

PLG MEETING MINUTES  
October 2014

**Mrs. Axelrod, Principal**

At the recent faculty meeting the School Improvement Panel (made up of a mix of faculty members) established a Learning Committee whose goal is to improve best practices for student learning.

The morning memo is on the IH website and updated daily. The entire months announcements will be posted which will enable parents to view past announcements (from that month).

Ms. McConnell (technology) will host a PARCC presentation in November, Date TBD. All IH teachers and students are being trained on the Chrome Books. Teachers are also being trained on Google Classroom.

**Mr. Ferrarese, Asst. Principal**

Respect week, week of 10/6. There was an assembly held on 10/10 called Steered Straight. Each grade level had a presentation, separate one for 6th grade-- all focusing on "making good decisions"

On 11/14, IH will host their 2nd Annual Veterans Day Program. If you know any veterans who would like to come in, please contact Mr. Ferrarese.

Halloween. Parade for the 4th graders will begin at 11:30. Classroom parties are at the teachers discretion. Everyone can dress up and notices will be sent home shortly. A question was asked as to why 5/6th graders dont participate. Mrs. Axelrod to take a poll from the teachers.

**Vasilias Loucopoulos. Red Ribbon Week**

Red Ribbon Week will be the week of 10/20. Eblasts will be sent out regarding daily activities and the class wearing the most red will receive an in class pizza party.

**Vasilias Loucopoulos. School Store.**

All is going very well! Eblasts are being sent out as a reminder.

**Erika Roth, Special Events**

Casola Farms Event was very successful and fun was had by all! 350 packages were sold.

There will be an Applebees Fundraiser on January 25th from 8-10 a.m. Portion of your bill will go to the PLG.

Spring Events. All ideas welcomed.

### **Dina D'Ambrosi, President**

Dina welcomed Ms. Duncan to our meeting. Ms. Duncan wished everyone a safe and healthy year. To contact Ms. Duncan, go to the website for her phone number and e-mail address.

A gifting committee is being developed in order to earmark gifts for this calendar year. Please contact Dina if you would like to volunteer. A volunteer sheet was also passed around.

All ideas are welcome. Educational Enrichment, Fun Friday night activities, etc...Please contact Dina with your ideas.

### **Susan Hammer, Membership**

At the time of the meeting, we had 214 members. Paypal, checks and cash accepted. Sign up and you will be entered to win a \$50 gift card. To be selected at the next PLG Meeting.

### **Deb Brew and Lori Umbrino, Fundraising**

*Go cards.* These cards will be on sale by Early December (featuring discounts from 12 local retailers and restaurants). \$10 per card/\$5 teachers. Great gift idea.

*Guys Night Out.* November 13 at Sterling Gardens in Matawan from 7 - 11. Flyers going out soon. No paper registration, go on-line to register or pay by check. 4 hours of open bar, great food and lots of "guy themed" baskets. The Thursday night NFL game will also be on for the guys to watch. Taxi Service will be available. Looking for sponsors.

*Facebook.* IH currently has 154 "likes"

Satz has a Yankee Fundraiser going on.

*Village PSA's Ladies Night Out* is 10/23, at Addison Park, everyone invited. \$60 per ticket. Theme is Fire and Ice..wear your red, white and bling.

### **Roman Master, Treasurer**

Activity Report was distributed and approved.

### **Alicia Baylock, Career Day**

May 15, 2015 at IH. Patents and Community members invited in to come and speak to the students about their jobs and what they do. Alicia is looking for volunteers to lead this initiative next year.

### **Vanessa Merhi.**

Thanked everyone for sending in their unwanted shoes. We receive \$.50 a pound.

E-blast went out for the chess club. Can only take 25 students. Mini camp is 4 weeks and is run by Nikke Church. Registration is currently half full. You do not need to know how to play to join. All welcome!

**Anna Vanderwoode, ARISE.**

The new website is up and is linked with the holmdelparents.org site. The next meeting is October 28th at 7p.m. at the Holmdel HS. Guest Speaker is Janice Migliazza from Neighborhood Lit.

**Anna Vanderwoode, BOE.**

BOE times were posted incorrectly on calendar. They start at 7:30. Next board meeting retreat is 10/8. Starts at 7 with a Closed Exec. Board session at 7 p.m. 8 p.m. is the public session. They will be discussing long term planning. They will also be discussing Gifting Policies. Encouraging vs. requiring of gifts and making sure that all gifts are "right" for the district. At the 9/24 meeting, the board approved the contract via the union (July 2014-2017).

**HFEE.**

Website is Hfee.org They are looking for new board members, please consider joining. Poker night will be 1/30 at the Red Oak Diner. Battle of the Faculties will be 3/26 at the HHS and tickets will be sold in advance.

**HCAA. Julie Stolker.**

HCAA's purpose is to raise money for the arts and music programs for all schools. IH recently received a new saxophone. Encouraged everyone to place an ad or put in a picture in the HCAA journal which is given out at all the shows. They are looking for a new president. The High School just started a new dance program. October 30th is the IH Fall Play. Asking for water and candy donations that will be sold at the show. Please drop off at @IH.

**Nicole Kennedy** to work with the PLG on investigating the possibility of back to school supply kits for IH students.

**Next PLG meeting is Monday, November 10th at 9:30**