
Opening Comments

Suzanne Peterlin, President, called the general meeting to order at 9:20 AM. Everyone was welcomed and Suzanne shared a thank you note from Mrs. Rastok. Our guest speaker, Dr. Bruce Armstrong, provided some enlightening information about the school district, 'proactive' changes taking effect, the districts financial future and upcoming operating levy. He also said he didn't plan on retiring! Dr. Armstrong said he will be available for future conversations if we'd like to have him back. (There were approximately 18 ladies in attendance☺!)

Minutes and Treasury Report

The February 2006 PTO Minutes will stand as written and Debbie Prescenzi moved to accept the official copy and Maria Siwik seconded the motion. Motion passed. Cindy Wade gave a full financial report and Debbie Prescenzi moved to accept the Treasurers Report as written and Maria Siwik seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Principals Report – Mrs. Rastok

Other Activities: Please see your **SCHOOL DAZE Calendar**. April is **BUSY!** Our website:

www.highlandschools.org. **CHECK THE WEEKLY REMINDERS for the most current information!**

Principal's Tea: April 5 @10 am – library. Topic to be discussed: new school schedule for 06/07.

Academic Achievers: April 7th. Students meeting requirements will enjoy juice and donuts to celebrate their achievements.

COSI: It's coming again April 19th! A volunteer list was sent around- we need a few more volunteers. If you were not able to attend the meeting and want to help you may contact Peggy Dietz (330.220.7951).

Earth Day: Save April 21 if you'd like to help our kids get hands on Earth Learning. There will be age appropriate and fun stations for the kids to visit during the day.

Volunteer Luncheon: May 5th – For all volunteers - This year's theme – Cinco de Mayo

Barnes and Noble on Rt. 18 in Montrose Book Fair: Please mark May 20th as the day to shop for your Summer Reading; part of every purchase will go towards this Principal's Fund Raiser.

World Market-Multi-Cultural Fair: May 26th - The kids will celebrate the conclusion of our Reading Around the World year with a Fair and an assembly: Many Colors One Box and a whole lot of fun!

Asian Puppet Workshop: in March was fun. Thanks to the Highland Foundation for the Grant! It was gracious and the kids loved it. They are really learning a lot about all the cultures 'Around the World'.

Fund Raising Reports

School Cash – Debbie Prescenzi: There are a few order dates left, please consider buying from us.

This on-going money maker has really been supported by all of you. Thanks! (Debbie Prescenzi: 330.220.1549) Debbie tries to keep grocery cards on hand so if you need something between order dates please give her a call. We heard that Christine Medwid is stepping in to help next year as Lynne Nawalaniec moves on to the Middle School. *Good luck Christine and thank you Lynne!*

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! This program used to make us over \$10,000 and this year sales are less than ever. Please send us some suggestions on how to make this more worthwhile. A list was sent around with questions and suggestions. Let us know what is working and what is not.

Art-To-Remember- Corrine Sackstedder and Debbie Prescenzi: Thank you to everyone who is buying some of the art. The results of this were surprisingly good at the time of the meeting. Discussion evolved around thoughts for improving the program and how to make it even better if we do it again. The foresight is appreciated!

Mouse Pads and License Plate Covers will be offered with our next Spirit Wear order- Diane Elliott: As you walk around the school you will see so many kids showing our school pride with our first rate Spirit Wear Clothing. Because everyone can't get enough of it Diane Elliott will be doing a second go-around with this. License plate covers and mouse pads included on order sheet.

Flat Coupon Sale- Mary Slifka: Don't buy your yard flowers until you have some of our Gales discounted certificates. Diane Elliott motioned to sell coupons for \$12.50 (\$14.00 value) and Cindy Wade seconded the motion, Motion passed. You can buy FLATS AND ANYTHING GALE'S HAS – look for more information; we will start early this year, right after Spring Break.

Events / Meetings

Skate Night – Lynne Nawalaniec: *Thanks to Lynne Nawalaniec for organizing this super fun event!* It was the best attended one yet and the kids had so much fun.

Buzzard Day- Diane Dannery: WOW ~ One word to summarize what Diane Dannery and Vicki Kuczynski did for us up to and on Buzzard Day! They have really turned this holiday into something! The kids had fun, the baskets were wonderful, the license plate covers were a hit and we appreciate you! Calculated profit was an astonishing \$819!!! Thank you so much for your dedication!

Kindergarten Registration: April 25 and 26th. If you need to call the school, please use 330.278.2727. 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 and show off what we have ~ please offer to help. (Call Suzanne Peterlin: 330.220.8781) Thank you Vicki Tifft and Carol Priebe for planning the hospitality part!

Academic Achievers: Carol Priebe will reward the next group on April 7th.

Do you have any interest in a Family Fun Day over Spring Break? – Lynne Nawalaniec: Lynne is practicing the NO-rain dance and hoping to have a picnic over spring break. Look for information on the Weekly Reminders Page!

Funding Proposals –

New Playground Benches – Jane Carsten: Jane provided the options and researched the companies who supply the benches that previous PTO's voted to replace. Jen Simonis made the motion to allow up to \$2100 to be spent for four benches. Mary Slifka seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Volunteer's Needed -

Diggin' Days: Come work and do general clean up of our school grounds: April 4 @ 9A. Thanks Jane Carsten, the New Gym beautification project is already looking good! Thank you to the Ciesinski Family for donating the tree for that spot!

Student Garden Club: Like gardening and doing it with kids? Please contact Carrie Golias at 330.278.3263 for more details or how you can help.

End of the Year Party and 5th Grade Party: Do you want to make these events memorable for your children? The leg-work has been done now all we need are parents who care. Please look for volunteer opportunities from Angela Chesnick and Lynne Nawalaniec!

PTO POSITIONS ARE AVAILABLE! Call Maria Siwik (330.220.9752) if you will help fill our Green Card or take on an Executive Position. For HMS PTO information, please pick up a flyer in the office.

Old Business

Thanks for shopping at Target: Target sent Mrs. Rastok \$441.49 from all of you using the Target Take Charge Program. Thank you! It is added to the Principal's Account!

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!

New Business

Garden Committee: Looking for mulch, flower pots, annuals, soil, paint & brushes for Earth Day.

Other / Open Floor Discussions

Closing Remarks: Suzanne thanked everyone for coming to the PTO meeting. PLEASE come to the last two (April 18 and May 16) meetings so we can get your input about how to proceed in the future on a number of items. We really want to have a large representation as we discuss playground improvement and technology pursuits. Do you work during the day and want to know more? Please call anyone on the Board and we'd love to talk with you! The meeting adjourned at 11:40. PTO Minutes respectfully submitted by Jen Simonis, Secretary

~Next PTO Meeting Tuesday, APRIL 18, 2005~
~RIGHT BACK FROM SPRING BREAK ~ 9:15 ~ School Cafeteria~
“Working Together To Make A Difference”

Plan ahead: August 22, 2006 Open House
