

Minutes of January 13, 2015 Meeting of
Village Elementary School Parent School Association-PSA

PSA President Vicky Flynn called the meeting to order at 9:35 am. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Special Presentation –Betsy Wilson

The PSA welcomed Betsy Wilson from the Holmdel Green Team. Ms. Wilson gave a special presentation regarding discouraging idling, particularly when parents are picking up children from school. She reminded that idling is against the law, showing a sign that says: “Idling gets you nowhere.” She indicated that you should turn off your car engine if you are stopped are more than 30 seconds. Idling wastes fuel, emits toxic gases, and poorly affects the environment.

Principal’s Report

Mr. Schillaci announced that there will be a new safety and security drill added at the school: a code blue drill. This code blue drill will be directed toward medical emergencies at the school and is being put into effect as a result of new State law.

Eric Swenson, the District Test Coordinator, will attend the next PSA meeting to discuss the upcoming PARCC exam and answer parents’ questions. All third through eleventh graders will take PARCC. Third graders will take the test during the week of March 23rd (for 5 days) and the week of May 11 (for 3 days), for a total of 8 days of testing. Teachers and administrators are currently receiving regional training for PARCC.

The Staff Talent Show is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 5, 2015 at the High School. More information will be sent out through HCAA.

Village Idol will take place in May.

Vice-Principal’s Report

A pre-school information session will be held on February 5 at 9:30 for 3 and 4 year olds.

The Giving Tree Event was very successful, resulting in almost \$3,000 worth of gifts for Monmouth County families. Thank you to all those who participated in the event and contributed.

Currently, there are new recycling measures in place within the cafeteria at the lunchtime. These measures include compostable lunch trays. All efforts are steps toward making the school more “green” and environmental friendly.

Teacher Representative Report

On behalf of the teachers, Mrs. Renfroe thanked the PSA for the Holiday Breakfast. She also thanked the PSA for all help and support given with the Giving Tree. She reported, too, that the teachers are getting excited for the Talent Show.

Board of Education Report

Vice-President of the Board of Education Dennis Pavlik stated that there are three new members: Denise Kline, John Martinez, and Pete Reddy. Mr. Pavlik was re-elected Vice-President, and Ana Vanderwoude was re-elected President of the Board.

PSA President's Report

Vicky Flynn thanked everyone for coming to the Holiday Breakfast and stated that it was a good alternative to an event off-site

Vicky announced that Skate Night is planned for the near future.

Spirit Wear is being sold once again. Place your orders now.

Sign up to volunteer for Spring Carnival (May 29) if you are interested. Sign-up sheets are being distributed. Volunteers are also needed for School Store.

Vice President of Membership's Report

Michelle Sottile announced that there are four new members since last month. Because PSA Bingo is open first to members, interested families should make sure to sign up now for the PSA if they have not already done so.

The faculty/teacher winner of the \$25 Market Day gift card is: Alison Drzymkowski.

Vice President of Communications' Report

Danielle Impreveduto announced that newsletter submissions are due to her no later than January 26.

Dr. Riso is assembling a photo slide show for the third grade spring concert. Please submit one or two photos of your child for the show. An email will be sent out as a reminder about this, and Danielle is assisting Dr. Riso with collecting and gathering all of the photos.

Treasurer's Report

Tammi Stanziale announced that the treasurer reports are available and to see her if there are any questions about them.

She also announced that Satz School will be featuring Shrek the Musical on January 30-31 and that it is a great show to take the Village students to see.

Vice Presidents of Fundraising

Suzanne Serini and Paula Blalock are looking for Carnival volunteers. If anyone is interested and available, please see them.

Appointed Board Reports

- Deb Brew: Friday is the deadline for Market Day. Bingo is approaching. This is a PSA membership incentive event and is limited to 250 people. After 250 people are registered, a waiting list will be created. The dates are: Feb. 13 (Pre-K, K & 1st gr.) and Feb. 20 (2nd & 3rd gr.). All children will go home with a prize. Indian Hill discount cards are still for sale, if anyone is still interested in buying one.

- Janice Peretti: Keep handing in your Box Tops! The competition is still ongoing every month.

- Vanessa Merhi: Waste Free Wednesday is scheduled for January 21. Village School may also start recycling inkjet cartridges as well. On February 6, the students will participate in a school assembly with a "reduce, reuse, recycle" theme. Also, Chess at Village is starting after-school today.

- Michelle Sottile: HFEE is holding its Second Annual Poker Night on January 30. If interested, buy your tickets now because the event is nearly sold out.

Laura Shay is the winner of the Membership Raffle.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded.