

## PLG MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2013

### President Christine Reddington

- Good morning/welcome and hope everyone had a wonderful Halloween!
- Thank you Julia and Vasilla for planning and organizing the Red Ribbon Week events... they did an amazing job!
- During RRW a speaker came in to talk about peer pressure and it was excellent. A letter from the Speaker was sent out recently via email regarding his presentation.
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade hangout was wonderful thanks to Liz Garry ... everyone had fun. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade hangout is tonight...thank you Vicki DiBlasi. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade hangout is Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, thanks again to Jenn Rainess and Jen Baker.
- Satz is holding their annual clothing drive from Nov 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>...please drop off clothes in a plastic bag at the back of the Satz School in front of door #26.
- Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

### Vice Principal Mr. Ferrarese

- Parent teacher conferences are coming soon (Nov 21<sup>st</sup> to Nov 26<sup>th</sup>), this year parents will be able to register their conference times online. Karen McConnell Tech Director coordinated a PTC Fast program and the log in will begin on Nov. 4 and end on Nov 13th. This will be available on a first come first serve basis and every teacher will be listed. Sign up for core classes first, you will not be able to register 2 teachers at the same time. If you have more than 1 student in the school then you will select "add another child" and conference times will be 10 minutes for each subject.
- Box Tops went very well! Children were very excited and the poster graph in the cafeteria was wonderful.
- Hang outs for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade are coming soon.
- Halloween was great at the school!
- Nov 13<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day celebration will include Vietnam Veteran presentations in the auditorium for the 6<sup>th</sup> graders which will have a display of radios for the students to see. Other Veterans will meet with the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders with 2 classes merging for  $\frac{1}{2}$  period presentations. We will have Veterans that served in the Korean War, Desert Storm and a breakfast for them will start at 8:15am (Thank you Linda Fernand). Students will prepare questions ahead of time.
- Student Council Assembly Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>...speeches will be presented by those students who were chosen to run and voting will be that day as well.

### Teacher Rep Mr. Woods

- Soon we will be voting the best design for our yearbook cover.
- Red Ribbon Week was great and thank you to all who helped organize this event.
- Thank you to Jane Zysk...the box top graph poster in cafeteria was great!

## Ana Vander Woude

### ARISE

- Spoke about Regional Professional Development Academy. School pays a membership for staff to attend workshops offered by this group. The workshops help support our families and staff to utilize professional development. Parents can access information by going to Regional Professional Development Academy [www.lehsd.k12.nj.us/rpda/welcome.html](http://www.lehsd.k12.nj.us/rpda/welcome.html). Run by Little Egg Harbor School District. The academy focuses on the inclusion of moderately to severely disabled students with specific emphasis on specialty areas such as reading as well as behavioral disorders that interfere with optimal learning. The objectives & goals are below;
  - To provide collaborative opportunities across district boundaries for effective inclusive educational programs.
  - To improve learning outcomes for the non-traditional learners.
  - To utilize assistive technology to support learning.
  - To increase the number of students with moderate to severe disabilities in general education programs.

The workshops are offered at the Monmouth Mall at different times during the day & evening. The presentation topics include; Autism Spectrum Disorder, Behavior Management (Responses to Misbehavior that Increase Student-Teacher Relations and Encourage Self-Control), Differentiated Instruction (How to Differentiate Instruction to Meet the Common Core Standards for English Language Arts), Retention and Study Skills (Grade K-8), Social Skills, Technology Tools for Learning (Using the iPad for Students with Learning and Organizational Disabilities). All programs target general and disabled children across the curriculum.

