

Granger Elementary PTO
Meeting Minutes
September 29, 2010

The Meeting was called to order by the new President, Sharon McFadden, at 9:20a.m. The new board members all introduced themselves-Ann Petersen, Vice President (Events Coordinator); Ann Murphy, Vice President (In-School Coordinator); Treasurer, Rachel Miller; Secretary, Sheri Beranek; and Publicity Michelle Cottrell.

Ann Petersen gave the Events Coordinator report. Sarah Matranga has agreed to coordinate the Santa Breakfast and there is still a need for a coordinator for the mother-son night. There is no set date, time or activity for this event, so there is a lot of flexibility for someone who might want to coordinate this event. The school directories are almost done and will be distributed within the week.

Diane Soldat gave the Garden report. Diane gave thanks to the many people who helped over the summer. Volunteers are needed for Thursday mornings and Friday afternoons to help in the garden. She also made a request to be notified if anyone has a stump grinder or knows someone who owns a stump grinder and would volunteer to grind the stump on the front lawn.

Michelle Cottrell thanked all the moms for their support during the recent tragic event involving the Major's Family. She is also always looking for recipes to put in the "Hornet Happenings" and if there is news that needs to get out let her know and she will include it in the "Hornet Happenings." She will be taking pictures of upcoming events in the school and submitting them to the local papers.

President, Sharon McFadden gave a report on the Walk-a-Thon. There will be a new letter distributed revising some of the items about the Walk-a-Thon. The new information will include having a Walk-a-Thon on October 13, 2010 for the Wednesday/Friday Kindergarten students, and for every \$10.00 raised the children will have a chance to put their names in a drawing for a \$10 Borders' gift card and a chance to trade places with Mrs. Collins for the day. Sharon also reported that the Highland foundation has put a request into the PTO for a donation for their benefit dinner. Rachel Miller was going to check to see what was donated in the past.

Mrs. Collins gave the Principal's Report. She reviewed the calendar for the upcoming events for October. The Food Drive will start next week and the food will be donated to Sharon Center. There will be small incentives offered to the students to promote donations. October 4th- 15th will be the 3rd and 5th grade Iowa and CoGat Testing. The Maturational Video for 5th grade girls will be shown with Mrs. Ice on Tuesday, October 5th. Fifth graders will be going to the Middle School on October 11th for "Rachel's Challenge" and there will be a meeting for the parents later that day at 7:00p.m., also at the Middle School. The Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, October 13th. The Walk-a-Thon is going to be on October 13th and 14th. There will be no school on October 15th for NEOEA day. Picture day will be on October 20th for Pre-school, Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades and on October 21st for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. "Muffins

with Moms” will take place on October 22. The next PTO meeting will be held on Wednesday October 27th. There will be a district meeting entitled “Keeping Kids Safe in the World of Technology”, which will focus on students’ safety while texting, using the internet, and social networks. The school’s Halloween Parties will be on October 28th for Thursday Kindergartners and Friday October 29th for the rest of the grades. There will be a Safety Drill held this month on lock-down procedures. The younger children will be told that a dog has come into the building and they need to hide from it. The sheriff’s department will be notified, they normally participate in this drill. Highland should be receiving \$100,000 in “Race to the Top” funding. This funding is divided up over 4 years with \$25,000 being received each year. The Funding can only be used for professional development dealing with Ohio’s new content standards, and work on formative and summative assessments. Financial help from the PTO will not be determined until it is known how much money has been raised from the Walk-a-Thon.

Mrs Tessena, Teachers Representative, thanked the PTO for all their support and put a request in for extra large zip-lock bags.

Rachel Miller, Treasure gave the budget report. With it being the beginning of the year there was not much to report on. A few checks have come in for rebate programs and the Walk-a-Thon. There are out going invoices for tissues, zip-lock bags and the gift card that was purchased for the Major’s Family.

Miscellaneous business that was reported: Please encourage neighbors and grandparents to save their labels and box tops for education. Magazine sales can be renewed on-line and the school receives 40% of the sales. Ann Murphy reported that Market day earned \$188 dollars last month. There is still a need for playground and clinic volunteers.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25a.m.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 27th at 9:15 a.m.