

Village School PSA

October 11, 2011

Meeting Notes

Opening – Suzanne Niro

Suzanne Niro called the meeting to order at 9:45AM. Suzanne led the Pledge of Allegiance and then announced that, our website, **HolmdelParents.org**, is now live. She also gave special thanks to Lynn Saporito for all her hard work. Finally, she commented that it looked terrific and encouraged everyone to visit it.

Terri Ferguson and Ana Vander Woude then approved the minutes from the previous meeting (9/13/2011).

Treasurer's Report – Purvi Shah

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Alicia Baylock and Darlene Kiss then approved the treasurer's report.

BBQ/Movie Night Membership Drive – Suzanne Niro

Suzanne Niro spoke about our BBQ/Movie Night membership drive which was held on 9/23.

She stated that it was more of a membership drive than a fundraiser and that it was a success with over 250 attendees.

Vice President Fundraising – Michelle Prager

Michelle first spoke about *Tiny Tot Tennis* which began last Friday (10/7). She said that 49 children signed up and \$1776 were raised. She also noted that the 11/18 session was cancelled due to the district ½ day. This means the last session of this 8 week program will be 12/16.

She then spoke about *Original Artworks*. She stated that the kids were working on their projects in art class and information will come home soon. All orders must be returned by 11/10.

Lastly, Michelle spoke about **School Store**. She stated that \$815 were raised and they were still looking for volunteers to work school store. The school store is once a month from the hours of 11:30-1:30. The next one is 10/20. Anyone willing to volunteer should contact Michelle Prager or Jennifer Campillay.

Vice President Fundraising – Michelle Sottile

Michelle opened by asking for a show of hands for everyone planning to attend **Ladies Night Out** on 10/21.

She then spoke briefly about *The Beauty Foundation* charity and how to donate to them by purchasing flowers/centerpieces for **Ladies Night Out**. More information about *The Beauty Foundation* can be found at the following website:

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

Michelle then described some of the prizes for **Ladies Night Out**. They include a set of \$400 pearls from Pearl Paradise, New York Giants football camp for kids 6-14, an iPad2, and a Coach handbag (donated by the Teachers).

Finally, Michelle answered several questions about seating for **Ladies Night Out**.

Vice President Communications/Membership – Lynn Saporito

Lynn opened by sharing her membership thermometer and noting that membership was at 40%. She then said

that we would be extending our *Monster Mini Golf* membership promotion until November and that Dr. Ledford or Mr. Schillaci would be choosing the winner at the November meeting on 11/8.

She then asked everyone to bookmark the **HolmdelParents.org** website and to check out our *Facebook* page. She passed around the attendance sheet and stated that one lucky attendee would win a prize.

She then described the content on the **HolmdelParents.org** website. It includes our PSA packet, membership forms, coming events, *PayPal* for membership and coming events, and even a volunteer form that goes directly to Darlene Kiss.

She closed by saying that we would continue with *PayPal* for future events such as **Skate Night** and **Bingo Night**.

Appointed Board Liaison – Darlene Kiss

Darlene opened by sharing the status of two appointed board members who were not at the meeting. (Earlier she asked appointed board members to email or text her status in the event that they cannot attend the meeting.) First, she reported that Danielle Curcio (Cultural Assemblies) had no report this month but expected to have something to report next month. Second, she reported that Cheryllee Schachel (Historian) reminds everyone to send pictures for things such as first day, Halloween, field trips, parties etc... to PSAHistorian@live.com

Darlene then reported that she ordered t-shirts on 10/10 and the next project for Lisa Goldberg and herself was the third grade t-shirts.

Finally, Darlene reported on games and books. She stated that they received a large book and game donation from the *New2youkids* consignment sale but they are still looking for additional donations. Anyone wishing to donate books or games please contact Darlene.

Recording Secretary – Suzanne Gestrich

Suzanne made two announcements. First, she asked that if anyone had handouts for the PSA meeting that they give a copy to her so she could include them in the minutes. Second, she stated that we will be having a December holiday luncheon immediately following the 12/13 PSA meeting. More information will be forthcoming.

Principal's Report – Mr. Schillaci

Mr. Schillaci first reported that the district central office has moved to Village school and he hoped that everyone will give them a warm welcome. He also noted that the central office staff has their own, new, parking.

Second, he reported that the roofing project was hours away from completion.

Third he reminded everyone that parent teacher conferences would be coming up in the third week of November and he encouraged everyone to take advantage of them.

He then talked about two October activities, **Red Ribbon Week** (10/17-10/21) and the **Halloween Parade** on Monday 10/31. He admitted that last year they tried something new with the **Halloween Parade** and it did not go as planned. This year they are exploring the possibility of using the soccer field on the side of the school and he promised that information would be forthcoming.

