

Village School PSA

January 10, 2012

Meeting Notes

Opening – Suzanne Niro

Suzanne Niro called the meeting to order at 9:40AM. Suzanne led the Pledge of Allegiance and then asked for moment of silence for Brian McFarland who passed away suddenly on January 2. See link below:

<http://holmdel.patch.com/articles/man-falls-from-ladder-on-woodside-place>

Suzanne noted that earlier a PSA email had gone out informing folks that Janet Berk was soliciting volunteers to prepare or purchase dinners for the McFarland family but this is no longer the case. The McFarland family has asked for privacy during this difficult time. Darlene Kiss then read a letter from Janet. In summary, the letter thanked all those who volunteered meals and echoed the McFarland's family's wishes for privacy. It also stated that if anyone wished to help the McFarland family they could do so by contributing to the children's college fund.

Suzanne then remarked on the consistency of the PSA's outreach in the event of such tragedies. These comments can be summarized as follows: the outreach is at the discretion of the president. During her tenure, Suzanne has chosen to reach out two times. However, there is no precedent and she did not intend to set one. Therefore, another president may act differently.

There were no minutes to approve from the December meeting because we held a very successful **Holiday Luncheon** at *Park East* in lieu of that meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Purvi Shah

See Appendix A:

Suzanne made some comments about the low attendance at the **Vendor Sale** at the high school on 12/18/2011. Purvi then told her that small business line item (\$112.60) on the Treasurer's report was for the November **Give Thanks Palmer Avenue** fundraiser and not the **Vendor Sale** at the high school on 12/18/2011. The **Vendor Sale** will be on next month's report.

Linda Fernand and Ana Vander Woude then approved the treasurer's report.

Holiday Shop Commentary – Suzanne Niro

Suzanne Niro thanked Lori Umbrino and Vicki DiBlasi for their work on the **Holiday Shop**. She said that we tried a new vendor this year. This vendor made set up and take down significantly easier but we did receive some mixed customer feedback which the PSA is in the process of evaluating.

Vice President Fundraising – Michelle Prager

Michelle stated that **Original Artworks** raised \$2200.

Second, she stated that the next **School Store** will be January 19th. They have enough volunteers at this time. And she thanked everyone who volunteered.

Third she spoke about **Tiny Tots Tennis**. They are trying to set up a 10 week program beginning in March. The day will probably be Monday or Friday.

Fourth, she stated they are starting to work on the “supply boxes” for the 2012/2013 school year. She emphasized how easy they were to order. Lynn asked if there were any complaints. Michelle replied that despite 200 orders no one at Village School complained to her. Suzanne said that the only complaint that she was aware of was the pooling of supplies. In other words, it was believed that the children’s supplies were given to the class pool and possibly shared with those who had not purchased them. Mr. Schillaci said they spoke about this at the grade level meetings and found that was not the case.

Vice President Fundraising – Michelle Sottile

Michelle said that we would be doing something a little different for the upcoming **Bingo Night**. We will be having a calendar raffle as a fundraiser. A calendar raffle is similar to a 50/50. You select a date and if you're drawn, you win 50% of the proceeds.

Vice President Communications/Membership – Lynn Saporito

Lynn reminded parents to visit **HolmdelParents.org** website and to check out our *Facebook* page. She also noted that the PSA *Facebook* page has 75 fans.

Darlene Kiss shared a comment from the high school board with respect the web site. She said that someone commented that the minutes were in the archives tab and perhaps they shouldn’t be. Some discussion followed and Lynn said she would consider renaming the tab.

Suzanne then talked briefly about using *PayPal*. Recently, a parent who used *PayPal* to pay for **Ladies Night Out** and the charge was disputed by her credit card company. Despite the fact that the situation was rectified and the funds were returned to the PSA, it still cost the PSA over \$90 in fees. Consequently, she reminded everyone that if they use *PayPal*, they should expect to see it on their credit card bill. Furthermore, if you feel you should be refunded for something, please contact the treasurer, Purvi Shah.

Principal and Vice Principal’s Report – Mr. Schillaci

Mr. Schillaci opened by wishing us all a happy New Year. Then he stated that he was doing a joint report for both himself and Dr. Ledford.

