

Village School PSA

April 17, 2012

Meeting Notes

Opening – Suzanne Niro

Suzanne Niro called the meeting to order at 9:51AM and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Darlene Kiss passed around three volunteer sign up sheets for the **Carnival**.

Keri Todisco and Vicki DiBlasi accepted the March PSA meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report – Purvi Shah

Suzanne Niro reported that the treasurer, Purvi Shah, is in Hawaii. However, Suzanne had one copy of her report which she passed around. (See Appendix A)

Linda Fernand and Sally Ann Walier approved the report.

Suzanne Niro - Nominating Committee for 2012/13 Executive Board

Suzanne reported that the nominating committee met at 9:00AM but the slate was not successfully filled.

The nominating committee consisted of the following members:

- Lynn Saporito
- Keri Todisco
- Vincent Daniele
- Tracie Trinder
- Suzanne Niro

The following people are currently on the slate, because they are returning for their second year.

- **Vice President Membership/Communications** – Lynn Saporito
- **Recording Secretary** – Suzanne Gestrich
- **Treasurer** – Purvi Shah
- **Appointed Board Liason** – Darlene Kiss

The three vacant positions are President and two Vice Presidents of fundraising.

Suzanne then shared that the executive board needs to be filled by June and the appointed board needs to be filled by October.

For the next 10-15 minutes six PSA members (Suzanne Niro, Debbie Brew, Ana Vander Woude, Dina D'Ambrosi, Lynn Saporito, Vincent Daniele) discussed why the nominating committee did not successfully fill the slate and brainstormed ideas to fill it. During this time it became clear that the reason the slate was not filled was that there were more candidates than positions. Given this, and the fact that they had only 30 minutes to meet, the nominating committee did not feel comfortable deciding the slate.

At the conclusion of this discussion, Suzanne Niro committed to share the status and any relevant decisions with an "e-blast".

Suzanne Niro – Skate Night

Suzanne Niro reported on Skate Night which was held on 3/23/2012. It was a huge success with over 200 skaters attending. Barbara Duncan, our Superintendent, even attended.

Principal's Report – Mr. Schillaci

Mr. Schillaci began by welcoming everyone back from spring break. His first announcement was that report cards for the third marking period will be going out Friday 4/20/2012.

His second announcement was that the parent input forms for next year's placement will be going out in an e-blast shortly.

Third, he announced that because of the vacation day we picked up from the unused snow days, Field Day will now be 5/23/2012. This is also a half day. The rain date is 6/1/2012.

Finally, he made two staff announcements. First, Nicole Newell (OT) has just returned from maternity leave. Second, the teacher of the year for 2011/12 is AnnMarie Barry (2nd grade special education).

Vice Principal's Report – Dr. Ledford

Dr. Ledford opened by reiterating the dates for NJ ASK testing (3rd grade). They are 5/7/2012-5/10/2012. She also asked that parents assure that students taking the test get a good night's sleep as well as a good breakfast. She said a parent's letter and booklet will go out Friday 4/20/2012.

Second, she noted that Earth week will be celebrated next week (4/23/2012-4/27/2012).

Third she announced the 1st grade musical on 5/3/2012 and 5/4/2012. The 5/3/2012 performances are for the students and the 5/4/2012 performances are for the parents. She asked that parents please come to the performance designated for your child's class.

Finally, Ana Vander Woude asked Dr. Ledford to remind the parents that no pets are permitted on the grounds for field day or pickup.

Teacher's Representative - Mrs. Barbara

Mrs. Barbara opened by saying that she and Ms Devaney are working to rally the teachers for carnival. Some have already volunteered to help. In addition, she and Ms Devaney also plan to ask the big buddies (from the Prime Time Big Buddies Program) to volunteer their time (and receive community service credits) for the carnival.

Finally, she shared that she is very pleased that Ms Barry received the teacher of the year award. She credits Ms Barry (and Mrs. Rosen) with discovering the bucket filling philosophy and promoting it at Village.

Vice President Membership/Communications – Lynn Saporito

Lynn began with an update on membership. She shared that we have been disappointed with our membership numbers as compared to other schools etc... Consequently, they implemented a program called the "presidential plea". This was a solicitation letter directed exclusively at parents who had not joined the PSA. This program netted approximately 125 new members. Our total is now 423 (64%).

Second, she reported that our *Facebook* page has 105 likes.

Third, she reminded us to visit the holmdelparents.org website.

