

Village School PSA
September 15, 2009
Meeting Notes

Andria Wojtunik called the meeting to order at 9:40 am. Andria led the Pledge of Allegiance. She alerted everyone to the fire exits and reminded everyone that there is no smoking on the school premises. The minutes from June's meeting were accepted by Lucia Van Name and Ruth Davis.

Executive Reports

Membership:

Linda Lautenberg introduced herself and asked everyone to fill out the form that came home in the PSA packet and return with your money.

Fundraising:

Laurie Tascione introduced herself and Kathy D'Orazio. Laurie encouraged all Kindergarten parents to attend the meet and greet. She explained the write a check fundraiser which goes directly to the PSA. She also talked about the Ladies Night Out with is the biggest fundraiser at Village. She talked about basket donations. She gave contact information for herself and Kathy. She also stated that the PSA does run other family fun events that are not PSA fundraisers.

Correspondence:

Pam Hroblack introduced herself and will handle all of the correspondence.

Treasurer's Report:

Claudine was not in attendance so Andria spoke on her behalf and discussed the treasurer's report that Claudine prepared. Andria stated that the balance for the PSA is \$54963.28 which does not include the gifting. \$25,000 will go back to the school in gifting and it will be discussed in a future meeting. Christine Reddington accepted the Treasurer's Report.

Principal's Report:

Ms. Giacobbe welcomed everyone and began by thanking Mrs. Hampel and all of the PSA

volunteers for their help on the first 2 days of school. Ms. Giacobbe introduced the two faculty members that will be alternating at the PSA meetings-Jill Edwards and Christine Barbara. She stated that today the Pre-school program began and it is an inclusion program. Meryl Gill, the director of Special Services, will have a satellite office at Village. Ms. Giacobbe introduced Mrs. Gill. Ms. Giacobbe thanked Mrs. Niro for helping put together a new dismissal procedure which will be discussed at the back to school nights. She stated that you must write a handwritten note and to not send an email if your child is being picked up. Ms. Giacobbe gave the great news that faculty member Allison Seaman is now in remission from battling lymphoma and is back this year. Next Friday all staff will wear denim and purple in honor of the fight for lymphoma. There is a Light the Night walk and a lot of faculty will walk in this fundraiser. Ms. Giacobbe stated that you may make a donation to the Light of Night Walk Fundraiser.

Vice Principal:

Dr. Ledford welcomed everyone back. She discussed the circle rules and that parking is not permitted there. It is used to drop off your kids in the morning. She also informed us that the bussed students have their own entrances-Pre-K, K and First enter through the old entrance and Second and Third enter by the front of the building. She discussed the lunch program and encouraged parents to either go on-line or send in a check to their child's account so that the children do not have to worry about money when purchasing food items. Checks are to be made out to the Board of Education. The children use a pin number and will not have to carry cash. If you register on-line you can specify limitations as to what food they cannot have. You can also monitor what they are purchasing. She reminded us that on half days and delayed openings there is no cafeteria services, not even snacks. All lunch monitors have taken a 2 hour class with the School Nurse and a parent volunteer on how to use the EpiPen. During lunch children are encouraged to recycle.

Teacher's Rep:

Mrs. Edwards thanked the PSA for the delicious lunch and stated that all of the teachers were raving about the luncheon. She is looking forward to the Ladies Night Out. Mrs. Barbara thanked the PSA for the luncheon and said it was a great way for the faculty to get caught up on everyone's summer. She reviewed all of the teachers that got married over the summer—Ms. Beirne is now Mrs. Baldino, Ms. Cunniff is now Mrs. Ferone, Ms. Malinowski is now Mrs. Hunnewell, Ms. Roesinger is now Mrs. Frank. She also stated that Mrs. Pugielli had a baby girl on 9-9.

