

Hance Elementary School PTO meeting on November 12, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Meeting Participants: Principal Giran, Brittany Kindersmith, Emilie Gaeta, Kristin Washington, Mike Barber, Michelle Anderson, Katie Howard, Shelly Galluzzo, Amy Black-Stockham, Nicole Herman, Mallory Shaffer

Purpose of Meeting: 1- approval of September 5, 2024 meeting minutes 2- Principal Update 3- Review of school year up to date 4- Budget update 5- committee update

1. September 5 meeting minutes unanimously approved
2. Principal Update- A) Positive feedback for Halloween parties and parades. B) Picture day photo proofs went home and December 9<sup>th</sup> is the makeup date. C) First school wide election held on November 5<sup>th</sup>. The goal was to teach why elections were important and introduce the structure of voting. Kids voted on a school wide reward of either indoor recess or karaoke. D) 1st ever Veteran's Day celebration. E) Established the ACTIVE committee (Active Children Thrive In Vibrant Environments) which was awarded a grant. The funds will be used to purchase stencils in order to dress up the blacktop.
3. Review of school year up to date- The bookfair, Ice Cream Social, Gift of Time and Penny Wars had massive participation and exceeded our profit goals.
4. Budget Update- We have been under budget for our events and cleared our expected profit for everything except directories. The board unanimously voted to increase the PTO supply budget from \$100 to \$250 and to split the Lounge Upkeep budget with Snack Shack (\$100) and the rest (\$400) for Lounge UpKeep. The board unanimously voted to raise the Assembly budget from \$3,000 to \$5,000 earlier and the measure was unanimously passed by a 9 to 0 vote.
5. Committee Update- Afterschool programs: currently Mad Science and Baker's Dozen while field hockey and Spanish club are coming up. Family Movie Night: Happening December 13 at the middle school. We still need volunteers. We will be showing two short films (The Gruffalo's Child and The Snowy Day) instead of 1. Staff Luncheon: Happening 12/18 and we still need recess monitors. Volunteers will need to be independent volunteers. Boosterthon: We met our shirt sponsor minimum but still seeking more sponsorships. Holiday Shop: Being organized and planned by Maggie and Alyssa but volunteers are still needed. Outreach: This year we are aiming to provide food for the long weekend to our families. Spirit Wear: sale happening now focused on stocking stuffers