
Opening Comments

Suzanne Peterlin, President, called the general meeting to order at 9:26 AM. Everyone was welcomed and Suzanne shared a note from Mrs. Rastok thanking everyone for the time and dedication to our BEAUTIFUL Student Garden. Something was missing from the meeting and it happened to be the sound of children and their pitter-patter because Jane Carsten was watching our little friends in the gym and then in the library. Thank you Jane (read these minutes to see what you missed)!

Minutes and Treasury Report

The September 20, 2005 PTO Minutes will stand as written, as no changes were noted. Carol Priebe moved to accept the minutes as written and Meg Vandenberg seconded the motion. Motion passed. Our Treasurer, Cindy Wade, reviewed expenses and income in our 2005/06 PTO Budget to date and thanks to the delivery of our climbing wall *today* we need to work on income. Cindy will be presenting a new form that we will use to ask for funds from the PTO, it will be explained at the next meeting (Chairperson's-please try to attend the November meeting). Diane Elliot (for the first time ever) motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report and Meg Vandenberg (fastest hand-raiser in town) seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Principals Report – Mrs. Rastok

Red Cross Donation to Hurricane Fund: Thank you to all the families and children who were so generous! A check for \$844.40 was sent to the American Red Cross!

The Hale Farm Trip: This Friday, cross your fingers for sunshine

The Climbing Wall: It is delivered today and will be installed on 10-27! The good news is we get to use it sooner than expected (Hurray for the Fifth Graders!)! The not so good news is that we need to pay for it three months earlier than anticipated. If we get into a pinch, the Highland Foundation will front us some money until our School Cash profit comes in. November and December Sales of School Cash will be earmarked to pay for this!

School Pictures: Smile! Also, a little hint was given that we will also get the chance to take spring pictures again this year!

Conference Dates: Are November 3, 9 and 17. (Side notes: if you can help with hospitality for this call Carol Priebe 330.225.6440, if you can help sell School Cash those nights call Lynne Nawalaniec 330.273.1692 and if you can help with Market Day on the 17th please call Sue Bernhofer 330.239.2503!)

Other activities: There will be a Flag-Raising Assembly on Veterans Day (11/11/05). It will be held in our BEAUTIFUL Courtyard. Look for a note coming home with more details. November 18th is the day our kids are scheduled to have a Bully-Free Assembly. There will also be the Book Fair starting October 31st. Go look at our BEAUTIFUL Student Garden, the Fifth Graders helped water it just this morning!

Most importantly keep current with our School Daze since there is too much to mention happening here at Hinckley! If you misplace your copy, there is one posted at school and you can also get it off our web site:

www.highlandschools.org

Fund Raising Reports

School Cash – Lynne Nawalaniec: Lynne had cards for sale at the meeting and thank you to EVERYONE who purchased them at this time!!! As mentioned above, School Cash will be paying for The Field Trip and The new Climbing Wall. Please become an advocate of School Cash if you already use it and if you haven't tried this program-please do try it. Hey (Meg), please remember to tell your 'working other' about corporate orders for the holidays. It's a great idea to shop for company parties with SCHOOL CASH, as well. Thanks for the ideas!

Market Day – Sue Bernhofer: All future order dates will be on the calendar in the School Daze. Last month we had about 96 orders and more than \$561 in profit! Thank you for using this program! It was advised that internet orders are the most reliable way of assuring your order makes it to us by delivery date, so if at all possible, log on and order! Volunteers are needed, please call Sue at 330.239.2503. Next order pick up is on a conference night, 11-17. Remember profits from this program go to playground improvements!

QSP Magazine Sale – Kelly McCormack: Estimated profit will be about over \$2000 so now that your invoices are arriving please pay them so we can start seeing the money trickle in! Thank you for your support! *A BIG thanks to Kelly, too!*

Read-A-Thon Kick-Off – Kelly McCormack: What a huge success we hope it will be. The money will be due on 10-24 and results will be reported in November! Thank you in advance for participating!

Ponderosa Night Out – Kelly McCormack: Mark your calendars for February 6, 2006 as our NEXT Ponderosa night out. By the time this reaches print we hope many families enjoyed a night without dishes in our sinks at Ponderosa on 10-24.

Events / Meetings

Skate Night – Lynne Nawalaniec: November 15, 2005 (note the date change). This is a lot of FUN at Brunswick Skate Station! At the last skate night we had 168 skaters and we made just over \$122.00. The goal here is not to make a lot of money but to have fun. This is the last Skate event of the year. Interested in ice-skating? Come to our next meeting to find out more!

Harvest Creature/Poem Contest – Kelly McCormack: This new activity sounds like so much fun. Thanks for the idea Kelly! We will have plenty of Halloween Spirit going on the last week of October!

Multi-Cultural Awareness After School Program – Suzanne Peterlin: The information has gone home. Please contact Mrs. Rastok if you would like to apply for one of our sponsored scholarships.

