

PLG MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 1ST 2013

President Christine Reddington

- Welcome to October! The children have gotten back to their routines and have adjusted to school
- The BTS Teacher's Luncheon was fabulous and a big applause to Linda Fernand. Thanks to you and your volunteers for a fantastic job, it was greatly appreciated by all the teachers and staff
- We had 3 very successful BTS Nights which were well attended. Thank you to Lori Umbrino for giving the 4th grade BTS speech and manning the Membership table. Thank you Darlene Kiss for stepping in at the last minute to cover the Membership table at all the BTS nights
- I was trying to have an Anti-Bullying Assembly for this week (week of respect) but could not secure a date with the HPD. I am waiting to hear back from them to have an assembly on Nov 14th or 15th.
- Red Ribbon Week is Oct 14th to 18th ...thank you Julia & Vasillia with their amazing ideas
- School Pictures are next week Oct. 10th & 11th
- At the Sept 25th BOE meeting IH school was graciously thanked for the gifts that the PLG donated (Planetarium, Wii gaming system) to the school
- President Council Meeting: VS is having a costume collection this week, they are collecting used or new costumes for resale on Oct. 5th (9am-1pm). Drop off the costumes by tomorrow labeled "costumes for sale"
- Ladies Night Out Oct. 17th 7pm-11pm will be held at Addison Park in Aberdeen tickets are \$60 per person includes dinner, open liquids, DJ, basket auction and more....80's Theme wear your Madonna or flash dance costumes. Tickets available at Holmdel parents website Village School
- Satz School is having a clothing drive Nov 11th to 18th ...donate your outgrown or out of date clothes. They are also collecting empty beauty products, empty mascara containers, shampoo/conditioner bottles, lipstick, plastic part of razors with razor disposed
- HHS- save the date for a night of comedy April 26th, 2014. Project Graduation please send in your Kids stuff books or \$25 to purchase.

- HCAA- ad journal is up and running please become a member. They are looking into the future of arts in our district. Oct 18th John Astin will be at the Duncan Theater tickets are \$75 or \$125 for a VIP reception to meet him. Check the HHS website for details
- Available positions for the Holiday Shoppe at IH...we need 2 or 3 people to run the event on Dec 9th to 13th. We need a chair & co-chairperson so please consider this position. There will be several mothers to help who have worked this event in the past.
- Executive Board from each school met with Parent Website Rahvlor and now each school has ¼ ownership of the sites.

Market Day

- Terri Ferguson reports that the Market Day Brochures were sent out and orders are due by Oct 3rd pick up of items will be next Thurs between 3-3:30pm

VP Membership

- Lori Umbrino reports that membership at IH is at 53% we have 712 students and 395 have signed up. Dues were increased this year to \$10
- Sign up before Oct 30th to have a chance to win a raffle to Fridays & Monster Golf (\$82 value) see website for details
- Membership did increase from last year ... maybe because flyers were sent out this year

VP Fundraising

- Darlene Kiss reports a fundraiser at the Let's Yo in Holmdel which was purchased by a Holmdel family. There will be \$5 gift cards for purchase and \$1 will go back to the school. More details to follow
- Carolyn Zofchak reports that the Boardwalk date may be March 14th 2014...still to be determined
- Jan 19th Applebee's fundraiser 8am to 10am tickets will be \$10. Must sell 100 tickets for event to take place.
- Discussion about Spirit Wear consider having this fundraiser again and maybe sell left over spirit wear at the school store and plays. There was no income from Spirit Wear last year.

Corresponding Secretary

- No report
- Motion to accept minutes announced and accepted by Anna & Madeleine
- Request made to post minutes as non-approved prior to PLG meetings. Pam Hroblak to send an email that non-approved minutes are posted for review at least 1 week prior to each month's PLG meeting. September minutes approved and will start this new process for October minutes.

Ms. Axelrod

- Welcome 4th grade parents to such a great parent support group here in Holmdel
- Thank you Linda Fernand for the wonderful Teachers Luncheon and to all the mothers who helped that day
- Thank you for PLG gifts especially the Planetarium...this was a great idea for both VS & IH to share. Books for Nooks also a wonderful idea. The nonfiction Scholastic Sports Illustrated will make more reading available for boys....tremendous asset for the library
- BTS Nights were very well attended and great support displayed
- Reports on Achieve NJ which is an effort to improve educator evaluations in NJ (passed by legislative govt).
- This will provide a continual improvement of instruction...observation of teachers can be 15 minutes to entire class period. Post conference with the teacher opens dialogue on instruction, students and classroom structure.
- Teachers will have 3 observation evaluations per year. For more details regarding Achieve NJ see the website ([state.NJ.us/education/achieve NJ](http://state.NJ.us/education/achieve%20NJ))
- Morning announcements will be on the IH website and can be seen on the red button "daily announcements". Email blast to be sent when this is up on our website
- Parent portal still being updated...Satz School will have more grades at this time in the school year

