

PLG Minutes

9/11/14

- Pledge of allegiance & fire exits noted

Principal Tali Axelrod

- Welcomed everyone to a new year. So happy to be at Indian Hill.
- Announced several new staff members: Dawn D'Amato (Secretary), Alison England (6th grade), Lisa McTague (media Specialist), Kyleigh Reckage (5th Grade ICS), Leigh Steinberg (5th grade TLR), Jennifer Stevens (4th grade ICS), Antonia Mucci (Lunch Aide) and Andrea Protentis (Lunch Aide).
- Congratulations to: Katie Rossitto (birth of Molly), Taryn Treubig (Moran: Married), Nicole Baldessari (Tenure), Taryn Treubig (Tenure) and Mike Ferrarese (Tenure in November).
- The PLG gifted: 30 Chrome books (Dina can you confirm this number) as well as a mobile cart for them to be stored, 150 subscriptions to Sports Illustrated for Kids and 3 volleyball courts.
- Placement concerns were discussed as well as recommendations to improve for next year, including letting parents know when they should expect their child's placement letters. Scores for ASK affect placement, and that is a key reason the letters were delayed for IH. Honors, Basic Skills and Acheive all factor in to placement. Level 2 of ASK arrived to IH on 9/10/14. Principal Axelrod is considering adding a second preview day before school starts for the students to see where their classroom will be.
- There will no longer be NJASK testing. It is being replaced with PARCC. Each grade will take tests twice. All testing will be completed on-line. There will be a presentation on PARCC in the near future.
- There will be a presentation regarding GO MATH in the near future.

Vice Principal Mike Ferrarese

- Welcomed everyone to a new year.
- Lots of new technology. 8 new laptops and 200 Chromebooks (all google based). Chromebooks will be accesible for ALL students.
- New wi-fi was installed in the 5/6 wings in order to prepare for the PARCC testing and allow better internet access.
- Karen McConnell will be holding tutorials for all teachers so the students are well versed prior to taking the PARCC exams. Chromebooks are reserved on a bi-weekly basis so every student is exposed.
- We have a Google Earth/Sketch out Pro Maker 3D printer that will be used by the students as well.
- Mr. Ferrarese to confirm the dates of PARCC and to report back.
- School Bus Safety. A few issues noted in the first few days but all is running smooth now.
- All morning programs begin at 8:10. Please do not come early as there is no one to watch the students. USE THE CROSSWALK
- Pick ups must be before 2:45.

Mr. Tom Woods (Teacher Rep)

- Welcomed everyone to a new year.
- All communications to teacher go through Mr. Woods and he will pass along to the staff

President Dina D'Ambrosi

- Welcome everyone. Looking forward to a great year!
- The last date to sign up for the Phone Directory is 9/30
- Welcome Back Night at Casola Farms is 9/27. Not open to the public. All IH students and their families are welcome. Come enjoy hayrides, corn maze and food. This is not a fundraiser.
- Reminder to sign up for membership to HCAA
- Back to school Nights are 9/22 (4th), 9/18 (6th) and 9/17 (5th- Encourage everyone to sign up for Membership and get involved

Susan Hammer (Membership)

- Sign up for Membership. \$10 per family. Lots of benefits: stay connected, priority membership (Boardwalk/Bingo)
- There will be an Early Membership Raffle--100% membership with in a class will receive a gift card for the class to use.
- We are encourage the IH staff to sign up as well

Deb Brew and Lori Umbrino (Fundraising)

- Guys Night Out is November 13 at Sterling Gardens. Theme is Casino Night from 7:00 to 11:00 and there will be open bar and food all night.

Jennifer Reddy

Jennifer will be sending out all e-blasts

Roman Master (Treasurer)

- Last years financials were distributed.
- A request was made for the font size to be made larger for future distributions.

Jennifer Rainess (Hang Out Nights)

An opportunity for students to stay after school and hang out with their friends. There are organized games, a DJ as well as weather permitting the students will be allowed to go outside. Pizza and drinks are served. 10/10 (6th grade), 10/17 (5th grade) and 10/24 (4th grade). We hope that teachers will come out!

Vasilia Loucopoulos (School Store)

The first school store is this Friday. There will be an e-blast sent out prior to the school store so students know to bring in money. There will be 6 volunteers chosen per shift. Encouraged everyone to sign up to volunteer. They will be adding new items (locker supplies, etc).

Sandra S. (Box Tops)

Box Top Collections have begun. Last year IH raised over \$2,000.