Santa Shop Crafting Party – Kelly McCormack: Mark your calendars for 11/10, 11/17 and 12/01. If you want to craft call Kelly 330.659.2326. What she needs are people to get together and assemble on those dates. BYOGG (Bring Your Own Glue Gun-if you have one) or just come and help! This Santa Shop sounds like something to see! (Shhhhh the Secretary is hoping for a decorated candle!). Location to be determined.

Funding Proposals

None at this time.

Volunteers Needed

Hospitality (Conference Nights) – Carol Priebe and Vicki Tiff: Please call Carol if you can help cook/bake for our conference nights-serving 40 on each of the three nights!

Hospitality (Academic Achievers Group Reward) – Carol Priebe and Vicki Tiff: Please call Carol if you can provide donuts and/or juice to help reward our kids with good report cards on 11/08.

Hospitality (Classified Support Staff Breakfast) – Carol Priebe and Vicki Tiff: Please call Carol (before she quits on us) and offer to help supply a simple breakfast for the bus drivers, office staff, and building aides!

Santa Shop – Kelly McCormack: Santa Shop December 5 – 10, 2005. A *super-huge* thanks to Cindy Radesic who was fundamental in getting us over 600 candles from her employer and to Carol Priebe who is just plain generous! Everyone who wants to donate anything to the Santa Shop should contact Kelly and we will be thrilled to accept your thoughtful additions. Call Kelly at 330.659.2326 if you forgot to offer your crafting expertise and don't wait for her to call you if you signed up to help!

Open Committee Chairpersons – Suzanne Peterlin: Thank you, Anka Wiencek for signing up to coordinate our new trial for the Santa Raffle, we REALLY appreciate your dedication! We still need someone for the Volunteer Luncheon Co-Chair and Drama Club positions. Please consider helping to fill one of these vacancies!

Old Business

Directory / PTO Newsletter – Suzanne Peterlin: Suzanne not only made the announcement that the DIRECTORY went out but she also saved money by switching to GEICO! Seriously, Vivian, you did a fabulous job and the undertaking was worth it! We have such a valuable resource at our hands because of you. Thank you also goes out to the many families who are included in it this year! Remember to throw out your original Green Card and start referring to the one in the directory! Also, get your committee information to Vivian 330.278.2747 or at darts4viv@earthlink.net by the Friday following each PTO Meeting for inclusion in the Newsletter.

Grounds Committee – Suzanne Peterlin: Somehow this seems like it should be new business because our school grounds look BEAUTIFULLY BRAND NEW! Jane and Wayne Carsten have a wonderful knack of getting things done and getting so many people to help. Everyone is hopefully named in the Newsletter that accompanies these minutes. We appreciate the work of all of you because with the outside so nice it can only be assumed that everything going on inside the building is equally as special!!! You ROCK!

New Business

THE NEW Holiday Winter Fest – Lynne Nawalaniec: December 10, 2005. A sign up sheet was sent around. If you missed the meeting and want to help with our Winter Fest please call Lynne. Please plan on attending with your families! The classes will all be donating baskets to raffle (Call your room mom before she calls you if you have access to great items for this event!). There will be games, crafts, food, activities and so much more! We understand the Santa Shop will be open and our Favorite man in RED will be the guest of honor. We are looking for celebrities for autograph sessions...if you know anyone who can give us an hour or two call Lynne.

Spirit Wear-Diane Elliot: A display of the items was at the meeting and will be in our showcase. Great items are available this year for Christmas gifts! Thanks for taking this on; we have had a lot of requests to show our pride.

Other / Open Floor Discussions

Highland Foundation - Anne Smykal: Everyone is invited to the One-of-a-Kind Raffle the Foundation is having on November 12th! It sounds like so much fun and profits will go to a GREAT cause. We learned from Anne all the wonderful things that the Highland Foundation is doing for our school and the district. They have been integral here at Hinckley Elementary for many things including our Climbing Wall, Junior Achievement, and Literacy Hubs of the World just to name a few of them! There could be more if we get involved. Anyone interested in helping with this wonderful organization should call Anne at the number listed in our new Directory! We loved your idea of "SHARED PARTICIPATION" and want to continue working with your generous group. Thank you!

Back to School Supplies - Sue Bernhofer: Thanks Sue for providing information for 2006/2007 so soon!

Borders Gift Wrapping - Mrs. Rastok and Carol Priebe: This is something Carol will be taking a look at for us. If it is what we think it will be, it might be a great, fun-draiser! What a great opportunity for the many parents who work during the day that have asked for ways to help and this may be just that way. More information to come! If you aren't so sure of your wrapping skills we hear that Carol is good at it, just ask for a lesson!

Closing Remarks: Suzanne thanked everyone for coming to the PTO meeting, acknowledged that we are attempting to plan further out with activities and expressed hope that more people will continue to come forward with comments, concerns and ideas to make this a great year! Without any further business, the busy meeting adjourned at 10:47! Lucky #18, no I mean #12 – Maureen Fragnoli took home a 'desired by all' lifetime supply of candles and a heart shaped burner 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, November 15, 2005 ~ 9:15 ~ School Cafeteria
"Working Together To Make A Difference"