Mr. Ferrarese

- Reports information regarding the security doors...now visitors must enter the office first before going into the school. Windows still to be installed and will be completed soon. Another set of doors being installed at the far end of the building that immediately close and lock. Children were instructed to go into any classroom if this keeps them from their class
- Children that come in for 8am band can walk through the vestibule
- Veterans Day celebration Nov 13th this year we plan to invite Veterans from the community. They will come in before school for a breakfast and then to visit the classes to meet with the children for 20 minutes. Each class will probably meet at least 2 Veterans...if anyone is interested please contact me. Students will be prepared to ask questions during the presentations...parents will screen the questions prior. Pop Cittadino will be visiting that day who is a longtime resident in Holmdel. Veterans will be connected to someone in the school district and will be screened by me
- Thank you all for the Teachers Luncheon

Mr. Woods

- Not present but many thanks for the teacher luncheon

ARISE (Advocating Rights in Special Education)

- Ana Vander Woude reports first meeting to be determined
- National Center for Learning Disabilities' website to help parents to assess if interventions are needed for their child. The website helps explain who the parents can go to for help and what kind of questions to ask at their schools. Check out the website www.nclld.org....great for any age group k to 12th grade

BOE

- Ana Vander Woude reports there were two meetings in September on the 18th & 25th. There are 9 board members and student reps which include elected HS students. The students are a junior & senior at HHS. Plan is to have outreach to other schools. IH & Satz student council groups will reach out to the BOE student reps with their ideas. This is their first exposure to

student govt and how we function as a society. Curriculum guides approved such as Math honors 6th grade and Science guides for 4th grade. Homepage shows grade curriculum. PLG donations were amazing total \$14,598. Denise Hughes IH school psychologist is out on personal leave. BOE approves Ms. Axelrod's choices for staff professional development...very impressed. Some of the wonderful workshops are Author of Struggling Readers & Teaching the Common Core. Next BOE meeting Oct 16th Wed 8pm.

Treasurer Report

- Nicole not here today but her report is as follows: PLG will not pay for tax so please get a tax exempt form or reimbursement will not be given. Opening balance \$21,955.64 & ending balance \$23,569.55
- Motion to accept....Carolyn & Linda motion accepted

Career Day

- Alicia Baylock reports that career day will be March 13th and will need help with the planning (shopping, packet design, etc.)
- Will need a co-chair 4th grade parent and flyer to go out in kid's mail in another month

Class Parents

- 4th grade classes should have received the class lists
- 5th grade class lists will be done by this Thurs and class parents were notified
- 6th grade report from Alyssa Coffaro....missing forms from Ms. Jasperse, Mr. Joseph & Mr. McCarthy will email teachers to have them in by 10/15. Only Mr. Dillon, Ms. Jasperse, & Ms. Sadowski have head class parents. If you are interested in being a 6th Grade Class parent please contact A. Coffaro (email on website)

Red Ribbon Week

- Vasilias Loucopoulos reports that she needs volunteers Oct 14 to 18th
- A flyer will be sent out this Friday with all the details. It will be posted on the website as well. Will be approved first by Mr. Ferrarese

Games Coordinator

- No report

HFEF

- Thank you for all the donations. Our Gala will be held at the Navesink Country Club on April 5th 2014. If you are interested in helping with this event please join our committee.

Historian

- No report and will be at RRW events

Hospitality

- Please sign up to help with monthly PLG breakfasts...lost list from last meeting. We need 2 volunteers for each month.

Plant Sale

- No report

School Store

- Oct 4th is next school store during lunch periods

Specialized Projects

- Report by Jane Zysk: we have collected over 1,700 box tops and contest ends 10/30. Labels count is 7,227 points and will send Ms. Axelrod link to order gifts for the school. Please sign up for labels
- Stop N Shop Bonus program runs 10/4 to 3/20/14 please register your cards so we can get the points each time you spend
- Escrip at Shop Rite is year round...please sign up
- Target fundraiser made \$54

Student Directory

- All student info was entered as of last night

Sunshine

- Cards sent out last month and no new announcements this month

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Facebook likes 150 on the IH PLG
- LNO for Village School is open to all parents in the district and any basket donations will be accepted
- Tickets \$60 with dinner and open bar
- Darlene Kiss requests moment of silence & remembrance for a 2nd grade Hazlet child that passed away from stomach cancer
- Pam Hroblak #29 winner of attendance raffle today

Next PLG meeting November 1st 9:30am

Meeting to adjourn meeting and accepted by Carolyn & Lisa.