He then thanked the PSA for the excellent *Slim Goodbody* assembly. It was very interactive and the children loved it. For more information see the following link:

<http://www.slimgoodbody.com/>

- He then gave an overview of upcoming events. They are: Readers Workshop Information Night – 1/26, 6:30-7:30PM
- Jump Rope for Heart - 2/10. Notice will be coming from Mrs. Vinciguerra shortly. Village has been recognized for this. Over the past 5 years, we have raised over \$100,000.
- Preschool Information Session - 2/9, 7-8PM in cafeteria
- Kindergarten Registration –February 21st (Last Names beginning A-I), 22nd (Last Names beginning J-R), and 23rd (Last Names beginning S-Z),

Suzanne Niro then asked Mr. Schillaci how he and the staff thought Readers Workshop was going. His response was that they thought it was going well. However, he acknowledged that whenever we implement something new “there are going to be bumps in the road” as people are getting familiar with the program. Furthermore, he reported it goes along with our district goal of differentiating instruction for different kids. Dr. Ledford called it a methodology and echoed some of Mr. Schillaci’s comments.

Finally, Mr. Schillaci reported on staff.

- Marcia Vaccarino (1st Grade) had a baby boy. Christina Melillo is her temporary leave replacement.

- Nicole Newell (Occupational Therapist) had a baby girl. Jenna Cancillieri is her temporary leave replacement.
- Lauren Napierski (Pre-school) returned from leave. She had a baby boy in August.
- Carolyn Kenney has joined as a part time nurse.
- Kimberly Antoniotti (Special Education) has gone out on maternity leave. Cara Kulakowski is her temporary leave replacement.
- Jamie Steele (Basic Skills) has gone out on maternity leave. Elizabeth Trahim is her temporary leave replacement.

Teacher's Representatives – Kara Devaney and Christine Barbara

On behalf of all attending staff, Ms. Devaney and Mrs. Barbara thanked the PSA for the **Holiday Luncheon** on 12/13/2011.

Ms. Devaney then reported on the school spirit committee. They have three dates coming up.

- 1/13 – Color Day
 - Preschool/Kindergarten - Yellow/Gold
 - 1st Grade - Red
 - 2nd Grade – Green
 - 3rd Grade – Purple
- 1/27 (or last Friday of every month) - Village Day (wear Village Gear or Village colors)
- 2/3 - In honor of the *Superbowl* wear team jerseys

Michelle Sottile then asked Ms. Devaney about the dates for **Read Across America**. She responded that the actual day is March 2. Dr. Ledford then said she expected that we would celebrate the week before. There will be no character shirts this year.

2012/2013 PSA Executive and Appointed Board – Suzanne Niro

Suzanne reminded us that it is January and nomination forms for the 2012/2013 executive board will be going out. Suzanne asked that if anyone is vacating the executive board please let her know. Also, if anyone is vacating the appointed board please let Darlene Kiss know. Suzanne also asked those vacating appointed board positions to try to identify their respective successors. In addition, she noted that executive board members have a two year term limit unless the position is unfilled. Appointed board members have no term limit.

Appointed Board

BOE – Ana Vander Woude

Ana opened her report with breaking news from the Board of Education. Last evening the state passed two pieces of legislation that impact all Boards of Education in the state of NJ.

The first permits a local district to move its elections (which are typically in April) to the regular elections in November. The rationale behind this is twofold: to improve voter turnout and to save money. Fewer elections imply less cost. Moreover, the BOE previously had to pay all the costs for the April election. If the election is moved to November they will incur no election costs. Ana then repeated that this legislation just gives the community the option to move the election. She was not sure what mechanism (for example a vote) a community would use to decide to move, or not move, it.

The second piece of legislation allows a district with a budget not capped (i.e., not more than 2% over the previous year's budget) to forgo the vote on the budget.

Ana then shared some highlights from the BOE meeting held on December 14, 2011. First, the district has a new K-12 Math and Science Supervisor. Her name is Alicia Killean and she was previously a Science teacher at Satz. Her credentials are on the BOE website. Second, the board is continuing a policy review and they expect to have it completed by April.

Third, the BOE had two presentations at the last meeting. The first presentation was an annual financial audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011. She reported that we had a complete bill of health. The second presentation was an update on our solar power initiative. She noted that the board is considering a cooperative arrangement so that we do not have to purchase or maintain solar panels.

