

MEETING MINUTES

HANCE PTO MEETING

Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Time: 9:30am

Meeting called to order by: Jessica Taylor

IN ATTENDANCE

In Person: Paula Giran, Jessica Taylor, Jen Gebrosky, Mike Barber, Brittany Kindersmith, Shelly Galluzzo, Michelle Anderson, Vilmarie Estrella-Lokay, Karie Howard, Kristin Washington, Emilie Gaeta

Virtual attendance: Beth Klebacha, Ricky and Rebecca Normandeau

PRINIPALS REPORT

Mrs. Giran introduced Read Across America Week, where all students participated (last week) in DEAR time. Students would drop and read, where they would stop what they were doing and read a book for a set amount of time.

Two Hance students participated in Future Chef program at Eden Hall where they were sous chefs for Sodexo employees and prepared meals for up to 50 people.

STAR testing is from now through next week.

Mrs. Giran is working on classroom placements now. Third grade students are prepping for PSSAS which is the last two weeks of April.

2nd Grade is going on a field trip to the Frick at the end of April. 3rd Grade will be going to the Heinz History Center at the end of May.

Wildflower seeds will be sent home for Earth Day. They are native seeds donated by Succop Nature Reserve.

For future PTO events, we want to create a safe environment and always have a bathroom volunteer to prevent mischief and bullying.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Past Events

- Boosterthon, February 2024
 - \$27,840.27 brought in to Hance
 - \$2900 in shirt sponsorships, money used to purchase shirts for every Hance student
 - Human sundae sponsored by Cranberry Dairy Queen
 - Everyone had a blast at the Glow Run, including staff!
 - Thank you to Christa Noce for shadowing this event and for chairing next year
 - Glow Lunch
 - Students earned this event

- Hance Dance
 - 396 attendees
 - Thank you to Casey Fowkes for coordinating this event
 - 1st school-wide dance since Covid, and replaces Mother/Son and Daddy/Daughter. Meant to be more inclusive and family-oriented.

- Valentines Day Parties and Staff Cookie Exchange
 - Thank you to the HR Parents for coordinating the parties
 - Thank you for all the donated cookies!
 - 1 dozen cookies went home with each staff member

- Book Fair
 - Estimated books sold: 1750
 - All for Books raised \$368.35
 - Purchased books for teachers (122 books) totaling \$1144.88
 - Purchased books for the education partnership (88) totaling \$497.56
 - This was Jessica Taylor's last book fair!
 - Thank you to Danielle St. Onge and Kim Toth for shadowing this year and chairing next year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Rock Your Socks Collection
 - Donating socks to Inspired Hearts and Hands
 - M-F of next week
 - Downs Syndrome Awareness
 - Rock your Socks day is March 21
- Assembly March 21, Prismatic Magic
- Pizza Bingo
 - Hosted at Eden Hall
 - Registration open through 3.15.2024
 - All inclusive
- Spring Flower Sale
 - Open through 4.26
 - \$22 per item
 - Pick up is May 9 at 4:30
- Parents Night Out
 - Friday, April 12 from 6-8pm
 - CheddarUp will be in this weeks Flash
 - This is a drop off event
- Door Decorating
 - During Teacher Appreciation Week
 - Need parents to sign up to decorate doors
 - Goal = all doors decorated
 - Rolls of colorful paper are available at Hance

- Teacher Appreciation Week
 - Seeking Food and monetary donations for week of May 6
- Plant Day is May 10
 - Top Secret! Mothers Day surprises!
- Field Day
 - In May
 - Signup.com forthcoming

ELECTION RESULTS

- Jessica Taylor and Jen Gebrosky are outgoing board members
- Congrats to Emile Gaeta and Mike Barber for being voted in for two year terms for their positions
- Congrats to Brittany Kindersmith for being voted in as President (two year term) and Kristin Washington for being voted in as Treasurer (two year term)

COMMITTEES

- The Board introduced the Hance Hub
 - We are looking for 24/25 committee chairs and members
 - Some current Committee Chairs wants to continue next year
 - Currently seeking Hance Dance committee chair, among others

REPORTS

Budget Report

- Starting bank balance \$18,565. To date, PTO has seen a +271% increase in total savings
 - Ending balance as of 03.13.2024 is \$68,843
 - Boosterthon has been our biggest money maker this year

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 6:30pm in Room 110

MOTION TO ADJORN

Called by Jessica Taylor. Approved by Shelly Galuzzo and seconded by Brittany Kindersmith.