Suzanne Niro added that our membership drive next year will be via a similar letter in late September or early October. In other words, the PSA will distribute an envelope through Kid Mail as well as placing it on the website to be accessed by parents. Several other PSA members offered other suggestions to improve membership. One suggested a promotion or contest similar to box tops. Others suggested engaging the

teachers to improve the membership of the parents in their respective classes.

Vice President Fundraising – Michelle Prager

First, Michelle shared that there will be no **T&T Tennis** on Monday 4/23/2012 because of the book fair.

Second, she reported that **Village Chess** is going extremely well and she is looking to add more classes next year.

Third, she reported that the school store will be held on Friday 4/27/2012.

Fourth, she talked briefly about *SchoolKidz* supply boxes for the 2012/2013 school year. For those not familiar with this program, it is a way to purchase (online) all the supplies your 1st-3rd grader will be required to bring in that year. These supplies are delivered to your child's classroom in September, thereby saving you a shopping trip. Orders will be taken in early May. Additionally, this year, several optional items will be added such as backpacks, and water bottles.

Vice President Fundraising – Michelle Sottile

First, Michelle announced that the PSA will be holding a **Chuck E Cheese Night** on Friday 4/27/2012 from 4:00-8:00PM. The Village PSA will receive 15% of all proceeds (food, tokens, etc...).

HFEE – Michelle Sottile

Michelle announced that HFEE has a program with TD Bank. It is called the affinity program. Basically, if we give TD Bank a list of 50 account holders, they will give the HFEE a donation. So if anyone has a TD account, please let someone from the HFEE know.

Appointed Boards/ Darlene Kiss and Appointed Board Members

ARISE – Ana Vander Woude

Ana shared that at the 3/20/2012 meeting they had a special presentation by Mike Marotta (consultant) about assistive technology. This presentation is available on the district website.

BOE – Ana Vander Woude

Ana reported the highlights of the most recent BOE meeting held on 3/28/2012. First, during the period from 3/14/2012-3/28/2012, there were three reports of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB). They are as follows.

School	Reported	Substantiated
High School	2	0
Satz	1	1
Indian Hill	0	0
Village	0	0

Second, she reported that the BOE put forth a 2012/2013 budget that was only 1.25% higher than the previous year.

Third, she shared that a lot of our technology has exceeded its recommended lifecycle (4-6 years) and would be replaced in the upcoming year.

Fourth, she talked about the upcoming meetings and presentations at these meetings. They are as follows:

Date	Presentation
4/18/2012	Character Education
4/25/2012	Technology Education and Computer Literacy

Finally, she shared two changes to the school calendar for 2011/2012.

- 5/23/2012 will be a half day
- 5/24/2012 will be a day off

Specialized Fundraising/Box Tops for Education – Sandra Szilasi

Sandra opened by reminding us that we are still collecting box tops. She then said that in the next week or two we are expecting a \$3300 check for the popsicle pajama party box. She reported that we have over 1000 credits in our labels for education program and at some time we should look into the catalogue to determine how to redeem them. Dr. Ledford volunteered to take a look at the catalogue.

Carnival – Dina D’Ambrosi

Dina opened by talking about Carnival volunteers. She said that a volunteer sign up sheet was circulating and that Darlene Kiss had sent an email soliciting volunteers.

Second, she shared that there would be pre-Carnival ticket packages.

Third, she said that Vicki DiBlasi was coordinating the themed baskets.

Teri Ferguson – Bus Safety

Teri was absent. Darlene reported for Teri that that the next bus safety review will be Wednesday April 18.

New Business

Darlene reported that we earned \$250 at the *New to You Kids* consignment sale.

Go Green – Vanessa Merhi

Vanessa reported on all the activities planned for Earth Week, April 23-27. See Appendix B.

She also shared that the Mocci family (*Bayshore Greenhouses*) was generously donating a tree.

HCAA – Tammi Stanziale

Tammi was not at the meeting but she reported through Darlene Kiss that the high school would be performing their annual *One Acts* from 5/10/2012-5/12/2012.

Sunshine – Debbie Brew

Debbie reported that Ms Devaney’s classes (winners of the AM and PM Kindergarten box tops contests) sent the PSA large than you cards, which she displayed.

2012/2013 Appointed Board Positions – Darlene Kiss

Darlene reported that there are still some vacant appointed board positions for the 2012/2013 school year. If you want to know what they are and/or are interested in volunteering, please contact her.