### BOE

- Currently issues regarding a law suit within the district for \$800,000...cannot give details. Involved past teachers and board members from the past...still waiting to determine the outcome, sensitive issue that the BOE members cannot discuss and actively looking into how to proceed.
- 2013/2014 BOE goals were made and are related to our children...how the BOE can build on. Ad Hoc committees for academic issues...looking at STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) and how they work together. What are we doing as a district and how we should be teaching our children so when they leave our school district they are prepared. Long Term goals include what we have done in the past, present & future, what the community expects from the BOE. Elections are this Tues. and 3 seats are open, the 3 candidates running are myself, Dennis Pavlik, & Mike Sockol. One year ago we changed the BOE elections from April to the month of November which created a \$30,000 savings to the district. The retirement of Bill Bilecki was accepted at the last BOE meeting and that position is currently being filled by Jodi Chaterum as an interim. She has experience in the position and has done a great job in the past covering for him...currently a process is in place to find a permanent replacement. Nicki Frost IH Librarian is retiring after 25 years in the district...we wish her all the best. BOE will meet only once in Nov and Dec...the next 2 meetings are Nov 20<sup>th</sup> and Dec 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Career Day

No report

### Class Parent

- 5<sup>th</sup> grade Jenn Rainess ... All "go boxes" completed.

### Red Ribbon Week Committee

- Reports winning class for wearing red clothing was Mr. Joseph 6<sup>th</sup> gr, Ms. Newton 5<sup>th</sup> gr, and Ms. Mercandetti 4<sup>th</sup> gr.

### Facebook Debbie Brew

- 110 likes on Facebook.

### Games Coordinator

- Working with Mr. Ferrarese regarding outdoor recess equipment. May have a winter board game drive for better indoor recess activities for the kids.

### Go Green

- Thanks to all who donated shoes for our Sole to Sole shoe recycling efforts... \$40 was collected. Many thanks to Sabrina & Jenna Peters.

### HCAA

- Satz School play is Polly Anna this Fri, Sat, & Sun in the cafeteria.

### Box Tops Jane Zysk

- Box tops collected were 13,806 total income \$1,380.60 ... greater than last year's total! Top class winners for the box top contest was Ms. Giusti 4<sup>th</sup> gr, Mr. Woods 5<sup>th</sup> gr, Mr. Joseph 6<sup>th</sup> gr. Next contest after the holidays!
- Stop n Shop bonus A+ program [www.stopandshop.com/aplus](http://www.stopandshop.com/aplus) to register your card, program ends 3/20/13.
- Escrip register your Pathmark card go to [www.escrip.com/pathmark](http://www.escrip.com/pathmark).
- Labels for education we have 7,237 points... collection sheets and collection bin in IH School lobby. Please clip and send them in so we can order items for the school.

### HFEE

- No report

### Hangouts

- 4<sup>th</sup> grade tonight and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Nov 15<sup>th</sup>. Need volunteers and consent forms are due next Wed.

### Historian

- Photos taken are posted on the bulletin boards in the school entrance... send in your photos.

### Hospitality

- Thank you Linda for a great breakfast!

### Holiday Shop

- Dec 9<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> please email Vicki DiBlasi if you would like to help (email address on PLG website)

### Market Day

- Anyone who ordered items please pick them up on Nov 6<sup>th</sup>

### Plant Sale

- No report

### Student Directory

- Will be sent home in 2 weeks.

### Sunshine

- Mrs. Watts had twins... Christopher & Abigail. Best wishes to her and her family.

### Old Business

- Any extra t-shirts from last year's Spirit Wear will be sold at the Parent Teacher Conference days.

### New Business

- Through Penguin Patch points were earned from past year's Holiday Shop...able to get an iPad & Kindle. These items will be part of the grand prize raffle at the Boardwalk.
- Satz & Village School Book Fair at Barnes & Noble on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. Friends & family can shop on line fundraising for both schools...flyers will be sent out soon. IH School will have one and may incorporate a scavenger hunt or kids can help gift wrap at the store.
- Discussion on having 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders to volunteer at PLG events...those students are in need of community service hours. A letter will be sent to Mr. Howard requesting students to help at the Boardwalk in March.

Next PLG meeting Dec. 3rd Tues. at 9:15am and all are welcome. Motion to adjourn meeting and accepted by Debbie & Pam.