

PLG MEETING MINUTES SEPT. 6TH 2013

PRESIDENT

- Good morning and welcome! So happy to see so many old and new faces, we are all here for our children. My name is Christine Reddington and I am in my final year as President of The IH PLG. My contact information is on the website please contact me any time with questions or concerns
- Our current Executive Board includes 1st VP Membership is Lori Umbrino (5th grade mom), 2nd VP Fundraising Darlene Kiss (4th / 5th grade mom) & Carolyn Zofchak (6th grade mom), Treasurer Nicole Salzano (4th grade mom), Corresponding Secretary Pam Hroblak (6th grade mom), Recording Secretary Maria Curreri (6th grade mom)
- Introduced are Mr Ferrarese Vice Principal, Mr. Woods our Teacher Representative, Mrs. Calvert School Guidance. Mrs. Axelrod could not be with us today because of the Holiday
- The BTS nights are 9/10- 4th grade, 9/17- 5th grade, 9/24- 6th grade. School calendars were sent out to the youngest child of each family in the district
- PLG BTS packet were distributed on 9/5 in the kid's mail. We decided distribute information via paper this year due to the low PLG membership donations last school year. We are going to promote the parent website going forward to avoid using paper. For now please review the BTS packets for information on our Organizations
- We are in need of PLG Appointed Board Members for BOE Liaison, Drug & ETOH Liaison, Games Coordinator, Plant Sale, Special Projects, Specialized Fundraising, Sunshine
- The following parents have accepted the positions : Ana Vander Woude for BOE Liaison responsible for going to BOE meetings and reporting to PLG group
- Drug & ETOH accepted by Vasilias Loucopoulos & Julia Hulambert who will focus on prevention and Red Ribbon Week activities in October. Volunteers will be needed for that week.
- Debbie Brew accepts Games Coordinator position and will be purchasing games or seeking out used games which will be used for recess & classrooms
- Traci Price & Lisa Kemmerer will run the Plant Sale (previously under VP of Fundraising... motion made to make this a separate job title under the Appointed Board and motion accepted)
- School Store is run by Julie Carino, she is a 6th grade parent and will need a replacement for next year. Anyone interested should contact me after the meeting
- Special Projects- coordinates Community Day and works with volunteers from all 4 schools (this position is vacant)
- Specialized Fundraising will be run by Jane who collects box tops ... money back to the school. Top classes and grades win a special treat
- Sunshine accepted by Carol Lyons who will be sending cards for special occasions to school staff

- BTS Luncheon for teachers is Sept 10th and Linda Fernand will be accepting food donations. Please contact her if you can help.
- PLG Gifts to IH were approved by the Executive Board this morning....we are giving a WOW factor to the learning at IH & VS. We have decided to purchase a portable planetarium that will be equally shared by both schools. We have 2 star lab certified teachers Mr. Woods and Mrs. Andrews at VS. They will be teaching the kids amazing information about the solar system, night sky and many other interesting things. Each school will donate \$7500. We also will be purchasing books for the Nooks totaling \$1000 and Kids Sports Illustrated Subscription for the year costing \$998.
- Smart Boards will be purchased for the librarian costing \$4800 and \$300 for a Wii/ accessories to be used by the gym teachers for children who cannot participate due to injuries. Our gifting total this year is \$14,598
- Student Directory Deadline is Sept 30th... remember to register on line or you will not be included in the new directory. See info for registration in the BTS packets and some extra copies of the instructions are here today. The directory is \$5 and a copy will go home with your youngest child in the district
- I am so excited for this year and look forward to working and meeting each of you. I will be readily available. The next President Council Meeting is Sept 19th (meeting with 4 school parent group President's)

Mr. Woods

- Star lab fits in a classroom and discusses lifestyle of stars & constellations
- Started 17 years ago and we usually rent the lab but it is poor quality. The 5th graders with rotate through the lab and there are different cylinders with several topics of the moon

VP Membership

- Requesting to increase membership this year by raising fee to \$10 per family. This is a fundraiser to help with cultural assemblies, gifts & other items for our school
- Each school has their own membership fee and registration can be entered on the website. If you register by Oct 1st you will have the opportunity to win a Monster Golf gift certificate. Currently site has a \$5 fee but will be changed