President: Andria introduced Ms. Giacobbe and Dr. Ledford and explained the Goals of the PSA. She explained that all of our fundraising money goes back to the students as well as teachers, the school and the building. She also explained that the PSA is the liaison between the parents and the administration. Andria stated that the PSA pays for the memory books, cultural assemblies, third grade tee-shirts and the luncheons for the teachers. Andria discussed the PSA packets that went home on Friday and asked that any forms that need to be sent back be done so by September 25th. The PSA will be going green at Village school and using emails versus paper copies. The first Village Voice Newsletter will be going home kid mail and will be posted at holmdelschools.org, the November newsletter will be emailed and posted on website only. The deadline for the first newsletter is Sept. 24th. Andria posted all of the contact information on the website and also sent an email. If you would like a copy please contact her and she will email it to you. Andria reviewed the open committee positions, first being Holmdel Community Day. She is looking for volunteers to work that day and passed around a sign-up sheet. Food donations will be collected on September 26th to the Food Bank of Monmouth County. The second committee is Art Appreciation which needs volunteers for both AM and PM Kindergarten. The go Green Committee needs additional volunteers and to contact Pat Geller. The Fall Fundraiser which is the original artworks needs a coordinator. Andria thanked

Suzanne Niro and Linda Fernand for organizing the teacher's luncheon. She also thanked all of the parent volunteers who donated desserts. Back to school nights are September 17th for Pre-K, Kindergarten and First grade. September 24th for second and third grades. The Kindergarten Meet and Greet is scheduled for September 23rd at 9:30 am and 1:30 pm. Andria closed by introducing the members of the executive board and reminded them as well as committees to check their mail boxes on a weekly basis.

Committee Reports:

Arise:

Ana Vander Woude spoke about the Arise Committee and stated that Phyllis Pascucci is now the President.

Art Appreciation:

Andria asked the teachers to have a sign up sheet at back to school night.

Bingo Night:

No Report

Board of Education:

Anna explained the BOE and that they met two times a month and is comprised of 9 members. She stated that since the Budget failed, the Federal Mandated Program – ARRA has granted us \$993,000. She reviewed the upcoming presentations:
September 16th – presentation of US Flag by Mr. Chia Li father of Ensign Richard Li, Class of 2003
September 30th – HFEE Presentation
September 30th – Financial Enhancements: Summer Academic Enrichment Program-H. Dangler, Director
October 28th – Financial Enhancements: Energy Management – B. Balicki, Director of Plant, Operations and Maintenance
TBD – Local Professional Development Initiatives.

Carnival:

No Report.

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| Cultural Assemblies: | Danielle Curcio explained the committee and the upcoming assemblies. |
| Drug and Alcohol Liaison: | Laurie Fontana discussed the committee and what plans they had for the year. |
| Games Coordinator: | Jane Zysk introduced herself and explained the committee. She stated that due to the overwhelming number of donations last year that she may not need to purchase games for this year. |
| Go Green Committee: | Pat Geller stated that she needs volunteers to help run this committee so please contact her. |
| HCAA Liaison: | Laurie Fontana introduced herself and explained the committee. |
| HFEE Liaison: | Christine Reddington gave the website and spoke about the Dinner Dance on April 17 th . She stated that the cost has gone down to \$125 per person. |
| Historian: | Cherylee Schaechel was introduced as the new committee member taking over for Tammy Boyle. |
| Holiday Shop: | Christine Reddington stated that more information will be coming out for the Holiday Shop which is December 1 st through the 4 th . |
| Hospitality: | No Report. |
| Newsletter: | Next deadline is due September 24th to Adrienne Burmeister. |

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| Op Get Out the Vote: | No Report. |
| Plant Sale: | No Report |
| Publicity: | Darlene Kiss stated that she will be going off of the calendar. |
| Safety: | Chimin Hu stated that the first bus safety drill will be held on October 13 th and she passed a sign up sheet around. |
| School Store: | Robin Andersen stated that the school store is every first Thursday of the month and if you are interested in volunteering to please fill out the form that came home in the PSA packet. |
| Special Projects: | Community Day is covered under the President's Report. |
| Specialized Fundraising: | Jane Zysk explained that she will be collecting box tops, printer cartridges and labels for education. She reviewed how to send them in and what her committee collected from last year |
| Student Directory: | Andria explained the procedure on how to register for the student directory on-line. It must be done by September 30 th in order for you to receive a directory. Andria stated that if you do not receive a directory by December to please contact her. |
| Sunshine: | Laurie Fontana stated that cards were sent to the faculty members that were married over the summer break. |
| Sweatshirts: | Ruth Davis stated that the orders forms must be returned by Tuesday September 29 th . |
| Website Position: | No report. |

New Business:

None

Old Business:

Ana Vander Woude explained the EALERT and encouraged everyone to join. She stated that you provide your email and select the options of what you would like to be notified of.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45AM by Christine Reddington and Darlene Kiss.

The next PSA meeting will be held on Tuesday October 13th.