

**PSG Meeting  
October 17, 2016**

**Opening:**

- Anissa welcomed everyone and pointed out the emergency exits. She asked that all cell phones be silenced.
- Anissa thanked Linda Fernand for coordinating the great breakfast and Tina Straley for the delicious goodies.
- Anissa welcomed officer Jonathan Martin to our meeting. He was excited to be joining us. This is his second year at Holmdel and is really enjoying getting to know all of the students and staff. He can always be reached at extension 2202 and his door is always open.
- 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 September 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: October 2016**

**Team Pride:** Steven Ciervo

**Team Victory:** Caroline Rebele

**Team Honor:** Olivia Sakoutis

**Team Triumph:** Catherine Rokkos

**Team Integrity:** Jamie Cheng

**Principal's Report, Mr. Howard**

- Mr. Howard acknowledged some of the parking issues (specifically drop off and pick up). Officer Martin is ensuring there is a police presence daily, in the lot at Satz. Mr. Howard asked for everyone to please slow down and to not go around another car.
- The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Washington DC trip meeting is now at 6:00 to accommodate another meeting at the HS at 7:00.
- Guidance Night is tonight for 7<sup>th</sup> grade (10/17) and tomorrow night for 8<sup>th</sup> grade, 10/18 at 6 PM.
- Planning for the trip to China (Spring Break 2017) is underway. Mr. Howard is looking for a liaison (Faculty member) to facilitate the trip.
- For 8<sup>th</sup> graders, due to the DC trip, the Science portion of NJASK will be pushed back to 6/6.

**Vice Principal's Report, Ms. Simonelli**

- Ms. Simonelli was excited to report that the girls soccer team is currently undefeated (6-0), cross-country boys are 5 -2 and the girls field hockey team has had a very successful season as well.
- Ms. Simonelli has requested donations of card games for the students to use during their lunch period.

### **Teacher Representative, Ms. DeMola**

- The Satz annual Thanksgiving food drive has begun. The Social Studies teachers have been assigned certain items to collect with their classes. If you would like to donate, here is the list of items we need:

*Mr. Ebinger and Mr. Schultheis:* canned green beans, yams, mixed vegetables and canned fruit.  
*Mrs. Howard:* instant mashed potatoes and stuffing. *Mr. Bell:* cranberry sauce, canned fruit, and gravy. *Ms. Burns:* powdered milk and canned fruit.

- **Turkey Day 2016 is 11/22.** Last year, we collected 98 turkeys, along with many other items. We really need those turkeys!!!! We are hoping that teachers on each team can donate a turkey. Every little bit helps.

### **PSG, President- Anissa Quirk**

- Since our last meeting, we had two wonderful events: First, the Student BBQ on 9/28 -We successfully fed over 500 students – thank you to Cracked Olive for catering the meal, thank you to Chartwells who donated over 500 individually wrapped bags of Lays Potato Chips – students were also treated to a bottle of water and a piece of cake from Costco. Thank you to all the parents who helped that day! The second event we had was the Teacher Luncheon which was held last week – Cracked Olive catered a delicious meal – the teachers really enjoyed it– thank you to all the families who donated to our sponsorship campaign and brought in some desserts – we had a great group of parents who helped with set-up, serving and clean-up, I can't thank them enough!

- Chartwells – all the parent groups meet with Chartwells each quarter – so if you have any issues you would like us to raise, please email us – the meeting is scheduled for this Thursday, 10/20.

- PSG Gifting – we have a meeting scheduled this week with Ernest Tricomi, our new Buildings & Grounds Dept. Director – would like to hear his ideas on the project and discuss next steps.

- Another program we like is Amazon Smile – each time you shop you can select our school to receive 0.5% of the price of your purchase – follow the link on our website to participate.

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

- Devil Brownies – is our October fundraiser; there are a variety of delicious flavors; each brownie comes individually wrapped and are all packaged in a gift box; for each order we place, the PSG will receive 40% of the sale – a very generous company; we have some order forms in the folder; we will be taking orders through Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> with delivery to your student's homeroom during the week of Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>

- Harlem Wizards – we will now begin focusing our efforts to prepare for this event which will take place on Thursday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>; we are hoping the Community comes out for a fun night. We will be planning a special school visit by a few Harlem Wizards to get the students excited for the event. We already have some teachers who volunteered to play that night. We are looking for parent volunteers to be a part of our Wizards Committee - there is a sign-up sheet in the orange folder.

- Satz Snack Shack – we started this month and plan to have it every Thursday; we will sell a variety of snacks after school in front of Room 101 – cookies, brownies, cupcakes, fruit, etc; all items sold for \$1.00; we gladly will accept any donations whether store bought or homemade and the students love any flavor of Gatorade! There is a sign-up sheet in the folder going around.

- Spiritwear – thank you to those who placed an order; we received a large number of orders and are awaiting shipment; hoping to deliver all items to the homerooms during the week of Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>. We have a few of our Straight Outta Holmdel t-shirts left – they are only \$10 each.

- Fall Clothing Drive – just a reminder if you're cleaning out closets, save your stuff for us – item drop-off will be the week of November 14<sup>th</sup>.

