

## PLG MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 12, 2014

(rescheduled from 2/4 snow day)

### President Christine Reddington

- Pledge of Allegiance...fire exits noted...no smoking in the building
- Please review minutes from January. Motion to accept minutes. Approved by Michelle Sottile and Darlene Kiss
- Thanks to Go Green Committee for organizing the Brain Show Assembly – it was incredible! At least 100 kids got to go up on the stage, everyone loved it. It was paid for by the Township
- Spring pictures are Mon 4/28
- Thanks to Darlene Kiss for the Valentine Candy Sale
- Thanks to Mr. Woods for the Star Lab presentation today!

### Mrs. Axelrod

- Happy New Year if I didn't see you at last meeting
- Thanks to parents for cooperating with new security measures. Teachers are wearing the badges on lanyards as well. Principals in all schools are looking for parent input regarding security measures for large groups, i.e. assemblies. Feel free to email me with any suggestions
- Thanks to the HFEE for generous donation of new sound system. An informational email will be sent out with upcoming HFEE fundraising events
- We hope the Talent Show will be tomorrow as planned! The snow date is sched. for Tues. 2/18. Parents' concerns that 4<sup>th</sup> graders were not included have been addressed. Mrs. Mercandetti will have a helper from each HR greeting guests, handing out programs, collecting tickets, and some Help Buddies will work behind the scenes with the sound and lights crew.

### Mr. Ferrarese

- We are looking forward to the Talent Show... please remember it is a parent supervised event and children must be escorted
- Thank you to Mrs. Brew for organizing the board game donations. Students have only had 1 outdoor recess since the winter break, so they were really needed!

### Mr. Woods

- Gave a presentation inside the new portable Star Lab Planetarium. Mrs. Andrews at Village school is also Star Lab certified
- Showed us artist renderings of the constellations and gave a sample lesson about the constellations and using stars as a calendar
- The first classes at IH will use the Star Lab at the end of Feb, and it will go to Village School in March and rotate after that

### Librarian Mrs. Frost

- Bookfair delivered today. Sale will be Tues. 2/18 – approx. 2/27, with a snow day built in. See volunteer sign up sheet. Class schedule is avail online and will come home thru kidmail. Cash & checks only, no credit cards accepted.

### Membership Lori Umbrino

- % unchanged since last meeting. Considering Membership Drive end of Feb or early March

### Fundraising Carolyn Zofchak & Darlene Kiss

- Applebee's fundraiser cancelled – to be rescheduled
- Bingo Nite cancelled – to be rescheduled
- Valentine's Day candy sale 2/11 – 2/13, sold during lunch periods and delivered at end of day. No candy will be consumed at school.
- Gertrude Hawk fundraiser 3/10 – 3/24. Candy distributed approx. 4/10-4/13
- Winter Boardwalk 3/14 – many volunteers needed. Older students can earn service hours
- Let's Yo gift cards on sale. Contact Darlene Kiss. Each card \$5 and \$1 goes back to IH school. Buy one for your valentine!

### Corresponding Secretary Pam Hroblak

- No report

### Treasurer Nicole Salzano

- Opening balance \$32,190.81 ending balance \$17,327.03 Largest expenses were Holiday Shop and Star Lab. Motion to accept Erika Roth and Debbie Brew

### BOE Ana Vander Woude

- Last meeting was Jan 29
- Presentation given regarding new security measures – still a work in progress. Not meant to discourage community from attending events at schools. Red lanyards = parents, blue = staff, green = contractors, so students know on site why person is in the building. Security procedures for large scale events still being considered
- Accepted the new Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Robert McGarry. He has experience with K-12, and interest in education on national level as well as development of common core
- Donations to IH include \$18,000 sound system from HFEE, and \$300 elliptical from Helen Keevey for Phys Ed Dept
- 2014/15 school calendar available online. 1<sup>st</sup> day 9/3/14, full day. Last day 6/18. Spring Break 4/3 – 4/12
- Next meeting is this evening

### ARISE

- No report

### Career Day

- March 13<sup>th</sup> .... Nice mix of presenters so far, favorites like fire and police will be returning. Detailed schedule will be avail 1-2 weeks ahead. Michelle D'Mello coordinating breakfast. Student Council members will meet presenters and show them to classrooms. Linda Fernand coordinating luncheon

### Cultural Assemblies

- No report

### Facebook & Games Coordinator

- 126 likes...all events are posted
- Approx 42 games were collected... enough for 1-2 for each classroom

## HCAA

- Committee really trying to involve as many students as possible in Talent Show and Spring Musical by combining acts, students as greeters, announcers, etc.

## HFEE

- New sound system can be pre-set and linked into an iPad. Setting can be saved and used for future performances. Will ask Mr. Ferrarese to give a demonstration once it has been installed
- Poker Night was a big success. Over \$4000 raised. Company that was hired to run it helped out novice players. Everyone really enjoyed themselves
- Gala 4/5. There are many basket prizes. Grandstand Memorabilia auctioning many items at different price points, including sports items and excursion packages. Gala tickets \$150/pp. A portion is tax deductible and tickets can be purchased online. Menu is also available online. Ad Journal ads are needed! Special price: 2 tickets and an ad \$350
- This year's goal of \$25,000 raised has been met and exceeded

## Hospitality

- Thank you to Linda Fernand, Linda Jackman & Carol Lyons for breakfast this morning

## School Store

- ytd sales \$300

## Specialized Fundraising

- Box tops contest ongoing until Feb 27<sup>th</sup>. So far 1533 have been collected. In the lead: Mrs. Catania's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class with 295, Mrs. Dorn's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class with 225, and Mrs. Sadowski's 6<sup>th</sup> grade class with 150. New poster going up today to show progress of contest. Super Secret Prize: color wars battle of the classes incl events, games and ice pops to be held outside in June
- Questions were raised regarding the boxtops contest and gifting of the monies raised. The PLG Exec Board replied that gifting procedures must be

followed by all 4 schools as stated in by-laws. Monies raised cannot be gifted until voted upon at the end of the school year. The IH PLG Exec Board will be reviewing and updating the by-laws, using Village and the HS as examples. Once completed, the by-laws will remain open for 1 month before approval.

### Old Business

- None

### New Business

- Nominating Committee needed for 2014/2015 Executive Board slate. Needs to include 1 Exec Board member, 2 Appointed Board members, and 2 from general population:  
Exec Board – Lori Umbrino  
Appointed Board – Debbie Brew & Ana Vander Woude  
General Population – Melissa Mohr & Elena Wehrenberg
- Gifting Committee needed for end of year gifting. Needs to include 1 Exec Board member, 1 Appointed Board member, and 1 from general population:  
Exec Board – Pam Hroblak  
Appointed Board – Michelle D’Mello  
General Population – Linda Jackman
- Linda Jackman stated gift cards are available to raise funds for Project Graduation, to be held May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Count Basie Theatre

Next Meeting Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am

Meeting adjourned and motion accepted by Michelle D’Mello & Debbie Brew