

**PSG Meeting  
November 21, 2016**

**Opening:**

- Anissa welcomed everyone and pointed out the emergency exits. She asked that all cell phones be silenced.
- Anissa thanked Linda Fernand for coordinating the great breakfast and Chimin Hu and Linda Jackman for the delicious goodies.
- Anissa welcomed Mr. Loughran, Holmdel High Principal, who attended to discuss "Why to choose Holmdel High School"
- Anissa explained that a folder would be passed around during the meeting. The folder contains an attendance sheet for today's meeting along with sign-up sheets for upcoming events.
- The Treasurer's report for October was distributed. Anissa requested that everyone please review while listening – and a motion was made at the end of the meeting to accept the report and the minutes.
- Anissa stated the PSG Mission Statement:
  - To support the students and & staff of the W.R. Satz School and to enhance the educational experiences of the students.

**Student of the Month Presentation: November 2016**

**Team Pride:** Sophia Fanzini

**Team Victory:** AJ De Cicco

**Team Honor:** Kimberly Eng

**Team Triumph:** Brandon Yu

**Team Integrity:** Riley Russo

**Principal's Report, Mr. Howard**

- Mr. Howard reported that 1<sup>st</sup> marking period report cards were being mailed out today, after 3 PM.
- The 7<sup>th</sup> grade Medieval Times field trip is 12/14.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> payment for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade DC trip is now past due. Room assignment forms will be sent home before the break.
- Planning for the trip to China (Spring Break 2017) is underway. The first meeting is 11/28 at 6 PM.

**Vice Principal's Report, Ms. Simonelli**

- Ms. Simonelli reported that Mrs. Plocinski (Indian Hill Art teacher) distributed random notes of kindness to Satz students throughout the month. These notes were written by Village and IH students and were placed in students lockers.
- As the weather gets colder, all students should be mindful of bringing in hot drinks in the mornings. They can spill and someone can get hurt.
- If your child is late or will be dismissed early, notes are required. Your child should bring them to the main office.
- Extra help ends at 3:15. An adult must come inside the building and sign the student out.

**Teacher Representative, Ms. DeMola**

- Satz "Turkey Day" 2016 is 11/22. All turkeys are due to room 108.
- The Satz Drama Club will be performing an original work called "Acting In-a-POE-priately", a "horrifying comedy" based on the works of Edgar Allan Poe. Performances will be in the Satz Cafetorium on 12/2 at 7 p.m. and 12/3 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$7, \$5 for students.

- The Annual Scholastic Book Fair will be taking place during the week of November 28 - December 2. Students will be coming to the Cyber Center for a 20 minute visit with their English classes. The Book Fair will also be open during HR, at lunch and after school. Parents are also welcome to come and browse during Parent Teacher Conferences on 11/29, 12/1, and 12/2.

### **Holmdel High School Principal, Mr. Loughran**

Mr. Loughran presented on “why to stay in Holmdel and attend Holmdel High School.” He said that every family needs to decide what’s best for their student. Holmdel is always looking for ways to add value. For example, there is a Culinary Arts club and a Women’s Empowerment club. Mr. Loughran encouraged everyone to attend the Open House on 12/12 at 7:00 pm. Students and parents are welcome.

### **PSG, President- Anissa Quirk**

- Anissa discussed PSG Gifting and updated everyone on the Life Skills Room Makeover Project. We had a productive meeting with Ernie Tricomi & Steve from the Buildings & Grounds Dept., Art, Chantal, Mrs. Kapoor, Chef John Harkness, myself and Purvi – we toured the HHS newly renovated kitchen and got a lot of great ideas for our room. Next steps: we have a detailed plan that we will start getting quotes on to price out the project. Hoping to meet with the team again sometime next month.

### **PSG, VP, Fundraising -- Lori Umbrino and Erika Roth**

- Harlem Wizards –Please save the date - Thursday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> for this wonderful event; we are hoping the Community comes out for a fun night. We will be planning a special school visit by a few Harlem Wizards to get the students excited for the event – that will take place in early January. We are still looking for parent volunteers to be a part of our Wizards Committee - there is a sign-up sheet in the orange folder.

- Satz Snack Shack – just a reminder, we have the Shack every Thursday after school in front Room 101 – so send your student in with a few dollars - we sell a variety of snacks – cookies, brownies, cupcakes, fruit, etc; all items sold for \$1.00; we gladly will accept any donations whether store bought or homemade and the students love any flavor of Gatorade! There is a sign-up sheet in the folder going around.

- Spirit wear – if you missed out on ordering, we do have some extra sweatshirts (quarter zipped and hoodies), black sweatpants, plaid pants and stadium blankets. We have a few Straight Outta Holmdel t-shirts left too - only \$10 each.

- Fall Clothing Drive – thank you to everyone who donated to our clothing drive – B&B Management will be coming with their truck tomorrow – we will share our results with you next month!

- Mulberry Market Shopping Event – Thursday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> – come and visit this beautiful store in Colts Neck on Route 34 – they have unique gifts for all occasions – present our flyer and they will generously donate 20% of your sale to the PSG.