Newsletter – Vincent Daniele

Vin reported that the deadline for the next newsletter is 5/23/2012.

Plant Sale – Keri Todisco

Keri reported that the plant sale will be 5/10/2012-5/11/2012. They are looking to sell watering cans along with the plants. A volunteer sign up sheet is being circulated.

Assemblies – Danielle Curcio

Danielle reported that the author/illustrator John Steven Gurney would be coming to Village School on 6/7/2012.

Picture Day – Suzanne Niro

Suzanne reported that picture day is 4/20/2012 and it is a PSA fundraiser.

Book Fair – Suzanne Niro

Suzanne reported that the book fair will be 4/23/2012-4/27/2012. Purvi Shah is coordinating volunteers.

Upcoming Events – Suzanne Niro

Suzanne reported that the **Teacher's Appreciation Luncheon** will be 5/8/2012. Linda Fernand will be sending out an email requesting baked goods and volunteers.

She also reported that the next PSA meeting will be 5/8/2012.

Closing

Keri Todisco (#15) won the attendance raffle.

The meeting was adjourned by Vin Daniele and Ana Vander Woude at 10:55 AM.

APPENDICES

Appendix A – Treasurer’s Report

Appendix B – Earth Week

Appendix C – Attendance

VILLAGE SCHOOL PSA – TREASURER’S REPORT - APRIL 2012 – Activity through 03/31/2012

CURRENT ASSETS

Checking Account - Wells Fargo	\$	37,187.44
Money Market Account - Wells Fargo		12,758.05
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$	49,945.49

INCOME

2011 End Of Year Breakfast	\$	20.00
2011-2012 Student Directories		5.00
BBQ/Movie Night		1,722.75
Bingo Family Night		3,800.16
Chess		1,250.00
Go-Green		19.28
Holiday Craft Vendor Sale		254.00
Holiday Luncheon		440.32
Holiday Shoppe		14,532.47
Ladies Night Out		19,155.05
Membership		1,049.91
Original Artworks Fundraiser		8,928.25
School Store		4,834.60
SchoolKidz Kits		197.12
Skate Night		530.00
Small Business Fundraiser		112.60
Specialized Fundraising		2,381.10
Spiritwear		3,636.00
TNT Tennis		9,330.00
Write-a-Check Donations		910.00
PayPal Balance		3,978.53
Interest Income		5.06
TOTAL INCOME	\$	77,892.20

EXPENSES

2011 Gifting	\$	1,158.99
2011-2012 Gifting		20,773.42
BBQ/Movie Night		2,228.95
Bingo Family Night		3,232.30
Chess		1,764.00
Cultural Assemblies		2,552.50
Holiday Luncheon		404.92
Holiday Shoppe		12,980.83
Hospitality		172.00
Ladies Night Out		12,484.72
Original Artworks Fundraiser		6,833.00
Professional Accounting Fees/Tax Filing Fees		450.00
PSA Supplies		227.01
School Store		1,884.00
SchoolKidz Kits		197.80
Skate Night		1,395.34
Spiritwear		2,556.00
Spring Carnival		600.00
Student Directories		1,188.00
Sunshine		144.38
Teachers' Luncheon		1,021.59
Teachers' Reimbursement		1,460.20
TNT Tennis		5,034.00
Bank Fees		381.06
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	81,125.01



Village School Celebrates the 43rd Anniversary of Earth Day

April 23-27, 2012

All week long, a daily "green tip" will be read by a third grader during morning announcements.

Tuesday, April 24th

Michele Van Allen presents **Kids Going Green**, an assembly designed to empower kids to care for our planet.

Wednesday, April 25th

5th Annual No Garbage Lunch Day



Each grade will compete to see who can create the least trash and recyclables during lunch.

Students who bring lunch are asked to use earth-friendly materials such as: reusable containers, canteens, and cloth napkins.

The winning grade will be announced at the end of the day.

**Please note that the cafeteria will be open for lunch as usual.*

Friday, April 27th Arbor Day



Please have students wear **GREEN** in honor of Arbor Day. In keeping with tradition, we will plant a tree to beautify the Village School grounds and help "green" the environment. A tree has been generously donated by the Mocchi Family of Bayshore Greenhouses.

Any questions, please contact the Village "Go-Green" Committee at PSAGoGreen@Live.com.

PSA MEETING ATTENDANCE SHEET

DATE: 4/17/2012

	NAME	E-MAIL	COMMITTEE
1.	Linda Fernand	you have it.com	Hospitality
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