

**PSG Meeting
December 19, 2016**

Opening:

- Anissa welcomed everyone and pointed out the emergency exits. She asked that all cell phones be silenced.
- Anissa thanked Linda Fernand and Julia Lambert for coordinating the great breakfast.
- Anissa explained that a folder would be passed around during the meeting. The folder contains an attendance sheet for today's meeting along with sign-up sheets for upcoming events.
- The Treasurer's report for November was distributed. Anissa requested that everyone please review while listening – and a motion was made at the end of the meeting to accept the report and the minutes.
- Anissa stated the PSG Mission Statement:
 - To support the students and & staff of the W.R. Satz School and to enhance the educational experiences of the students.

Student of the Month Presentation: December 2016

Team Pride: Katrina Walier

Team Victory: Rina Peshori

Team Honor: Sara Safari

Team Triumph: Carlee Brew

Team Integrity: Antonio Tsompanidas

Principal's Report, Mr. Howard

- Mr. Howard handed out room assignment sheets for the 8th graders today. He stressed the importance of the "buddy system" for all DC events. As a parent, please remind your children that they should never go off alone—the buddy system will be enforced at all times.
- The Pep Rally is January 20th and the theme is Marvel vs DC.
- There will be no penny wars this year. Looking into more ideas—details to follow soon.
- At a recent faculty meeting, Jennifer Plocinski (IH Art teacher) discussed looking into inserting "Mindfulness Education" into the curriculum. She presented a mindfulness youtube video that discussed having a mental calmness and developing preset-time awareness skills.

Vice Principal's Report, Ms. Simonelli

- The Mindfulness Education initiative would be district wide and is still in the beginning stages. "Mindfulness" has been established in other schools around the country.
- A parent in the audience suggested a quiet room where there is no homework, no talking just a dim room with complete quiet.
- Please remind students that kids should not be texting their parents to come and have them pick up them because they are ill. All students need to go to the school nurse to be checked.
- There is a new temporary nurse, Susan Kominski. She will be here until Mrs. Denton returns from her leave.

Teacher Representative, Ms. DeMola

- Mrs. Burns wants to thank all the parents who donated turkeys for Thanksgiving. Our final count was 103!
- The Spelling Bee is today after school at 3:05 in the cafeteria.
- Geography Bee is Thursday after school in the cyber center.

- Mrs. Amitrani would like to share some good news. Congratulations to the following William R. Satz School students for winning an award in the 2016 American Mathematics Competition AMC 8:

School Winner

Brian Liu earned a perfect score!

Eighth Grade Winners

Gold Brian Liu
Silver Aditya Baireddy
Bronze Abhay Rao

Seventh Grade

Gold Andrew Ge
Silver Simran Sharma, Ashley Jiang, Kevin Song
Bronze Verna Chen

The following students also received a Certificate of Distinction for placing in the top 1%:

Brian Liu, Aditya Baireddy and Abhay Rao

The following students received an Honor Roll Certificate for placing in the top 5%:

Winston Li, Albert Zou and Samuel Hampel

PSG, President- Anissa Quirk

- Anissa gave an update on the PSG Gifting Project. Steve Rogers from Buildings & Grounds has been working closely with Chef John Harkness in designing a scope for the room and was able to do a walk through with a team of contractors. We are currently awaiting a quote. Steve plans to bring other contractors in to bid on the project and will advise us when information comes in.

PSG, VP, Fundraising -- Lori Umbrino and Erika Roth

- Thank you to those who went to Mulberry Market and purchased some items during our Holiday Shopping Day-- we earned approximately \$136.

- We received a check from the Clothing Drive Company, B&B Management. We donated approximately 3,300 lbs of items and earned over \$500.

- Satz Snack Shack – we've been doing very well thanks to the generosity of parent donations of chips, candy, donuts, pretzels and baked goods – we have earned an average of \$90-\$100 on a weekly basis. We will resume Snack Shack after we return from our holiday break. There is a sign-up sheet in the folder going around.

- Spiritwear – only a few items left: quarter zipped and hooded sweatshirts (\$25), black sweatpants (\$20) and Straight Outta Holmdel t-shirts (\$10).

- AmazonSmile - While you're shopping on-line, remember to start with AmazonSmile and designate Satz to receive 0.5% from your purchases.

- Labels for Education - If anyone has any LFE, please send them in.

- Green Initiatives – another reminder of two great programs that are simple to do and are great for the environment: the first Shoebox Recycling Program - send us your old shoes and they will be recycled and refurbished and re-sold to developing countries; the second is Teracycle Beauty Brigade – send us your empty containers of beauty products – these get upcycled into new consumer products.

Terri Ferguson, Membership

- We have 207 members (families) as of today.

Purvi Shah, PSG Treasurer

- The Treasurer's report was distributed and is available upon request. Balance as of 12/19/16 was \$9,948.53.

Jennifer Rainess, Holmdel Alliance Representative

- Red Ribbon Week was celebrated in October. At Satz, they celebrated by decorating classroom doors with anti-drug messages along with placing posters around the building.

- The High School promoted The Great American Smoke Out with assemblies on November 17th (during the students' gym periods).
- December is anti drug/drunk driving month.
- The next meeting is January 17th at the High School.

Michelle Sottile, HFEE

- Thank you to all who gave during our Annual Giving campaign, it's not too late to make a donation for this year! As you know, this is a non-gala year, these funds are very important to help us reach our goal and fund the Music Innovation Lab right here at Satz.
- Registration for the Annual Poker Night will be made available after the break.

HCAA, Teresa Rampulla, Satz representative

- Karaoke Night is January 13th. 8:00-11:30pm @ The Red Oak Diner. \$25 pp - price includes 2 free drinks and an appetizer, and a GREAT TIME! Additional food/drink can be ordered off the menu. Sign up today by visiting our website.

ARISE- Advocating Rights In Special Education, Ana Vander Woude

- ARISE is the support group for families of children with special needs in Holmdel.
- ARISE initiated an awareness campaign to commemorate International Day of Persons with Disabilities which was held on December 3rd. ARISE reached out to building principals and our local government to display IDPD posters.

By way of background, since 1992, December 3rd is the United Nations annual observance of International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD). The goal is to promote understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. The day also strives to "increase awareness of gains to be derived from the integration of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life." Observance of the 2016 IDPD coincides with the 10-year anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

Holmdel Board of Education, Ana Vander Woude

- The Development of Citizen Advisory Board developed a referendum on how to improve our school system. More information to follow.
- After 43 years of service Spanish Teacher Donna Garcia has retired. We thank her for her years of service.
- Board 12/19 vote on HTEA contract, HTEA ratified.
- Board members who will not be returning: Ana Vander Woude and Dennis Pavlik

Community Events:

- Holmdel Touchdown Club. Take the night off from cooking and join us at the newly opened Buffalo Wild Wings in Marlboro (169 US 9 S in Marlboro) on 12/22 anytime from 11-11. 10% of your total bill will go towards the HTC.
- IH Community Discount Cards are back for 2017. Only \$10 per card. Contact Erika Roth for delivery, 201-401-4923.

Closing, Anissa Quirk

- Anissa thanked Mr. Howard, Ms. Simonelli and Ms. DeMola for taking the time to come to our meeting.
- Thanks again to Linda Fernand and Julia Lambert for the breakfast and setting up the hospitality table.
- Thank you to all of you who came to today's meeting.
- Have a great break and see you all next year!