**Village Elementary School Parent Student Association ­**

**September 12, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

The Village Elementary School Parent Student Association’s (“PSA”) President, Danielle Impreveduto, called to order at 9:30 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Dr. Robert McGarry welcomed everyone to the new school year. He explained how important the 2020 initiative is to the school district and community. Holmdel takes great pride in its schools and with the community support, the district needs to maintain facilities that meet the needs of all students. He urged everyone to vote on September 26, 2017 – which just happens to be Mr. Schillaci’s birthday.

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Mr. Brian Schillaci stated that we had a great start to the school year and so far the transition has been smooth. He thanked everyone for their efforts, specifically from a lot of people present in the PSA meeting room.

Mr. Schillaci acknowledged how successful the first week bus duty went and thanked Mrs. Scarpino and Mrs. Placca for their efforts. Also, the staff lunch was very successful and appreciated. Back-to-school night for second and third grade is tonight and next Monday is back-to-school night for the rest of the school.

John Martin was announced, who works for the Holmdel police department and also works very closely with the Holmdel schools. John echoed Mr. Schillaci’s words that safety is the number one priority at Village School. The first round of file drills at Village is announced. After this first round, the drills are not announced. These are routine and you should expect your children to let you know when they occur. John Martin has a standard Holmdel email: jmartin@holmdelschools.com and his office is in the High School.

Mr. Schillaci is very proud of the Village School technology initiatives. Specifically there is a 1:1 ratio of Chromebooks to students for grades 1-3 thanks to PSA contribution. The teacher of the year was announced it is Kara Renfroe, which everyone is very proud of.

**VICE PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Mrs. Vierschilling thanked the PSA and community for all of their help with the smooth transition back to school Following is a quick review of upcoming dates:

* Back-to-school night for 2nd and 3rd grades is tonight at 6:30. 6:30-7:00 speeches in gym. 7-7:20, parents will have the opportunity to meet with the child’s staff and 7:20-8 will be in the classrooms. Mrs. Vierschilling stressed that this is a night for parents, not children and it’s not a child friendly environment.
* Back-to-school night for preschool, Kindergarten and 1st grade is on Monday, September 18th

Regarding pick-up and drop off, it has been an amazing start to school year. If parents are not using bus plan, please drop off around circle. This is supervised by our staff for a smooth and safe process. Pick up at end of the day is in gym, which allows time to leave the parking lot ahead of the buses. Regarding arrives and dismissals, if there is a change to your child’s daily schedule, call the front office NOT the teacher because he/she won’t be available to check email during the day. Do your best to communicate early (i.e. before 2:40).

Mrs. Vierschilling spoke about the renowned Education Committee and commended their outstanding efforts. She reiterated that we are bucket fillers at Village. As we fill others buckets we fill our own buckets.

On Monday, there will be a school-wide bus assembly. Mrs. Vierschilling explained what Bus Safety Patrol is, and it provides an opportunity for 3rd graders to be leaders and help others find their way and behave appropriately. She emphasized these students are supposed to serve as a reminder, they are not in charge of others behaviors. After the assembly she will send an email survey to parents of 3rd graders.

MAAP testing will begin soon. This is not a required standardize test. The assessments provide a wealth of knowledge for teacher and administers. Someone asked what we do with results. Mrs. Vierschilling response was that they are used to help make decisions and is only one criteria used.

**TEACHER’S REPORT**

Mrs. Renfroe stated that she is excited for the upcoming year and appreciates the PSA’s continuous support, most recently the breakfast.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD AND OTHER REPORTS**

***Danielle Impreveduto, President:***

Danielle took the time out to introduce herself and the rest of the Board:

* Mandy Carri, Recording Secretary
* Christine Bavaro and Erin Ballanco, Co-treasurers
* Julianne DeMatteo and Suzanne Serini, Co-fundraising
* Jennifer Paulino – Corresponding Secretary
* Christine Bowden, Membership
* Michelle Richards – Communication

Danielle ensured that the audience signed in. She then urged parents to collect box tops and the first contest will be in October.

The following are open Board positions: BINGO night chairperson, hospitality, Go-Green.

Fall Festival will be on Sept 22nd. It’s $12 for family and if registered before Wednesday there’s a discount. The tickets include pumpkins, food and crafts. Volunteers are needed. Reach out to Danielle Longyear if interested.

The 3rd Thursday of the month is school store and help is needed. Items start at 10c and include pencils, erasers, etc. The school store for Kindergarteners is held only in June.

Regarding spirit wear, there is more of a variety this year – beaded hats, sweatshirts.

***Vice Presidents of Fundraising, Suzanne Serini and Julianne DeMatteo:***

The annual Village Ladies Night Out will be November 2, 2017 at the Shadowbrook in Shrewsbury. It’s a night where all women get together. Donations of all sorts are welcomed and encouraged. Minimum donation is $50, grand prizes start at $250. All help is appreciated. Will sell pre-packs at a later date. This year there is no dress theme.

Another fundraising event that will take place during the day is on October 12th at the Barre Method. Flyers will be sent out for this event and it will be $25.

Barnes and Noble events two once winter (December) and one spring. Have teacher volunteers.

***Vice President of Membership, Christine Bowden:***

Membership is $10 per annum, which includes supplies, breakfasts and teachers luncheons, etc.

***Co-Treasurers, Christine Bavaro and Erin Ballanco:***

On the third page of the agenda for this meeting, the budget is attached.

***Recording Secretary, Mandy Carri:***

Nothing to note

***Safety Patrol, Jamie Placca:***

If your 3rd child is a good role model and exhibits good behavior, they can be chosen to be on the safety patrol.

***Yearbook, Suzanne Serini:***

Suzanne mentioned that we are in need of photographer volunteers. Most events Suzanne is in attendance and she mentioned that one perk is that you can attend events that you may not have otherwise been able to. She prefers pictures from cameras not cell phones but will accept them. You can post pictures on Tree Ring (treering.com).

Someone asked a question if there is a policy around how many kids can be in photo and Suzanne’s response was no. If a child is on the list of children not able to be pictured in the yearbook, she will put them at the end and crop out. Suzanne is asking all class moms to gather the listing of children who aren’t allowed to be photographed.

Danielle Impreveduto mentioned that the PSA in the past would include yearbook in $10 dues, but PSA loses $8000-$10,000 each year. Starting this year, yearbooks will be $15 for first child, $10 for second, $5 for third child and free for fourth. Danielle also mentioned that all Holmdel schools charge for yearbooks and the other schools charge much more than Village.

***School Nutrition, Alyssa Dormer:***

Alyssa provided an overview of her role with the school lunch program, specifically serving as a liaison between the student/parents and the school. She also analyzes and providing guidance on the school lunches, specifically around the nutritional components.

***Board of Education (the “Board”) Liaison, Vicky Flynn:***

Vicky Flynn, on behalf of the Board, wanted to thank everyone for the one-to-one relationship with the Board. She urged everyone to look at the new website, which features academics, arts, new programs, etc. September 27, 2017 8:00 PM is he next meeting and it can be streamed live.

***HFEE Representative, Michelle Santilli:***

Michelle mentioned that the main role of the HFEE is to raise money for the district. A few years ago the HFEE donated $260,000 and the only way this is accomplished is by parents making and soliciting the donations. The HFEE Gala is every two years, and the next one is April 14, 2018 at Eagle Oaks Country Club.

Michelle Mahon is the winner of this month’s raffle. Danielle Impreveduto closed with the statement that she urged people would return for future meetings and that meetings generally don’t go past 10:00. She ensured that everyone signed in and a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 AM and it was seconded by Yvonne.