

## E.R. Hughes Monthly Minutes: February 5, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by Co-President Susan Nackley-Mojave, with 41 members in attendance.

**Secretary's Report:** January 9, 2009 minutes were accepted as distributed.

**Treasurer's Report:** The report was accepted as presented and filed for audit. Lynn Moretz added that she has note pads for sale.

**Corresponding Secretary Report:** Sudha Cherukuri reported we received a thank you note from Willowvale Fire Dept. for the \$25.00 donation.

**Guest Speaker:** Vince Condro spoke to membership about Shared Curriculum Priorities and Curriculum Initiatives for this year. Hand outs on both were distributed.

**Principal's Report:** Mr. Dunn reported that the Infinite Campus school messenger was tested on 2/4/09. He said anyone who did not receive a phone call should let the office know. He also said the PTA phone tree will stay in place, for now, while all the snags are being worked out. Mr. Dunn said he called for a school lockdown with students going right to the severe weather areas on Monday 2/2/09 as an ongoing school safety plan. Mr. Dunn announced that the Valentine's Day parties will be held on Thursday 2/12 at 2:00. Parents can begin coming in at 1:45 to set up. Mr. Dunn reported that the cafeteria will be implementing a digital payment process. There will be more info. to come on this.

### Standing Committee Reports:

**Health and Safety:** Mr. Dunn reported that the committee will meet on Monday regarding the teacher lockdown survey.

**Membership:** Mary Anne Murray said we are currently at 242 members and we still need a few more.

**PTA Council Meeting:** Dena Gorea reported that Dr. Kallies will have the redistricting recommendation to the Board by 2/20/09. Mr. Condro spoke about the fact that there is no DARE program in Oneida County anymore and is looking for other alternative programs.

**School Board:** Michele Tuttle reported that Mr. Nole read a letter from a family who is appreciative of the influence a New Hartford teacher had on their daughter. Mr. Nole also addressed concerns about the regents being cancelled due to the snow day. Dr. Kallie spoke about an editorial that appeared in the Observer Dispatch from a student regarding diversity and tolerance in the school.

**Virtues Committee:** Missy Love said the last 2 boxes have been sent to Iraq. She also reported the sneakers were delivered to the Nike outlet in Waterloo for recycling. February's virtue is: Respect and a chart was sent home. Then next meeting will be 2/10/09.

**Legislative Ed:** Susan Mojave read a written report from Julie Stephens on how the Governors planned cuts for education funding will impact the NH Teacher Center. For more information visit [www.nyspta.org](http://www.nyspta.org). She also mentioned the Leg. Ed. Conf. is being held in Albany Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> – Mar 1<sup>st</sup>. Anyone interested in attending can register at [www.nyspta.org](http://www.nyspta.org). Sue passed around a hand out on how to lobby to keep funding for the teacher center.

**Family Dance:** Susan Mojave said the family dance will take place on 2/27 6-8pm. A sign-up sheet is being sent around if you can help out with set up, clean up or baked goods. The theme is Luau.

**Box Tops:** Susan Mojave read a written report from Danyse Collins that said: "Please thank everyone for fundraising and ask that they turn in their box tops prior to February break- that would be great."

**Basket Bonanza:** Cathy Giglio said we are still in need of filler items for baskets. She also passed out empty baskets that were taken home to be filled. A sign-up sheet was sent around for people to help. Filled baskets need to be dropped off in the office by March 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Book Fair:** Mary Anne Murray said the dates for the spring book fair are 3/23-3/27 with Tues. and Wed. being family nights.

**Open House is 3/19:** Elena Greene will be in charge of refreshments this year and she will be looking for volunteers to bring in food.

**Spring Fling:** Lisa Marchitelli said pre-sale tickets will be available this year. She passed around a sheet for volunteers. She will be sending email updates. Let her know if you want to be added to the email list. The theme is Carnival. Need a decorating comm. chairperson.

**Nominating Comm.:** The committee was formed at the January PTA meeting. Watch the newsletter in the future for more information.



Presidents Susan Mojave Missy Love	Vice President Dena Gorea	Secretary Stacey Manno	Treasurer Lynn Moretz	Corresponding Secretary Sudha Cherukuri	VP Ways & Means Jodi LaBella	VP Membership Mary Anne Murray
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**PTA Website:** Shelley Athari reported the web site is up and running. PTA link however still does not work. Mr. Dunn said he will look into that.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Moving Up:** Lorey Zaman said the T-shirts are ordered and the Family Dance fundraisers are in place. She also said the committee is in the process of discussing the class gift and the 6<sup>th</sup> graders will vote on it.

**Yearbook Comm.:** Lorey Zaman said there will be a meeting on 2/9 at the New Hartford Library at 7:00 to brainstorm about the cover. She also said to keep sending your photos in. She said extra yearbooks will be ordered as always.

**Ecology Club:** Lorey Zaman said they are working on the Arbor Day display for the hallway. Lorey also reported that Lego Bot team, Climoze, is working on getting sponsors for their trip to Atlanta over April break. She also said Climoze has been invited to the Logo Bot US Open in May in Ohio. The next Ecology Club meeting will be 2/23 and the fundraiser will be handed out then. Climoze will present at Perry Jr. High on 2/26 6:30-8:00pm in the library. Mary Anne Murray added Robo Spartans will be there too.

**Newsletter:** Dawn Butler said the deadline is 2/10-email her!

### New Business

Teacher Center-Dena Gorea

### Announcements

- February 6<sup>th</sup> Virtues assembly in the gym at 2:15 introducing Respect
- February 6<sup>th</sup> report cards go home
- February 9<sup>th</sup> Parent Workshop "Overcoming Fear" Perry Jr. High 7pm
- February 12<sup>th</sup> Classroom Valentine's Day parties 2pm
- February 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>: No School, mid winter break
- February 27<sup>th</sup> Family Dance 6-8pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stacey Manno, Recording Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_



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