

PSG Meeting
Monday, November 18, 2013

Opening:

- Anissa Quirk called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.
- Principal Mr. Howard led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Anissa pointed out the exits and asked that phones be put on vibrate. She thanked Linda Fernand for organizing the Hospitality table.
- Anissa passed around an orange folder with sign-up sheets for volunteer opportunities for upcoming events.

Principal's Report- Mr. Howard:

- Parent Conferences are scheduled for 12/3 (evening), 12/5 (evening), and 12/6 (afternoon)
- Students have a half-day on Friday 12/6
- Thanksgiving Food Drive is going on through 11/22
- He and Ms. Marino are currently planning activities for Spirit Week in January.
- He is looking for a faculty advisor for the National Junior Honor Society at Satz. Parents questioned whether or not there will be a National Junior Honor Society this year. Mr. Howard explained that there is no advisor or faculty council to run the group this year. Parents wanted to know whether or not the NJHS members already inducted will have organized activities this year. As of yet, nothing has been organized. The advisor position has been posted with no interested parties.

Assistant Principal's Report-Ms. Marino:

- They will start to practice lock-down drills while the students are in the cafeteria.

Teacher Representative's Report-Mrs. Imbro:

- The next sale for Builder's Club will be on 11/21
- The Thanksgiving Food Drive ends on Friday 11/22 and all donated turkeys are to be brought to room 108 before or during homeroom on that day. Please emphasize to your children that the turkeys are not to be placed in their lockers!
- The second mailing of the yearbook order forms go out the week of Nov. 25th. Yearbooks can be ordered by mail or online at smart-pay.com.

Guest Speaker, Dennis Pavlik, Police Sargeant:

- Mr. Pavlik spoke on the topic of drugs, alcohol, prescribed medication, cyber-bullying, peer pressure and sexting.
- Misuse of prescribed medication has become a big problem. Rx such as oxycontin and vicodin are prescribed for severe pain but can also be mixed with alcohol or crushed and snorted to get a quick high.
- Police departments in Monmouth County have seen a big increase in the use of "Molly", a more potent form of ecstasy that has become popular. It has been associated with deaths at an electronic music festival in NY in August. Use of this drug results in a problems, among other health effects. It can also contain additional unknown ingredients which may harm the body.

--Heroin use has become a huge problem in this area. It is a cheap drug that has seen a comeback in recent years. In some counties in NJ, deaths from heroin have increased 100%.

--Regarding sexting, Mr. Pavlik reminded us that once a picture is posted on any social media site or anywhere on the internet, it is out there forever. Students can be charged for sending inappropriate pictures or sharing pictures received.

--There is a new peer pressure-related activity that is causing concern--it is called "knock-out". A person or group targets an unsuspecting victim and sucker-punches them for no reason and then leaves.

--Mr. Pavlik and parents all expressed concern that we need more forums to warn parents and the community and our children about drugs.

Executive Board Announcements:

Co-Presidents' Report--Dina Hamwi and Anissa Quirk

--Anissa reported on the beautification of school: New landscaping and spring flower bulbs have been placed in ground by the Satz sign and Main Entrance. The picnic table area and 9/11 memorial will be landscaped next. Drop off sign, outdoor waste baskets, benches and rubber mat at entrance are all being replaced.

--Indoor murals will begin shortly within the school.

--Framed posters have been hung in the hallways.

--The PSG is considering an "Artist of the Month" contest to select Satz students' drawings/photographs to place in a collage to be displayed at the school.

--Dina reported on several new activities for the students:

--"**Open Gym Night**" on 11/21 from 7-9pm--shoot hoops, dribble relays, half court shots, 3 on 3 games, dribble relays, hang with your friends

--"**Satz Snack Shack**"--starting Thursday, 12/5--snacks will be sold after school

--"**Spiritwear**"--taking orders from 11/18-12/2--there is a new Satz logo for the sportswear . Forms will be posted on the website.

Vice Presidents of Fundraising Report-Robin Anderson and Christina Pinnero

--The fall Satz Clothing Drive has ended and we await results on how much money was raised.

--12/9 is next Bertucci's Fundraiser Day

--12/13 is Satz Barnes and Noble Day. Bring a voucher and a portion of the sale will go to the PSG. There will be gift-wrapping from 4-9pm (volunteers needed), Open Mike at 7pm (vocalists wanted), and a special Satz smoothie for sale in the Cafe.

--2/26/14 Alex and Ani fundraiser-more info to follow at next meeting.

Vice President of Membership Report-Debbie Brew

--Membership is at 27% for Satz families and 60% for teachers. Thank you, Teachers!

Treasurer's Report-Jen Lee

--The Treasurer's report for November was reviewed. A motion was made by Dina Sardo to accept the Treasurer's Report and it was seconded by Chimin Hu.

Recording Secretary's Report-Andria Wojtunik-

--If you have information you want to make sure that I 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 the October 21st meeting was made by Amy Lem and seconded by Amy Stark. All approved.

Corresponding Secretary's Report-Dani Page

--No report. Not in attendance.

Appointed Board Announcements:

--Open position remains for Specialized Fundraising which includes Boxtops, Labels for Education, Escrip, and APlus.

Holmdel Board of Education (HBOE)-Ana Vander Woude

--Bill Balicki has retired and a search is on for a new Director of Building and Grounds. There is currently an interim Director in place.

--Board of Education elections were held in November along with the general election and Dennis Pavlik, Mike Sockel and Ana Vander Woude were re-elected to an additional 3 year term.

Holmdel Creative Arts Association (HCAA)-Lisa Ortenzio/Amy Stark

--HCAA granted gifts to all the schools totally \$15K last year and gave out \$4k in scholarships to students at the high school last year.

--HCAA supports all the arts at the Holmdel schools.

--HCAA wants to involve as many students as possible in the school productions.

--"Peter Pan" is the Satz musical for this year

--The Satz talent show will be presented in the spring.

Holmdel Drug and Alcohol Alliance (HDAA)-Andria Wojtunik

--The last meeting was held on 11/12/13.

--The "peer proof" program at Satz is being scheduled after Thanksgiving.

--The Great American Smoke-out was 11/14. HHS Youth Alliance students came to Satz gym classes to present visual programs to the students on how smoking affects your body

--Holmdel police have seen an increase in heroin use in Monmouth and Ocean Counties and there has been an increase in deaths due to heroin addiction.

--There was discussion about setting up a speaker presentation for parents and students on the dangers of heroin use and addiction.

--The next meeting is on 1/14/14 at 1pm in the HHS library.

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

--Annual Giving Fundraiser is still open and they will accept any monetary donations.

--They are looking for volunteers for the Dinner Dance on 4/5/14.

Other Announcements from the floor:

--Alicia Baylock--Student Directories are going out today.

--The Satz Book Fair is 12/2-12/7.

Anissa Quirk thanked Mr. Howard, Ms. Marino, Mrs. Imbro & Police Sargeant Dennis Pavlik for taking the time to come to the PSG meeting.

The next PSG meeting will be on Monday 12/16 at 9:30am in the Satz Cyber Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.