion passed.

Volunteers Needed

Conference Night, Academic Achievers and Kindergarten Registration: Our hospitality hostesses (Maureen Fragnoli and Vicki Tiff) will be looking for help with these events. If you signed up to help, look forward to a phone call. (Notice the need?)

Buzzard Day 50th Anniversary: When attending Buzzard Day please stop at our table in the gym and get a Hinckley, Home of the Buzzard license plate cover for one car and a Highland Hornet plate cover for the other! Please call Diane if you can help (Diane Dannery 330.278.2776)! It'll be the best booth of them all if we just step up and give some time!

PTO POSTIONS ARE AVAILABLE! Call Maria Siwik (330.220.9752) if you will help fill our Green Card or take on an Executive Position. We still need a few positions filled including President, VP-Fund Raising and Secretary (my baby is going to the Middle School!). As you watch your kids grow up there is no better feeling than to know YOU helped make their elementary experience the best it could be. Please volunteer. Believe it or not your whole Executive Board works! It can be done and the years go by so fast before they don't need you anymore. Please; volunteer for our children we need people who care to make good decisions!

Old Business

Cookbooks: They're for sale anywhere! You'll even find them in the office or at Buzzard Day. They've all been paid for; now we're bringing in the money and only have about 200 left to sell.

Spirit Wear (Vivian Bronstrup): This is old business renewed! The sale went great and all feedback is positive that everyone loves the affordable items. It was suggested that in the future we display the available items just so everyone can see/want something! A proposal was made asking if PTO wanted to go in on the sale of the ever-famous 'H's, water bottles and chairs to divide between the other two elementary schools. The commitment would be about \$500. The motion was made by Vivian Bronstrup to open up the discussion; it was seconded by Laura Adams. Laura then motioned that we work with the other schools to provide these different items. Debbie Prescenzi seconded the motion; all in favor; motion passed.

Birthday Book Club and Helping Hands: Thank you Carrie Golias and Laura Adams for these great programs!

New Business

Volunteer Of The Year: Do you know someone who has their youngest child graduating from Hinckley this year and the school won't be the same without their years of dedication? Please call Suzanne Peterlin (330.220.8781) to nominate someone!

Other / Open Floor Discussions

Closing Remarks: Suzanne thanked everyone for coming to the PTO meeting; it adjourned at 11:06.

Buzzard Day Art Contest: The PTO invites all students to participate in a fun, creative way to decorate our school for BUZZARD DAY. Use your imagination, draw your best HINCKLEY BUZZARD and if you need more information, call Kelly McCormack 330.659.2326):

A NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY: Because of the volume of business held in the meeting the personal thanks and some extra conversation had to be omitted from the minutes. Please be assured that we appreciate your input and attendance. Remember to please use our suggestion box in the clinic and GET INVOLVED for our kids. Respectfully submitted, Jen Simonis

***Next PTO Meeting Wednesday, March 14, 2007 ~ 9:15 ~ School Cafeteria
"Working Together To Make A Difference"***

Note the date change for our meeting; one week earlier!