- Specialized Fundraising Programs – Thank you to Sue Bossert who counted our school’s box tops – we earned about \$500 – The winners of the bagel and donut breakfast: Ms. Demornex’ s 7<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom and Mrs. Strouse’s 8<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom. Please keep saving your box tops – we plan to have another contest in the New Year.

- Green Initiatives – another reminder of two great programs that are simple to do and are great for the environment. The first Shoebox Recycling Program - send us your old shoes and they will be recycled and refurbished and re-sold to developing countries; the second is Teracycle - Beauty Brigade – send us your empty containers of beauty products – these get upcycled into new consumer products – we get bonus points for every shipment we send through the end of the year so please consider recycling for us.

### **Terri Ferguson, Membership**

- We have 204 members (families) as of today.

### **Purvi Shah, PSG Treasurer**

- The Treasurer's report was distributed and is available upon request. Balance as of 11/21/16 was \$9466.66.

### **Michelle Sottile, HFEE (not in attendance)**

- I'm pleased to announce our gift initiative for the year.....a new music lab for Satz. It will be called the Music Innovation Lab and it will allow for another cycle class for our 8th graders and an elective class for the high school. It will be a state of the art classroom which will allow for composition, recording, acoustic engineering and much more. Please keep an eye out for Dr. McGarry's email this afternoon explaining this project. We are seeking your generosity and asking for your support. The total cost for such a room is \$93,000, so it is a pretty big nut for us to crack in a non-gala year. Although all students will eventually benefit from this new room, Satz and HHS students will be the first to use it.
- Have a very happy Thanksgiving and as always, thank you for your support.

### **HCAA, Teresa Rampulla, Satz representative**

- HCAA gifted over \$10,000 to the district for the arts teachers in all 4 schools.
- HCAA provided scholarships to 7 deserving seniors.
- We are accepting membership - visit our webpage
- We are currently selling calendars featuring ALL the photos from last year's photo contest, "Support the Arts in Holmdel" tote bags, and HCAA tees. Mix and match to save.
- The Edgar Allen Poe production is under the direction of Dr. Steve Tetreault. It will be performed at Satz Middle school Friday December 2nd and Saturday December 3rd, so come on down.
- There will be a cast party at the Red Oak Diner after the December 3rd performance
- The New Play has been cast, it is Disney's The Little Mermaid Jr. It is being directed by Kathy Connolly.
- We are collecting water bottles and snacks for the concession stand at the play. Anyone looking to donate please email [teresarampulla@yahoo.com](mailto:teresarampulla@yahoo.com).
- Karaoke Night January 13th. 8:00-11:30pm @ The Red Oak Diner. \$25 pp - price includes 2 free drinks and an appetizer, and a GREAT TIME! Additional food/drink can be ordered off the menu.

### **ARISE- Advocating Rights In Special Education, Ana Vander Woude**

- ARISE is the support group for families of children with special needs in Holmdel. ARISE will initiate an awareness campaign to commemorate International Day of Persons with Disabilities which is held on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Like last year, ARISE will reach out to building principals and our local government to display IDPD posters.
- By way of background, since 1992, December 3rd is the United Nations annual observance of International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD). The goal is to promote understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. The day also strives to "increase awareness of gains to be derived from the integration of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life." Observance of the 2016 IDPD coincides with the 10-year anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

### **Holmdel Board of Education, Ana Vander Woude**

Since the last PSG meeting, the Board has convened on October 19<sup>th</sup> and November 16<sup>th</sup>. The

audio of both meetings is on the district website. Below are a few highlights that are of particular interest to the Satz community.

- The Board approved participation of the district in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Programs, which enables the district to apply for grants that support district sustainability initiatives.
  - Gary Goldberg's term as Interim Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum of Instruction was extended.
  - Randal Hurst was approved as the Satz Musical Director.
  - The Board approved the job description for an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip Advisor and Melissa Finnegan was appointed to the position.
  - A joint resolution was adopted expressing significant concerns regarding the need for and impact of JCP&L's Monmouth County Reliability Project. The Holmdel BOE joined the following districts: Hazlet, Matawan-Aberdeen, Middletown and Red Bank.
- A leave of absence for Satz. School Nurse, Jane Denton, was approved from November 2<sup>nd</sup> to December 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Satz Kiwanis Builders Club will now have co-advisors: Marianne Asaro and Carolyn Broadhurst.
  - The Board is beginning discussion of the 2017-2018 school calendar. Any input from the community would be appreciated.
  - The Board will pursue a referendum, Holmdel 2020, which will develop and enhance district infrastructure. More information to follow including how district stakeholders can take a role in the process.
  - The Board adopted revisions to the Grade 8 Science curriculum to align with the Next Generation Science Standards.
  - During the Curriculum and Instruction Committee report, it was shared that there will be revisions to the Culinary Arts component of the Satz Life Skill class. Chef Harkness is taking the lead on the curriculum revisions.
  - The next Board meeting will be December 14<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m in the Satz Media Center.

### **Closing, Anissa Quirk**

- Anissa thanked Mr. Howard, Ms. Simonelli, Ms. DeMola and Mr. Loughran for taking the time to come to our meeting.
- Thanks again to Chimin Hu and Linda Jackman for the goodies and Linda Fernand for the breakfast and setting up the hospitality table.
- Thank you to all of you who came to today's meeting.
- Our next meeting is December 19<sup>th</sup>