Ana then said that the next board meeting is tomorrow 1/11/2012 and two presentations are coming up in the near future. They are:

- 1/25/2011 – Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying – Speaker Randy Westrol (Athletic Director/Heroes and Cool Kids Program)
- 2/15/2011 – Technology Education in the District

Finally, she closed by saying that January is statewide board member appreciation month. And she shared that each board member spends over 600 hours per year on board activities.

Bingo and Carnival – Debbie Brew and Dina D’Ambrosi

Dina announced that **Bingo** is coming up this month (K/1) and early next month (2/3). Email notices went out last night. Debbie noted that there were lots of great prizes.

Dina then went on to say that Carnival planning was just getting started and the first Carnival sub-committee would be next week. She expects to report more next month.

Darlene Kiss then shared that we have 5 student volunteers (from Satz or the High School) to work **Bingo**. She also shared that she would be providing them with letters documenting their community service.

Sunshine – Debbie Brew

Debbie passed around a thank you card the PSA received from the Village School staff for the **Holiday Luncheon**.

Specialized fundraising – Nicole Salzano and Sandra Szilasi

Sandra opened by saying the box top class competition is underway. One class in each grade will win a popsicle pajama party for bringing in the most box tops. Collection sheets are at the front of the room (today) and are posted on the **HolmdelParents.org** website and the PSA *Facebook* page. An email also went out to the entire school regarding this competition.

Sandra noted that the box tops need not be submitted on the collection sheet, however, the teachers name, grade, and AM or PM designation (for Kindergarten) must be included. She also noted Village school receives 10 cents per box top and the competition status will be posted near the Library, on the PSA bulletin board near the main entrance, and on the PSA *Facebook* page.

See Appendix B for the box top competition flyer and collection sheet.

Bus Safety – Terri Ferguson

Terri was not at the meeting but she sent her status via Darlene Kiss. Darlene reported that the next **Bus Safety Drill** would be Wednesday January 18th at dismissal. Terri is still looking for volunteers so if you are interested in helping, contact her or Darlene Kiss.

Cultural Assemblies – Danielle Curcio

Danielle was not at the meeting but she sent her status to Darlene Kiss. Darlene reported that the musical health show (*Slim Goodbody*) was a huge success. Darlene also reported that she is “waiting on the author”.

Sweatshirts – Darlene Kiss

Suzanne Niro remarked that sweatshirts were a big seller this year. She asked if we could place another order and sell more. Some discussion followed and Darlene said she would look into it.

Go Green – Tara Brunner

Tara announced that she would not be here next year but she does have a leader to take over **Go Green**. She also said that she would be having a meeting at her house tomorrow (1/11/2012) if anyone is interested.

Suzanne Niro asked about the filtered water fountains in the cafeteria. Tara had no update.

Tara then announced that the **Go Green** committee was in the process of planning the Earth Week activities for this year. Anyone interested in helping should contact Tara. Suzanne asked if they planned to plant a tree this year. Tara responded yes.

Holiday Shop – Lori Umbrino and Vicki DiBlasi

Lori opened by thanking everyone that helped with the **Holiday Shop**. She then said the shop earned \$1500 in points to be spent with the vendor (despite the fact that it was not officially a fundraiser). She also stated that she, Vicki and representatives from Indian Hill, were meeting with the vendor to address feedback they received. Overall the shop was a success. The set up and take down went smoother than ever before. There was some negative feedback about selection but the most of the negative feedback was with respect to prices. Lori then remarked that we chose to price the items 10% above cost so that we could cover our own **Holiday Shop** expenses.

HFEE – Michelle Sottile

Michelle first reported that the HFEE Dinner dance is coming up and an email should be coming out shortly. However, she was not sure if any kid mail (paper invitations in backpacks) would be sent out. This year's dinner dance has an Egyptian Theme (Sands of Time) and will take place at the *Trump National Golf Club* in Colts Neck on March 10, 2012.

She then reported that the HFEE canvassed for membership via kid mail and anyone can join via the website as well.

<http://www.hfee.org>

Chimin Hu then reported that the HFEE raised \$205 through the scrip program.

HCAA – Tammi Stanziale

Tammi reported that Satz School has a production of *Alice in Wonderland* coming up on 1/27 and 1/28. Village students receive special seating and a discount at the 1/28 matinee showing. She also noted that the Satz shows are geared toward the Village age audience.

