

Opening Comments

Suzanne Peterlin, President, called the general meeting to order at 9:28 AM. Everyone was welcomed. Suzanne acknowledged the large turnout. The PTO Executive Board was re-introduced as: President/Suzanne Peterlin; First VP/Lynne Nawalaniec; Second VP/Kelly McCormack; Secretary/Jen Simonis; and Treasurer/Cindy Wade (absent). Suzanne reported on the PTO Mum Sale held at the Community Garage Sale/Flea Market. It was a huge success raising \$571.50 selling 250 plants. Everyone was thanked and notes were sent. Suzanne spent a few minutes updating everyone on some of the past work the PTO has been able to accomplish for our school so that everyone was aware of the contributions of our organization.

Minutes and Treasury Report

The June 7, 2005 PTO Minutes will stand as written, as no changes were noted. Vivian Bronstrup moved to accept the minutes as written and Carol Priebe seconded the motion. Motion passed. Our Past Treasurer, Diane Elliott, thoroughly reviewed the 2005/60 PTO Budget and explained the expenses incurred over the summer. Thank you, Diane, for stepping in!

Principals Report – Mrs. Rastok

Open House 2005/06: This year it occurred prior to school start. The teachers loved it. Did you? Contact Mrs. Rastok with your feedback.

We are already off to a busy start this school year! Things already happening or in the works are (See the School Daze or notes coming home for more details):

The Walking Club: September 20 – November 17, 2005 is an excellent program the kids can choose to do at lunchtime. If you can help on Tuesday's or Thursday's please call Peggy Dietz so that our kids have the support to get this done right.

The Student Garden: What a beautiful area we have; take a look! Mrs. Rastok says the kids are already taking advantage of the pathways provided and they'll have the opportunity to get down and dirty in it on September 23rd.

Reading / Hot Air Balloon Assembly: September 27, 2005 kicks off our new reading theme for the year with an assembly. You will receive your reading calendars that day and the fun theme this year is **READING IS KEY TO THE WORLD!** Children who read 500 minutes in October will get a carabiner and each month following will receive tokens to hang from it representing parts of the world we focus on. You will notice many of our planned activities will go with this theme! **READ, and READ OFTEN!**

Student Count Week: October 3 – 7, 2005: This is an important week to make sure your child comes to school. Our state funding is based off of enrollment and this is the week that counts! Please send your child(ren) to school!

Other activities: The 4th Grader's are taking a Field Trip September 30th. Please Support the Highland Pride Committee's golf outing in Hinckley to raise money to support school levies (Call Suzanne Peterlin for information). The next Principal's Tea is October 19th at 10:00 AM in the library. Our All-School Field Trip/Educational Experience to Hale Farm will be 10/21 and was paid for by those of you who bought SCHOOL CASH. Everyone thanks you. Send in your permission slips!

Fund Raising Reports

School Cash – Jen Simonis and Debbie Prescenzi: Jen explained school cash and Debbie reported that we made \$328 in profit our last order. The next order date is due October 4th please try to participate. A separate account will be set up to make this more convenient and save our treasury transaction fees. Mrs. Rastok moved to open the account and Carol Priebe seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Market Day – Sue Bernhofer: All future order dates will be on the calendar in the School Daze. Please buy this food- the quality is awesome and guaranteed! This wonderful program will earmark all profits into our Fidelity Investment Fund for PLAYGROUND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS. Meg Vandenberg motioned the approval for a separate fund and Carol Priebe seconded it. Motion passed. Volunteers are needed, please call Sue at 330.239.2503.

QSP Magazine Sale – Kelly McCormack: Orders due by September 23, 2005. We are about half way (\$967) to our profit goal with one week to go. Thank you for your support!

Read-A-Thon Kick-Off – Kelly McCormack: Begins September 28, 2005 PLEASE encourage your child to read because *Reading is Key to the World*. Get family and friends in on it, information is coming home. This is a nice way to encourage good reading habits and support the PTO!

Rebate Program Report – Debbie Prescenzi: All programs are listed in the PTO packet you received. If you can help from home and are interested in coordinating the new Buehler's Labels for Learning Program and the Tyson Labels Program please call Debbie 330.220.1549.

