

--On Wednesday, October 16th, Mrs. Amitrani's 7th Grade students participated in the Noon Day Project. The Noon Day Project affords the opportunity for students from different parts of the world to participate in the effort to recreate the experiment that Eratosthenes performed over 2200 years ago to measure the circumference of the earth.

--Congratulations to our Math Team for winning 2nd place at the CBA Competition on Oct 19th!

--In regard to the Satz Beautification project, the Character Education PLT (Ms. Imbro, Ms. Rafferty, Ms. Rillo, Ms. Semler) plan to purchase paint and begin an afterschool mural group to create the first in a line of murals to improve the look of our hallways. The first mural will be of the winning design from last year's Spirit Week competition.

Executive Board Announcements

Co-Presidents' Report—Dina Hamwi and Anissa Quirk

--AQ-We will be passing around an orange folder with a sign-in sheet for today's meeting as well as other sign-up and help sheets for various upcoming events

--We are also developing a Parent Resource Group—a “go-to” list of individuals who would like to help out with PSG-sponsored events throughout the year.

--Successful events—BBQ on 9/24—thanks to all who helped out especially the custodians; The Brain Show on 9/30; the Teacher Luncheon on 10/9

--President's Council:

-Halloween Candy Drive—collecting excess candy Nov 1-8 at VS, IH, and WRS

-HHS-Haunted House on 10/25, Peachwave fundraiser on 11/1, Demystifying the College Experience on 11/11, Hypnotist show for high school students only on 12/4

-IH-Hangouts for each grade

-VS-Family Fun Nights, Let's Yo on 11/13

--Website Update- the Presidents of each parent group met with Rahvalor, the designer of the parent group website; Each Parent Group owns a 25% interest in the site.

--DH-New activities for the Satz students:

--Open Gym Night-tentative date of Nov 21st-met with some of the gym teachers and they are helping to plan the various activities

--Satz Snack Shack – sell snacks afterschool (chips, baked goods, hot pretzels, etc.). A date will be set soon.

--Washington Trip Committee – organize breakfast snack bag for bus ride to DC, raise money to help defray the cost of the trip

--Spiritwear – we have order forms and will be posting them on the website-new logo-items offered for sale are hooded zippered and hooded pullover sweatshirts in gray and white, gray sweatpants, t-shirts in gray and white, gray 11” mesh shorts and gray 9” cotton shorts, as well as a car magnet.

--Recycling-we are collecting boxtops and labels for education. We are looking for a coordinator to run the program. Please submit your boxtops. We have received many shoes for the Shoebox Recycling Program and we have received many empty beauty products for recycling

Vice Presidents of Fundraising Report-Robin Anderson and Christina Pinnero

--Write a Check Campaign: 20 families have participated so far; hoping to see more participation

--Bertucci's: \$175.62 earned from first day; will continue on the second Tues of each month

--Market Day: \$100 profit for September; special on pies this month

--Clothing Drive: scheduled for 11/11-11/16

--Barnes and Noble fundraiser 12/13 will be a Hang-Out Night with karaoke and gift-wrapping station—a percentage of the sales go to the PSG

Vice President of Membership Report-Debbie Brew

--26% Satz families have paid membership dues so far

--faculty/staff membership is doing well

--Membership Raffle- winner selected from both Satz students and Satz faculty/staff

Treasurer's Report-Jen Lee

--Presented and reviewed Treasurer's Report for month of September

Recording Secretary's Report-Andria Wojtunik

--If you have information you want to include in the minutes, please give me your talking points at the end of the meeting or e-mail them to me at wojtunik@comcast.net

--Motion to accept the minutes from Sept 16th meeting was made by Lynn Shields and seconded by Ana Vander Woude. All approved.

Corresponding Secretary's Report-Dani Page

-Not in Attendance-No report

Appointed Board Announcements

Spiritwear-Alicia Baylock and Dani Page handling Satz sportswear sale

Go Green-Tara Brunner-Not in Attendance

Open Positions:

Specialized Fundraising (Boxtops, Labels for Education, Escrip, APlus)

Social Events Coordinator

Advocating Rights in Special Education (ARISE) Announcements-Ana Vander Woude

--Website recommendation: National Center for Learning

Disabilities: www.NCLD.org. If your child is struggling in school and you suspect that your child may have a learning disability, this website guides you through the identification stage; and how to best advocate for your child including how to collaborate with the school district and how to plan for the future. The website covers preK to adulthood.

Holmdel Board of Education (HBOE) Announcements-Ana Vander Woude

1. Litigation Update: The board is currently assessing its options as a result of the \$800,000 judgment against it. Last Wednesday, the board met with the trial attorney and insurance company representatives.

2. Student Representatives: Currently, student representatives from Holmdel High School attend board meetings. The board discussed how to improve outreach to the student councils at Satz and Indian Hill in order to better understand student concerns at these schools. It would afford these students an increased role in their local government.

3. Board Goals: Last Wednesday, the board approved its goals for 2013-2014. Please go to the district website for the full list. The underlying rationale for any action taken by the district—including the board goals—is Student Achievement. Highlights include: continuing to build positive relations with the Holmdel community by exploring measures to improve two-way communications and encourage community involvement; and identifying the district's long-term means.

4. Satz Beautification: The Buildings, Grounds and Safety committee reported that funds will be allocated towards improving the outside appearance of Satz, specifically in regards to signage, the benches and landscaping.

Holmdel Creative Arts Association (HCAA)-Julie Stolker-Not in attendance

--Satz play is 11/1 and 11/2

--Membership drive is ongoing

Holmdel Drug and Alcohol Alliance (HDAA)- Andria Wojtunik

--HDAA is an organization composed of members of the community, including teachers, parents, administrators and the Holmdel police. Through education, workshops, lectures and sponsorship of drug and alcohol free youth programs, the organization focuses on drug, alcohol, and violence prevention in Holmdel. The Alliance includes Village School, Indian Hill School, W.R. Satz School, Holmdel High School, St John Vianney High School and St Benedict Elementary School. Barbara Hilliard is the Coordinator of the Alliance and HDAA meetings are held at HHS on the second Tuesday of every other month. The first meeting of this school year was held on 9/10/13. The HDAA sponsors Red Ribbon Week in all the schools, Heroes and Cool Kids at HHS and IH, Sudden Impact at HHS, Peer Proof program at Satz, etc.

Holmdel Foundation for Educational Excellence (HFEE)-Chiung-yin Liu

--HFEE would like to reach out to Satz parents and sincerely ask for your generous monetary donation. There are three ways to support the HFEE's ongoing effort in supporting our district students and staff:

1. Annual Giving-write a check campaign
2. New TD Bank affinity program
3. Fundraising activities for 2013-14—Bi-annual Dinner Dance 4/5/14 and Battle of the Faculties

Thank you for your support.

Other Announcements from the Floor

Attendance drawing winner chosen—Congratulations to Lynn Shields

Closing

AQ thanked Mr Howard, Ms Marino, Mrs. Imbro and Mr. Ebinger for coming to the meeting. She thanked Linda for setting up the Hospitality table and Robin and Christina for having Market Day samples available.

Bianca Mackey made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Ana Vander Woude. All approved and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:15am.

The next PSG meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 18th at 9:30am in the Satz Cyber Center.