He then asked if there were any questions. There were four. First Linda Fernand asked if there was a plan B for the **Halloween Parade**. He responded that if it rains the parade will be cancelled. Furthermore, if the field is wet, he asked that the children wear appropriate footwear. Second, Darlene Kiss asked the time of the first lunch. He responded 11:40. Third, Darlene then asked if all the children got planners. He responded only the second and third grade. Lastly, a preschool parent asked if the old main entrance would be reopened. He

responded yes.

Vice Principal's Report – Dr. Ledford

Dr. Ledford began with a reminder that picture day(s) are 10/12 and 10/13. She also reassured parents by saying there would be no outdoor recess on picture day.

She then talked briefly about the character education **Bucket Filling Assembly** that would be on 10/20. There will be one for the students during the school day and one for the parents at 4:30PM. Children are welcome at the parent's assembly and it is expected to last 1 hr.

Finally, she asked if there were any questions. There were two. Dina D'Ambrosi asked if there were any additional picture forms in the office. She responded yes. Lynn Saporito then asked the time for the parent's bucket filling assembly; she responded 4:30PM.

Teacher's Representative – Kara Devaney

Ms. Devaney started by passing around a thank you card (from the teachers) for the **Welcome Back Luncheon** held on 9/9.

She announced that the teachers were trying to put together one or two tables for the **Ladies Night Out** to be held on 10/21. In addition, she showed the wonderful gift basket that the teachers had donated for that event (Coach hand bag).

She then announced that teachers and office staff had achieved 100% membership in the PSA! **APPLAUSE!**

Questions, Answers and Miscellaneous – Suzanne Niro

Someone asked if the **School Store** dates could be put on the **HolmdelParents.org** website. Suzanne responded that Lynn would see that this is done.

Terri Ferguson reported that the first **Bus Safety Drill** of the year would be Wednesday 10/19.

Suzanne then encouraged people to volunteer through the **HolmdelParents.org** website.

Finally, Suzanne explained how the reporting of appointed boards has changed. She will no longer call each appointed board for a report. Instead they have the option of sending their report to Darlene Kiss **BEFORE THE MEETING** or speaking at the meeting. If they would like to speak, they should ask to do so during that point in the meeting.

Specialized Fundraising – Sandra Szilasi

Sandra reported that there is a *Boxtops for Education* deadline at the end of this month.

Michelle Sottile then asked if we would be running a (*Boxtops*) contest this year. Sandra responded that she didn't know as yet.

ARISE – Ana VanderWoude

Ana reported that their first meeting had been moved from October to 11/17. That meeting will take place in the Indian Hill Library and they will have a speaker. The topic is Challenging Behaviors in Children.

BOE – Ana VanderWoude

Ana reported that the next BOE meeting is tomorrow, Wednesday 10/12. In this meeting they will be discussing the volunteer policy.

Ana then talked about the move of the district central office and the BOE office to Village school. She noted that the main phone number 946-1800 was unchanged but that the others have changed. She asked that we consult the website for the new numbers. She closed by saying that move of the BOE office was a significant cost savings. Previously, the BOE was paying \$41,250 per year to rent space in the Holmdel Township

Municipal building.

Bingo Night – Dina D’Ambrosi

Dina reported that Bingo Night for grades K-1 will be 1/27/2012; grades 2-3 will be 2/3/2012. The prizes (most likely gift cards) will be divided into baskets by age group. They may ask for donations to replace the bingo cards which were destroyed with other PSA materials by a woodchuck.

School Store – Jennifer Campillay

Jennifer announced that they needed volunteers for the school store.

Attendance Raffle

Desiree Piccarelli won the attendance raffle.

Closing

Dina D’Ambrosi and Darlene Kiss motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:30AM.

APPENDICES

Appendix A – Treasurer’s Report

VILLAGE SCHOOL PSA - TREASURER REPORT

OCTOBER 2011

CURRENT ASSETS

Checking Account - Wells Fargo	\$	41,354.81
Money Market Account - Wells Fargo		12,754.59
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$	<u>54,109.40</u>

INCOME

Specialized Fundraising	\$	2,230.00
SchoolKidz Kits Fundraiser		197.12
End Of Year Breakfast		20.00
Interest Income		2.11
TOTAL INCOME	\$	<u>2,449.23</u>

EXPENSES

2011 GIFTS	\$	1,158.99
Bank Charge		(5.04)
Hospitality		29.52
Ladies Night Out Deposit		2,000.00
Professional Accounting Fees		300.00
School Store		1,014.88
SchoolKidz Kits Expense		197.80
Teachers' Luncheon		800.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	<u>5,496.15</u>

EXCESS/(DEFICIT)	\$	<u>(3,046.92)</u>
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