Events / Meetings

Room Parent Volunteer Meeting/ Teacher Luncheon Tea – Lynne Nawalaniec: September 22, 2005 will be the meeting in the cafeteria (weather permitting in the pavilion). Details will be given about the Tea on 9/29 at that time.
Skate Night – Lynne Nawalaniec: September 28, 2005-DON'T MISS IT! This is a lot of FUN at Brunswick Skate Station!

Funding Proposals

Nine Oscillating Fans – Presented by Suzanne Peterlin. Motion to accept proposal as listed in the Agenda by Vivian Bronstrup. Anka Wiencek seconded it. Motion passed. (Four absentee ballots cast and counted.)

Climbing Wall – Presented by Suzanne Peterlin. Motion to accept proposal as listed in the Agenda by Meg Vandenberg. Angela Chesnick seconded it. Motion passed. (Four absentee ballots cast and counted.)-*The Highland Foundation Grant is appreciated!*

After School Programs – Presented by Suzanne Peterlin. Motion to accept proposal as listed in the Agenda by Debbie Prescenzi. Carol Priebe seconded it. Motion passed. (Four absentee ballots cast and counted.) FYI-The November theme will be Multi-Cultural Experiences and the February Theme will be Winter Olympics. More information will come.

Volunteers Needed

Suzanne thanked Susan Jackson for compiling list of volunteers. *GREAT JOB Susan!* Peggy Dietz was also thanked for coordinating the volunteer schedules for Clinic, Copy Center, Lunch Room and Recess! *AWESOME job Peggy!*

Hospitality (Conference Nights) – Carol Priebe and Vicki Tifft! Thanks for being hospitable for us!

Santa Shop Crafters – Kelly McCormack: Santa Shop December 5 – 10, 2005 call Kelly. There are already 34 people signed up-how exciting! The goal is to be smart with this and HAVE FUN! Call Kelly at 330.659.2326 if you forgot to offer your crafting expertise!

Grounds Committee / Pavilion Staining – Suzanne Peterlin: Scheduled October 15, 2005, questions call Jane Carsten.

Open Committee Chairpersons – Suzanne Peterlin: Thank you, Vicki Kuczynsik/Buzzard Day Co-Chair, for helping! We still need someone for the Santa Raffle, Volunteer Luncheon Co-Chair, Babysitting Pool and Drama Club. Please consider helping to fill one of these vacancies!

Old Business

Green Card Updates – Vivian Bronstrup is working hard to up-date it with correct contacts and changes to the calendar. When you get your new copy in the Student Directory please discard the old one!

Directory / PTO Newsletter – Vivian Bronstrup made the LAST/LAST CALL made for those attending the meeting. The final draft of the directory is set to go home in the beginning of October – look for it! You will see what an awesome resource it is when it arrives!

New Business

Harvest Creature Contest – Kelly McCormack: October 24 – 28, 2005. Decorate fall vegetables or write a poem! This is for fun and awards will be given by grade level. Look for more information and plan to take your 'creature' home after the party!

Fall Festival – Lynne Nawalaniec: November 5, 2005. A sign up sheet was sent around. If you missed the meeting and want to help with our Fall Festival please call Lynne.

Granger Elementary PTO Offer: Granger PTO has offered to help us with babysitting at our meetings if we would send someone to their meeting the 3rd Wed. of the month. If interested please call Peggy Dietz.

New Family Dinner: Hinckley PTO donated \$100 to the Highland Pride Committee for this event 9/20.

Other / Open Floor Discussions

Spirit Wear is a service to our families and items will be on display at the school in the next few weeks. When information comes home order if you'd like and contact Diane Elliott with any questions.

Closing Remarks: Suzanne thanked everyone for coming to the PTO meeting and looks forward to an exciting year! She reviewed thank you notes from the Staff for the Development Day luncheon. Also Hinckley Outreach and also the After-Prom Committees thanked us for our \$100 donations. Suzanne wished all students/parents, families, teachers and staff a great year. Without any further business, the busy meeting adjourned at 11:00! Lucky #13 - Angela Chesnick took home some beautiful flowers as a door prize!

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. EVERY volunteer is needed so if I neglected to mention you, I apologize. Remember to please use our suggestion box in the clinic and GET INVOLVED for our kids. Respectfully submitted, Jen Simonis

Next PTO Meeting- Tuesday, October 18, 2005 ~ 9:15 ~ School Cafeteria
"Working Together To Make A Difference"