Tammi then commented on the great creative arts programs at all district schools. In particular, she said that the high school has a great film program (under the direction of Mr. Kaiserman) and can possibly be called upon to film for Village School.

School Store – Michelle Prager

Michelle reported that the next **School Store** is Thursday January 19th and they have enough volunteers to cover that particular day. She also asked the parents to remember to send their kids in with money.

Appointed Board Liaison – Darlene Kiss

Darlene showed a lost Volvo key that was found in the closet several months ago. Chimin Hu then claimed it.

Closing comments from the President – Suzanne Niro

Suzanne thanked all those that worked the adult holiday shop (vendor sale) at the high school on 12/18/2011. In particular, she gave thanks to the PSA Hospitality committee who sold hot cocoa, coffee and baked goods.

Suzanne then stated that our next meeting, which was supposed to be Tuesday morning February 14, would most likely be moved to the evening of February 21 at 7:30 P.M. to accommodate working parents.

Tina Straley (#10) then won the attendance raffle.

The PSA sang happy birthday to Michelle Prager (yay!).

Closing

The meeting was adjourned by Tara Brunner and another PSA member at 10:58AM.

APPENDICES

Appendix A – Treasurer's Report

Appendix B – Box top Promotion and Collection Sheet

Appendix C – Attendance

VILLAGE SCHOOL PSA - TREASURER REPORT
JANUARY 2012 - activity through 12/31/11

CURRENT ASSETS

Checking Account - Wells Fargo	\$	31,273.46
Money Market Account - Wells Fargo		12,756.46
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$	44,029.92

INCOME

2011 End Of Year Breakfast	\$	20.00
2011-2012 Student Directories		5.00
BBQ/Movie Night		1,722.75
Holiday Luncheon		120.00
Holiday Shoppe		14,532.47
Ladies Night Out		18,326.75
Membership		1,320.00
Original Artworks Fundraiser		8,911.00
School Store		2,399.85
SchoolKidz Kits		197.12
Small Business Fundraiser		112.60
Specialized Fundraising		2,230.00
Spiritwear		3,569.00
TNT Tennis		6,150.00
Write-a-Check Donations		910.00
PayPal Balance		1,491.27
Interest Income		3.98
TOTAL INCOME	\$	62,021.79

EXPENSES

2011 Gifting	\$	1,158.99
2011-2012 Gifting		20,773.42
BBQ/Movie Night		2,228.95
Bingo Night		352.36
Cultural Assemblies		2,552.50
Holiday Luncheon		59.99
Holiday Shoppe		12,980.83
Hospitality		131.72
Ladies Night Out		12,484.72
Original Artworks Fundraiser		6,720.85
Professional Accounting Fees/Tax Filing Fees		450.00
PSA Supplies		32.91
School Store		1,321.50
SchoolKidz Kits		197.80
Spiritwear		2,556.00
Spring Carnival		600.00
Student Directories		1,188.00
Teachers' Luncheon		1,021.59
Teachers' Reimbursement		1,437.73
TNT Tennis		5,034.00
Bank Fees		373.06
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	73,656.92



collect Box Tops to win a **Popsicle Pajama Party**



Collect as many Box Tops as you can by February 16
one class in each grade will win

Here's how:



Paste or tape Box Tops to a Box Tops collection sheet
OR
Collect Box Tops in a Ziploc bag
(expired box tops do not count!)



IMPORTANT!

Write your grade and teacher's name
on your collection sheet or on your Ziploc bag
(Kindergartners, specify AM or PM)



Send your Box Tops into Village school
from January 9—February 16!

Check the **posters in school**—and watch for updates from the **Village School PSA on Facebook**—to see how many Box Tops your class has collected!



Each Box Top is worth **10¢** for Village School!
Send them in to help your class win!



for a full list of participating Box Tops products,
and for a PDF of the collection sheet, visit
holmdelparents.org/holmdel-village-school/fundraising.php
or email Sandra & Nicole PSABoxTops@live.com



this fundraiser is not endorsed by the Holmdel Township Board of Education



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Name: _____

Grade: _____
K-am K-pm 1st 2nd 3rd
(circle one)

Teacher's Name: _____

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Send them in to help
your class win!



PSA MEETING ATTENDANCE SHEET

DATE: 1/10/2012

	NAME	E-MAIL	COMMITTEE
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