- 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 200 members (families) as of today. Congratulations to The Guerin Family, they won the membership drawing of a \$50 TD Bank gift card. We have 39 teacher members. Congratulations to Ms. Anderson, she won the teacher membership drawing of a \$25 TD Bank gift card.

#### **Purvi Shah, PSG Treasurer**

- The Treasurer's report was distributed and is available upon request. Balance as of 10/17/16 was \$9,167.88.

#### **Mary Cherchio, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance Chairperson**

- We have booked The Gramercy at Lakeside Manor as the venue for this year's Graduation Dance; it's a beautiful place and it's close by – located in Hazlet on Route 36.

#### **Michelle Sottile, HFEE**

- Thanks everyone for an amazing 2015-2016 year. We will inform everyone about a new gift initiative in the coming months that will this year be for the Satz school—details to follow soon! We need help more than ever because it's a non-Gala year. Please consider donating on our website at [HFEE.org](http://HFEE.org).

Reminder of upcoming HFEE dates:

Poker Night: Friday, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>

Battle Of The Faculties: Thurs, Mar 30

5K Sun, Jun 4th

#### **HCAA, Teresa Rampulla, Satz representative**

- Cast and Crew party is planned immediately following the show (A Comic Horror adaptation of Edgar Allen Poe Stories" on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, location TBD. If you would like your child to attend the party, please send in or drop off an envelope marked HCAA Cast and Crew party with your child's name on it to the main office. Include payment of \$15 in cash or check made payable to HCAA. This is due by 11/2.

- It is a tradition that your child wears their HCAA "Got Talent" t-shirts on the day of the show. The t-shirts still cost \$15 and all proceeds go to HCAA to benefit the arts in Holmdel.

- A cast and crew dress rehearsal photo pre-order form will be sent separately. Please get these forms in no later than November 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **ARISE- Advocating Rights In Special Education, Ana Vander Woude**

- ARISE will host a SPAN workshop, "Bullying Prevention Strategies" on November 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:30p to 8:30p at Holmdel High School. Teachers can receive continuing education credit.

- Please visit the ARISE website, [ARISEHolmdel@vpweb.com](mailto:ARISEHolmdel@vpweb.com) for current information of interest to the special needs community.

The website is updated regularly. Here are a few events in the community:

- The Holmdel SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Committee) will host its first meeting of the school year on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p. The venue will be changed since it was mistakenly

scheduled for the Satz Media Center where the Board of Education meeting will be held.

- On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Learning Disabilities Association of New Jersey (LDANJ) will host a conference titled "Navigate the Maze, focusing on 'Learning Disabilities & Attention Issues. The workshop will be held at Rutgers University in the Livingston Campus Student Center. [For more information and Registration please click here.](#)

- November 19, 2016: SPAN will host a Transition Mini-Conference at Raritan Valley Community College in Somerville which will address such topics as transition from school to adult life, assistive technology and transition, and adult services.

### **Holmdel Board of Education, Ana Vander Woude**

- The Board last convened twice in September. Below are a few highlights:

- On September 21<sup>st</sup>, the Board completed its state-mandated ethics training. In light of the fact that many board members are parents of children in Holmdel, extensive discussion was held as to the role of board members volunteering in activities within the school district. There is no general ban. Whether a particular activity is permissible is determined on a case-by-case basis. Distinctions were made between volunteering in in-district activities (focus on such factors as frequency of presence in school, as well as direction to staff ) and outside organizations ( that are self-governing and wholly independent of the board member's role and board of education oversight).

- On September 28<sup>th</sup> (The audio of this meeting is on the district website.) :

- Eileen Briamonte was appointed by the Board to fill the Board Member vacancy resulting from Mrs. D'Ambrosi's resignation who moved out of state.

- Presentation of PARCC Score Report by Gary Goldberg, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum of Instruction.

- The second and final reading of the 2016-2017 District Goals. This year's goals will focus on three main categories: Learning (student engagement), Infrastructure (assessing and improving) and Communications (improving community outreach). Of particular relevance to Satz is the Board's commitment to better reach out to Satz parents about Holmdel High School in order to retain its students in-district.

- During the Buildings, Grounds and Safety Committee report, it was discussed that speed bumps would be placed on the roadways behind and along the side of Satz to keep our students safe as they go to PE at Roggy or practice in after-school sports.

- Approval of Superintendent Merit Goals, several of which specifically apply to improvements at Satz including developing strategies to increase the percentage of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students "meeting/exceeding expectations" on the PARCC 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Mathematics assessments.

- The next Board meeting will be October 19<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m in the Satz Media Center.

### **Box Tops, Sue Bossert**

- Special thank you to Sue Bossert who volunteered to be our Box Tops Coordinator! We have a contest going on among the homerooms – it will run until Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> – send in your box tops - one homeroom winner from each grade will win a bagel and donut breakfast – collection sheets are on the website or simply send them to school in a Ziploc bag. Please remember to put your student's name and homeroom to get credit.

### **Closing, Anissa Quirk**

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

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

- Thank you to all of you who came to today's meeting.