VP Fundraiser

- Country Fair originally planned has been cancelled due to the Holmdel Fall Festival
- May resume Boardwalk which has been done in previous years...date to be planned (a lot of fun and kids love it)
- Will be having a Applebee's fundraiser in November instead of Cheeburger Cheeburger this year. Also planning a Cold Stone fundraiser

- Candy Gram is February 12th, 13th & 14th when the children can purchase candy for a friend. Candy is delivered to classes at the end of the day to take home. Send Carolyn an email if you would like to help

Corresponding Secretary

- Wanting to know if 4th grade parents received recent emails. Please let me know if you did not receive them so we can update the parent list

Treasurer

- See report...opening balance \$24,741 and ending balance \$21,955.66
- Gifting will be seen in next month's report
- Walkathon \$1700 income and report shows \$40...adjustments to be made
- Motion to accept & accepted

Mr. Ferrarese

- Welcome back to everyone. Custodians worked very hard to get the school ready and painted, air condition improved in 5th & 6th grade rooms
- Vestibule to be built by the main entrance so visitors can only enter through the main office. This should be completed by the end of Sept.
- Doors automatically close when there is a lock down and children were informed not to be alarmed. They were instructed to go into any classroom if doors close during a drill
- Nooks will be available (we have about 60)...optional documents to sign if you want your child to bring their own electronic reader to school
- Buses have been great and there is a separate entrance for each grade for a more orderly dismissal
- Birth announcements were made
- New staff; Pat Thomas Custodian, Ms. Kostas 4th grade Literacy/SS, Ms. Goldhymer Special Ed, Mr. Kelly 5th grade Literacy/SS, Ms. Rubinstein Special Ed, Ms. Lopez 4th grade Lead Replacement Literacy/SS.
- Mrs. Pizzulli out at present and 5th grade substitute in place. If anyone wants to send a card please let us know
- NJ Ask raw scores helped with replacement classes and full NJ ASK report to follow. Enrichment math scores were widened last year
- Outside windows are numbered which is helpful for lockdown drills...binds are pulled down. Rooms are large and children are moved where they are not seen
- In the future NJ Ask maybe changed to Park testing on the computer, format is different but content is the same

Committee Reports

ARISE (Advocating Rights in Special Education)

- Parent support group for families with special needs, meetings in the evening and discussions related to parent concerns, inclusion issues

BOE Liaison

- Calendar is on the District Website, PLG meetings are at 915am not 930am
- Calendar will be given to youngest child in district and will no longer be mailed
- Dennis Pavlik will report in my absence

Career Day

- Alicia, Michelle, Sue did a great job last June
- New 4th grade parents welcome to discuss their jobs. Volunteers needed to help with this event and planning starts in March. A 4th grade parent leader is needed

Classroom Parents

- Generates class lists
- 4th grade is V.DiBlasi
- 5th grade is J.Rainess
- 6th grade is A.Coffaro
- BTS Night there will be a list for each class to sign up if they want to be included in the classroom directory
- A list will be typed and distributed to teachers and sent home....class parent volunteers sign up on this sheet

Cultural Assemblies

- There will be a green theme assembly ... will discuss with Mr. Ferrarese
- Will need help with this committee...please volunteer
- Antibully assembly also being planned

HCAA

No report

HFEE

- Two new committee members
- See BTS packet for donation information

Historian

- Need pictures for the yearbook

Market Day Rep

- Terri Ferguson...great food items please consider ordering

Box Tops

- More to follow next meeting

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Discussion for DJ at the hangout nights
- V.DiBlasi organizing 4th grade which is the first hangout
- Darlene Kiss for Holmdel Helps looking for basket donations at the Fall Festival Bayonet Farms. Raising money for Keansburg. Date is Oct 5th and baskets should be worth \$100
- Next Tues PLG Teacher Luncheon and need volunteers for next month PLG breakfast, 2 volunteers per month
- Candice Shawn winner for being present at today's meeting...gift is from Cookie Napped

Next Meeting October 1st 915am IH School

Motion to adjourn meeting accepted by Carolyn & Pam