

E.R. Hughes Monthly Minutes: November 5, 2008

Meeting called to order at 1:40pm by Co-President Missy Love, with 64 members in attendance.

Missy read a report written by the Albany State Police and submitted by a Kindergarten parent regarding a substance that is being given to kids as Pop Rocks candy but that is actually crystal meth.

Secretary's Report: October 8, 2008 minutes were accepted as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: The Report was filed for audit.

Correspondence: Sudha Cherukuri was not present. Missy announced on her behalf that we received thank you's from Leon Etienne for letting him perform as an assembly; Mrs. Montana for tulip bulbs; Mrs. Haddad for a rug; Mrs. Notebeart for a book fair gift certificate; Krista Zalatan (a current 7th grader) for The Principles Award she won last year and Miss Smith for a cd player.

Principal's Report:

Mr. Dunn said that Hughes will be nominated by Oneida Co. Solid Waste as Recycling Champions in a ceremony on Nov. 17th. Mr. Dunn, Mr. Arnold and Mrs. Alessandrini along with 2 students will attend the ceremony. He also announced he will again this year be asking for parent volunteers to come into the school and work with 3rd and 4th grades on math facts and with grades K and 1st on letters and sound recognition. Contact Donna Manfredo in the office if you are interested in volunteering. He also mentioned NH Garden Club through a grant has donated and planted trees on the playground and along the path leading up to the playground. Mr. Dunn stated at the present time Hughes does not meet the PE minute mandate set up by the NYS Dept. of Educ. The state mandates that grades K-3 have 120 min per week of PE and grades 4-6 have 100 minutes per week. Right now ER Hughes K-3 have 80 min per 6 day cycle and 4-6 100 per 6 day cycle. A committee has been put together to come up with a recommendation on how to meet these requirements.

Standing Committee Reports:

Health and Safety: Denise Powers announced that fingerprinting for new students and Kindergarteners will take place after the first of the year.

Book Fair: Mary Anne Murray reported that the Book Fair profit this fall was \$2874.98 which is a 21.22% increase over last year.

Membership: Mary Anne Murray reported we have won the Early Bird Award and we need men to join.

Spirit Wear: Jodi La Bella reported the order has been placed and the pickup will be Nov. 17th from 5-7pm in the music room.

Reflections: Jodi La Bella said it will be wrapped up this week, judged next week then sent onto region.

School Pictures: Kari Kirkpatrick picture retakes will be Nov. 18th 9:00 am in cafeteria.

Box Tops: Missy Love also spoke for Danyse Collins and stated that you can submit your box tops by the end of the month. Anything received after that date will be saved for the spring. It was also mentioned that Price Chopper & Hannaford offers shopping points as well.

PTA Council Meeting: Susan Mojave reported for Maria Burynski and said that the AAA project was discussed. Also clarified that Oneida Co. no longer has the DARE program. It was discontinued by Hughes; it is no longer funded by Oneida Co. so that is why we no longer have it. Next year for Michelle Borba need to try and target High school and JR High parents better.

Ecology Club: Lorey Zaman stated they helped the Garden Club plant the trees on the playground and the kids had a ball. Next meeting is Monday Nov. 17th. Lego Bots will be at Clarkson Dec. 6th.

6th Grade Committee: Lorey Zaman reported as communication chair that t-shirt design, the ceremony and the class gift were discussed at their meeting. She will be meeting with Mr. Dunn regarding class gift. All info. will be available at the Hughes PTA website.

Yearbook: Lorey Zaman said that pictures can be digitally sent to lzaman@nhart.org or sent in on cd. She will also accept hard copies of photos.

School Board: Michelle Tuttle stated that at the School Board meeting it was discussed how well the marching band did at competition and Mr. Nole honored them. She also announced that Sandra Leigh Fensky, an attorney,



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presented the board with a formal letter of concern on behalf of a number of tax payers regarding the athletic code of conduct. A committee has been formed to further address the concerns in the letter.

Virtues Committee: Kate Marhamati said that the virtue for Nov. and Dec. will be conscience. For this virtue the comm. will hold a gently used clothing drive in Nov. and a sneaker drive in Dec. Also asked if anyone has stories, video or audio tapes or ideas on how to explain conscience to kids to please submit them.

Coat Drive: Melissa Chiffey said it went well and all coats were donated to the Family Nurturing Center.

Basket Bonanza: Cathy Giglio reported they have had 2 meeting so far and will begin the basket drive on Monday, Nov. 10th.

Legislation Ed: Julie Stephens reported that the state is looking at the fact that 21% of 3rd graders are obese and will be conducting further studies. She also said they are trying to pass harsher punishment for parents who server alcohol to minors.

Newsletter: Dawn Butler stated deadline is Monday, Nov. 10th.

Vacant Committee Chairs:

Fun Fair Chair

Spring Fling Chair

Missy is begging for volunteers!

New Business

Conscience is the virtue for Nov. and Dec. For Nov. we will hold a gently used clothing and toy drive for kids in Iraq. Can also make a monetary donation to help pay for postage to Iraq. Drive will take place Nov. 12-21. In Dec. will hold a used sneaker drive. Sneakers should be semi-clean. No cleats.

Announcements

When copying for classrooms, 5th grade needs 27 copies for each of 3 sections.

Their staff rosters now hanging on back of copy room door with number for every class.

Copy schedule also on website

Thurs. Nov 6th early dismissal

No school Nov. 11th for Veterans Day

Wear RWB Nov. 7th for Veterans Day program

Grade 5 social studies assessment Nov. 12th and 13th

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Nov. 18th elementary report cards sent home

No school Nov. 26, 27, 28 for Thanksgiving recess

Notebooks are for sale at PTA meetings for \$3.00

Check out the PTA website for meeting minutes. www.hughespta.org

Meeting adjourned at 2:25pm

Submitted by: _____

Stacey Manno, Recording Secretary

Approved: _____



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