

Minutes of September 9, 2014 Meeting of
Village Elementary School Parent School Association – PSA

New PSA President Vicky Flynn calls the meeting to order.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Vicky Flynn introduces the new Executive Board members, including:

- Danielle Impreveduto- Vice-President (“VP”) of Communications
- Michelle Sottile – VP of Membership
- AnnMarie Harrison – Corresponding and Recording Secretary
- Paula Blalock – VP, 1st Fundraising
- Michelle Piscopo – VP, 2nd Fundraising (absent from meeting)
- Tammi Stanziale – Treasurer (absent from meeting)

Vicky Flynn explains to attendees that the PSA’s chief objective is to do fundraising for the benefit of the students of Village School and to coordinate and provide volunteer opportunities to support the academic mission of the Holmdel School District.

Principal’s Report from Mr. Schillachi

Mr. Schillachi welcomed back the parents and thanked everyone for their help in making a smooth transition back into the school year. He thanked Vicky Flynn and the Executive PSA Board Members for their efforts. He also thanked Katie Evans and all other parents who helped with bus safety and transportation during the first few days of school.

He introduced Terri Peterson and Joe Scala from the Transportation Department, both of whom thanked the parents for their patience during the early part of the school year. They encouraged people with questions and/or concerns to reach out and contact them at their office.

Mr. Schillaci announced that, along with Mrs. Vierschilling, he had met with students during their recesses on the first few days of school to discuss expectations for the school year.

As to safety drills held at school, Mr. Schillachi explained that, though they do not typically announce to the students that they are about to conduct a “drill” only, the school will make these announcements at the beginning of the year to benefit the youngest students at Village. The purpose of this is to lessen these students’ fear and apprehension going forward.

Mr. Schillaci announced that the outgoing PSA Executive Board generously donated laptops/Chrome Books/Elmos to all classrooms within the school.

There are two new faces within the Main Office at Village: Jessica Martino and Maria Quintana are two of the new secretaries. They replaced Carolyn Bongo and Louise Marchesani, both of whom retired at the end of the last school year.

As to other staff news, Miss Devaney got married during the summer and is now Mrs. Renfroe!

Vice-Principal's Report from Mrs. Vierschilling

Mrs. Vierschilling welcomed back the parents and encouraged everyone to participate in the PSA.

She announced that tonight is Back-to-School Night for grades K-1, and September 16 is Back-to-School Night for grades 2-3.

She reviewed drop-off procedures for parents whose children do not ride the bus. Parents need to use the drop-off circle located outside of the entrance to the Main Office. Parents should proceed expeditiously through the circle. If one's child requires assistance in exiting the car and it may cause delay to others, the parent should park the car in the lot and walk the child into school.

Mrs. Vierschilling discussed Character Education Initiation and, particularly, "bucket-filling." She explained that the "bucket-filling" principles of practicing random acts of kindness towards others should be carried out not only on school property, but also on the school bus.

Mrs. Vierschilling explained that this year there are three lunch periods, not two. There is one lunch period for each grade level now. Each grade has 24 minutes for lunch and 24 minutes for recess. This should result in reduced lines at the cafeteria and should improve overall safety.

-Parents posed various questions to Mrs. Vierschilling regarding the following:

- Why Holmdel Police issued a parking ticket to a bus safety volunteer who parked on the street on the first day of school and what was the school's response to it?;
- Why aren't new students to the school already set up with a lunch account through Mealpay Plus?;
- Why are fees attached to making an online payment to Mealpay Plus?

Teacher Representative Reports

Christine Barbara introduced herself and stated that she'll be looking for 100% membership from the staff.

Kara (Devaney) Renfroe introduced herself and stated that she will be promoting Ladies Night Out to the staff

Reports of the Executive Board

Vicky Flynn - President

Vicky thanked the prior Executive Board for its assistance and encouraged support of those Board members, most of whom are now part of Indian Hill's PLG Executive Board.

She also thanked Appointed Board Members Laura Shay (Meet and Greet PreK/K and Fall Festival) and Suzanne Serini (Trunk or Treat) for their efforts in getting the year off to a great start.

Vicky recognized the Board Members who had helped at the PSA Table at school opening hours and also thanked Danielle Impeveduto for her assistance in distributing school supply boxes.

Vicky thanked all families who had signed up to be PSA members and encouraged more families to continue to sign up.

Vicky acknowledged Katie Evans and Jen Reddy for their efforts with Bus Safety during the first few days of school.

Vicky informed parents to visit the PSA website for frequent updates on our news and events, and told everyone to keep an eye out for our Back-to-School packet.

Project Graduation is looking for volunteers.

The afterschool chess program will now be run by Primetime. If anyone has any ideas for other enrichment programs, please contact an Executive Board Member of the PSA.

Michelle Sottile-VP Membership

Michelle strongly encourages 100% membership. If you become a member, you receive certain "members only" benefits. For example, members receive free yearbooks. If you are not a member, you will pay \$10 for each yearbook. In general, PSA membership shows support for the school and helps fund all school events, including field trips. If you participate in the early membership registration, you will be eligible to win a \$50 gift card to a local vendor of your choice.

