

## Granger Elementary PTO

### Meeting Minutes

August 31, 2011

The PTO meeting was called to order by Ann Petersen, Vice President, at 9:15 am.

Mrs. Collins reviewed the September calendar. Vision and hearing testing will be held on September 13 and 14 for Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Highland Schools will observe Constitution Day on Friday, September 16. Please have your child wear red, white, and blue. The next PTO meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 28 at 9:15 in the library. Mrs. Lyon will present document cameras which the PTO is planning raise money to purchase one for each classroom. See newsletter for further calendar details. Mrs. Collins expressed her thanks to PTO members, Mrs. Hummel, teachers, aides, Mike Douglas, Craig Holbein, and Garry Sefcovic for all their work in getting the school ready for this year. Highland Schools once again earned an "Excellent" district rating. This year's reading theme will be "Dig deep...READING is the treasure!"

Mrs. Tessena discussed document cameras in greater depth. Document cameras are real-time image capture devices for displaying an object to a large audience. A document camera is able to magnify and project the images of actual, three-dimensional objects, as well as transparencies. The teachers are looking forward to using them in their classrooms. Document cameras cost approximately \$300 each and Granger would like to purchase twenty. Proceeds from our primary fundraiser, the walk-a-thon, will fund them.

Ann Peterson introduced the Board Members :

President: Sharon McFadden

Vice President, Events: Ann Petersen

Vice President, In-School: Ann Murphy

Secretary: Therese Durny/Tina Davis

Treasurer: Joan Ambro

PR: Michelle Cottrell

Teacher Rep: Stacy Tessena

Chairs are still needed for the End of Year Carnival, Community Outreach, Granola with Grandparents (Michele Philips accepted), the Holiday Shop, and the Talent Show Co-chair (Therese Durny accepted). Ann Murphy is looking for playground volunteers.

The Book Fair will be held October 26-November 3.

The PTO discussed changes to the Walk-a-Thon, our primary fundraiser. After much discussion, we decided it will be held in the spring. It may be renamed the "Granger Challenge." Those who ordered magazines in the past from QSP can renew then and Granger will receive the funds, but it will not be a distinct fundraiser.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25