

**PSG Meeting
March 20, 2017**

Opening:

- Anissa welcomed everyone and pointed out the emergency exits. She asked that all cell phones be silenced.
- Thank you to Anissa Quirk and Linda Fernand 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 February 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: March 2017

Team Pride: Kirti Magam

Team Victory: Trevor Kiss

Team Honor: Maya Rubano

Team Triumph: Tony Salerno

Team Integrity: Kathleen Bossert

Principal's Report, Mr. Howard

- Mr. Howard passed around an FAQ regarding the 8th grade graduation and the dance that is immediately following the graduation. Parents will be receiving this via e-mail.
- DC trip moving forward. Walking groups are complete. Chaperones are being worked on right now.

Chrissy Gabor, Student Presentation

Chrissy Gabor, Satz 8th grader presented on Stress in Adolescents

Teacher Representative, Ms. Imbro

- The student council will be selling the 8th grade shirt from Monday March 27th through Friday April 7th. Forms will be given to the students in their social studies classes. Any 8th grader may buy a shirt but if they are going on the DC trip, they **must** purchase a shirt to wear on the walking day. The shirts cost \$20 and money raised will be donated to the cost of the 8th grade dance. If you have any questions you can email Mr. Ebinger.
 - Congratulations Brian Liu! Brian placed first in the state competition of MATH COUNTS. He will represent New Jersey and the Satz School at the National Competition for the second time in Orlando Florida this spring.
 - Congratulations to our 3 National Award Winners with perfect scores on all 5 meets of the CML competitions: Brian Liu, Samuel Hampel and Winston Li
- Continental Math League Results. Congratulations to the following 7th graders:
- 1st Place. Andrew Ge
2nd Place. Simran Sharma
3rd Place. Ashley Jiang, Kevin Song and Verna Chen

Congratulations to the following 8th graders:

- 1st Place. Brian Liu, Samuel Hampel, and Winston Li
2nd Place. Abhay Rao
3rd Place. Aditya Baireddy

- The 8th grade Fair will be on April 5th from periods 7-9. Parents are welcome to come and view all the presentations of the 8th grade students. PSG will provide refreshments...thank you so much for your support!
- Trip to Big Brook Park in Marlboro - May 5th with Mrs. Barth, Mrs. Flynn and Mrs. McCafferty. If students are interested in spending this day learning about forest ecology through a variety of activities, students should know the following:
 - They will be choosing the top 30 scores taken from a test of 28 earth science multiple choice questions and one short essay. The test will take place on March 28th and 30th with a 30 minute time limit in Room 206. Please make arrangements to be there one of those days. The final list will be posted by March 31st. The cost is \$10 per student. Students are responsible for any work that you miss!
 - Rina Peshori came in 3rd overall in Monmouth Ocean Middlesex county regional spelling bee at Monmouth University. It was a 2 night grueling event and Rina had a phenomenal performance.
 - Alan Wu will be competing in the State Geography Bee on March 31 at Rowan university.
 - The Italian 1 students attended a wonderful class trip to an Edu-musical in Italian and an Italian lunch at Queens theater in the park last week.

PSG, President- Anissa Quirk

- *PSG Gifting initiative*. The project is moving along nicely and we will hopefully have more to report on at next months meeting.
- Thank you to everyone who participated in the Tricky Tray and to Lori Umbrino for another successful evening.

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

- *Satz Snack Shack* – every Thursday, we've been steadily earning money each week thanks to the generosity of parent donations of chips, candy, donuts, pretzels and baked goods. There is a sign-up sheet in the orange folder going around.
- 2nd Annual Satz Tricky Tray – was sold out with 100 guests and very successful. Thank you to everyone who came out for a great evening. There were over 80 baskets. Thanks to the Satz faculty for their basket donation. We raised over \$3,500.
- *Spring Clothing Drive* – Right around the corner. If anyone is planning to do some spring cleaning in their homes, please save your stuff for us – drop off is the week of April 17th - -
- *Spiritwear* – Black t-shirts with the Holmdel "H" - \$15 – limited sizes of small, medium and large; only a few extras left: 3 quarter zipped and 1 hooded sweatshirts (\$25), black sweatpants (\$20) and Straight Outta Holmdel t-shirts (\$10).
- *AmazonSmile* - If you shop online, remember to start with AmazonSmile and designate Satz to receive 0.5% from your purchases.
- *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. Teachers (48).

Darlene Kiss, Candy Grams

Candy gram sales will be 3/29-3/31 during the student's lunch periods. Everything is sold for \$1 and delivered to the their 9th period class.

Purvi Shah, PSG Treasurer

- The Treasurer's report was distributed and is available upon request. Balance as of 2/28/17 was \$22,351.15.

Appointed Board – Nominating Committee – Anissa is chairing this committee; the committee consists of another Exec Board Member, Purvi Shah, Appointed Board Members Debbie Brew and Ana Vander Woude and Member at Large, Chimin Hu. All nominations are due today.

Appointed Board – Specialized Fundraising – Boxtops Update – Sue Bossert

Please keep sending in your boxtops. The contest ends on April 30th Anissa is chairing this committee; the committee consists of another Exec Board Member, Purvi Shah, Appointed Board Members Debbie Brew and Ana Vander Woude and Member at Large, Chimin Hu. All nominations are due today.

Jennifer Rainess, Holmdel Alliance Representative

- Next meeting is March 21st. Will report out at the April PSG meeting.

Michelle Sottile, HFEE

- Battle of the Faculties, 3/30/17 at the High School from 6:30 – 8:30. Tickets are available for purchase on-line. 6 tickets per family. Village and IH are currently sold out and there is a waiting list. Wristbands are to be picked up this weekend at the High School from 10 to 12 on Saturday and Sunday. Concessions will be sold on 3/30.

- Information and applications for both student and teacher mini-grants can be found on our website under the mini-grants tab. Applications are due to the building principal by April 6th. The qualified applications need to be submitted to the HFEE by April 26. In addition to this, please find videos explaining the mini-grant process on our website.

HCAA, Teresa Rampulla, Satz representative

- The Satz Talent Show is Thursday, April 20 at 7:00 PM at the High School.

ARISE- Advocating Rights In Special Education, Ana Vander Woude

- Ana encourages everyone to check the ARISE website regularly, it is frequently updated (weekly). Go to Holmdelschools.org. Under ARISE tab.

- Workshop on transitions is tomorrow 3/21 at the HHS lower commons from 6:30-8:30.

“Life beyond the classroom” starting at the age of 16-21 will be discussed. The STRIVE program will also be in attendance to discuss their program (students with special needs go to Village School to volunteer).

Holmdel Board of Education, Ana Vander Woude

- Dr. McGarry now sends out an overview e-mail, summarizing of the BOE meetings main discussion points to all parents who can not attend the meetings.

- There was no additional discussion of the budget at the meeting, however, it was announced that the board is not to exceed the budget.

- There was some information discussed on the 2020 referendum and is mentioned in Dr. McGarry's update.

- Next meeting is March 29, 2017.

Closing, Anissa Quirk

- Anissa thanked Mr. Howard and Ms. Imbro for taking the time to come to our meeting.

- Thanks again to Linda Fernand for the breakfast and setting up the hospitality table.

- Thank you to everyone who came to today's meeting.

- Our next meeting is April 17! See you then!