Danielle Impeveduto-VP Communications

This Thursday is Red, White & Blue Day at School. Have your children dress in these colors to show their school spirit. The Teachers' Welcome Back Luncheon is scheduled for Friday. Remember to "Like" the PSA on Facebook.

AnnMarie Harrison – Secretary

Please sign the attendance sheet that is being circulated around the room. Also, please review the volunteer sign-up sheets that have been distributed. There are many PSA events throughout the year that will require a great number of volunteers, so please see what you are interested in.

Paula Blalock, VP Fundraising

Paula is in need of donations for Ladies Night Out. The theme is “Fire and Ice.” Tickets are \$60 each.

Treasurer’s Report

Tammi was absent from the meeting, so no Treasurer’s report was given.

Reports of the Appointed Board

Suzanne Serini

Suzanne needs volunteers to donate their “trunks” for Trunk or Treat on October 11, which will take place on October 11 from 2-4pm. Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated trunks.

Laura Shay

Laura made announcements about both the Meet and Greet for Pre-K/K and the Welcome Back Fall Festival on September 19. She needs set-up volunteers for the Fall Festival. There has been great support for the Fall Festival thus far.

Keri Todisco

The Spiritwear website will be open until October 1st. When ordering, keep in mind that merchandise runs “true to size.”

Deb Brew

Market Day is back! This is a fundraising opportunity for Village and great way to order delicious, ready-made food for your family. Look for order forms in your child’s backpack this week.

Lynn Saporito

As Games Coordinator, Lynn spoke about the need for donations of games, puzzles, books, and toys. All of these items will be used when classes have indoor recess. A donation box is set outside of the Main Office.

Laura Lavelle

Laura announced that a number of Cultural Assemblies are already planned for Village for this coming school year.

Jaimie Hynes

The Teacher's Welcome Back Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, September 12. Jaimie needs volunteers to help decorate as well as to donate desserts and drinks for the luncheon.

Jaimie is also looking for a volunteer to handle Hospitality for monthly PSA meetings. If anyone is interested and can get to school by 9 am, please contact Jaimie or the PSA Executive Board.

Erika Roth

Erika will need volunteers for the Holiday Shoppe and will also need a Co-Chair for the event. If anyone is interested, please see her.

Vanessa Merhi

Vanessa discussed the Go Green Committee and, in particular, the shoebox recycling program. She also announced that the Committee will need a new Chair for next year because this is her last year at Village School.

Janice Petretti

Janice discussed the Boxtops program this year and announced new incentive programs for the classrooms, including a "Traveling Trophy" award. Each month, the class (per individual grade) collecting the most Boxtops earns the right to display a trophy in its class for that month. Collection sheets are available on the PSA website.

Tonya Romano

As Historian, Tonya requests people to take photos of various school events and to submit those photos to her. Please submit photos from a camera, not a cell phone.

New Business- Authorization of Payment of PSA Expenses

A motion was made to approve the following PSA expenses:

1. Ladies Night Out Deposit- \$500
2. Payment for Extra School Supply Box
3. Payment for Upcoming Assembly, in accordance with contract
4. \$300 Deposit-paid
5. \$1140 dues on date of show-Sept. 30
6. Payment for costs for Meet & Greet
7. Payment for costs for Fall Fest
8. Reimbursement for costs for Retirement Gift (\$100)
9. Authorization for payment for teacher reimbursements
10. Reimbursement for Danielle Impreveduto in the amount of \$120

The motion was seconded.

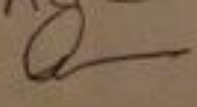
Old Business-Authorization for Payment of Outstanding Expenses for 2013-2014

A motion was made to approve payment of outstanding expenses of \$300 to Holmdel Police. The motion was seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

Attendance Sheet

September 9, 2014

1. Mandi Bilella
2. Natalie Klotzsch
3. Jean Berardi
4. Traei Price
5. ROBERT LUNDH
6. Tonya Romano
7. Michelle Baeker
8. Kami DeSilva
9. Susan Gordon
10. Jody Umans
11. Laura Lavell
12. Vanessa Merki
13. Shannan DeMarco
14. Jayme Lawenstein
15. Alia Aziz
16. Aeth 
17. Maria McWay
18. Ying Wang
19. Christine Bowden
20. Juleann DeMatteo
21. Mariah Duhin
22. Debbie Traynor
23. Catherine Gambino
24. Lauren Teevan
25. Alychia Buchan
26. Janice Petretti
27. Nicole Kennedy
28. Samantha Scagnelli
29. Jenifer Paulino
30. Julia Beynon
31. Laura Shay
32. Erika Roth
33. Ken Todisco

34. Jen Vallillo
35. Lisa Braccia
36. Alene Infelice
37. Suzanne Serin.
38. Laura Bachmann
39. Jamie Hyman
40. Lynn Spavento
41. Jen Reddy
42. Susan Hammere
43. Deb Brew
44. Dina Schuttz
45. Charles Hancock
46. Natalie Dietz
47. April Camarda
48. Kathleen Pellicone
49. Vanessa Granata