

PSG Meeting September 19, 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.
- 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.

Principal's Report, Mr. Howard

- Mr. Howard welcomed everyone back and welcomed the new Assistant Principal, Chantal Simonelli.
- Mr. Howard sends out a weekly bulletin every Friday. It highlights upcoming dates and events pertaining to our students. Let him know if you are not receiving it
- Mr. Howard reviewed Satz goals and they will be posted on-line at a later date.
- MAPP testing will take place the week of October 4th.
- Back To School Night is this Tuesday night and starts at 6:30pm in the High School auditorium. Please note, there is no "0" period.
- Extra helps starts the week of October 4th.
- The late bus leaves at 4:15.

Vice Principal's Report, Ms. Simonelli

- Ms. Simonelli welcomed everyone back to school and is happy to be at Satz!
- There was a friendly reminder on the dress code and no slides allowed.
- Drop-offs in the morning, do not use the bus lane. If your child stays for extra help, pick up is in room 101 and a parent must sign the student out.
- Ms. Simonelli has requested donations of card games for the students to use during their lunch period.
- No cell phones allowed—especially in the locker rooms!

Teacher Representative, Ms. DeMola

- This time of year we are recruiting students to get involved in the various clubs and activities that Satz has to offer, such as Builder's Club, Math Club, and the Student Ambassadors Program.
- The Satz Fall Drama will have auditions on Wednesday, 9/21. Sign-ups and info can be found at bit.ly/satzdrama2016
- The play is an original, humorous adaptation of several of Edgar Allen Poe's stories that Satz students may be familiar with. The play will take place at 7 p.m. on both Friday, Dec. 2, and Saturday, Dec. 3.
- In Ms. Kapoor's Life Skills class, the students are going to start to cook, so please send an e-mail if the child has any sensitivity to food products. She is checking the records too.

- “Out of the Darkness” - Walk to Prevent Teen Suicide. On Sunday, Sept. 25th , at the Hazlet Pool Club starting at 10:00am to raise funds to promote teen suicide awareness and prevention. Please feel free to contact Nicole LaGrua (lagruan@holmdelschools.org) or Mrs. Kudisch (cmorankudisch@holmdelschools.org) for more information.

PSG, President- Anissa Quirk

- Everyone should have received their Back To School packet – containing important information on Membership, our calendar of events and various ways to earn money for Satz – hope you were able to review it – it’s also on our PSG Website –we will be keeping it current so you can keep up to date with all things PSG.
- Cracked Olive will be catering our Student BBQ- they did it last year and the lunch was delicious; we are asking students to pick two items to eat just so we have an idea on how much food to order; we have water bottles on-hand and will be ordering sheet cakes from Costco. Chartwell’s is donating ALL of the Lays Potato Chips – that’s over 500 individually wrapped bags – THANK YOU CHARTWELLS!!! Craig Lanzner and Lauren Wolsch have been wonderful to work with!
- Welcome Back Teacher Luncheon is 10/13 – looking for volunteers to help set-up, serve and clean-up – we have a Sponsorship Campaign – in lieu of food donations, we are asking for monetary donations so we can provide a catered lunch for the teachers; we introduced this a few years ago and it was tremendously successful. The teachers have really enjoyed our beautifully catered luncheons.
- 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 next month.
- PSG Gifting – last year we chose a gifting initiative: to give our Life Skills Room a makeover. We will be working closely with the Buildings & Grounds Dept. to get some additional quotes and hopefully with all of our fundraising efforts this year, we can see this project through!

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

We have an exciting year ahead – we have our two biggest fundraisers happening in the same school year: The Harlem Wizards in January and our Tricky Tray Event in March!

- *Harlem Wizards* – we are looking for a small committee of volunteers so we can start working on this event – there is a sign-up sheet in the orange folder.
- *Satz Snack Shack* – on a monthly basis we will sell a variety of snacks after school in front of the cafeteria – cookies, brownies, cupcakes, fruit, etc; all items sold cheaply between 50 cents and \$2.00 – this will start in October and will generally be every Thursday after school; 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* – we have a couple of new items this year – plaid pants and a dry-core t-shirt along with our favorites - hooded and quarter zip sweatshirts, black sweatpants and a stadium blanket – everything has our Holmdel “H” logo – it’s not affiliated with any sports – just an H to show support for Holmdel – we have some items for sale here today – orders are due 9/30 – we have some order forms here, but they are on our website; we have some Straight Outta Holmdel t-shirts left – they have been reduced to \$10 each.
- *Devil Brownies* – we are bringing back this decadent fundraiser; if you attend BTSN next week, we plan to have samples so you can try some of the flavors; for each order we place, the PSG will receive 40% of the sale – a very generous company; we have some order forms here, but it will be on the site next week – we will be taking orders through Oct. 31st with delivery to your student’s homeroom during the week of Nov. 14th
- We will again be holding *two Clothing Drives* this year: the Fall Drive will be the week of November 14th and the Spring Drive will be held in April – so as you’re cleaning out closets, save your stuff for us!

_ *Green Initiatives* – We have 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 up cycled into new consumer products

- *Specialized Fundraising Programs* – we'll be collecting *Boxtops and Labels for Education*; we'll be running a contest among homerooms – a bagel and donut breakfast – one homeroom winner from each grade – contest starts today and runs through Oct. 28th – collection sheets are on the website. 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.

Terri Ferguson, Membership

- We have 148 members as of today. There will be a membership drawing in October for a \$50 TD Bank gift card.

Purvi Shah, PSG Treasurer

- The Treasurer's report was distributed and is available upon request. Balance as of 9/19/16 was \$8,714.44.

Michelle Sottile, HFEE

- Thanks everyone for an amazing 2015-2016 year. We will inform everyone about a new gift initiative in the coming months. We need help more than ever because it's a non-Gala year.

Please consider donating on our website at HFEE.org.

Upcoming HFEE dates:

Poker Night: Friday, Feb 3rd

Battle Of The Faculties: Thurs, Mar 30

5K Sun, Jun 4th

HCAA, Teresa Rampulla

- HCAA gifted over \$10,000 to the district last year to the arts teachers in all 4 schools. They also provided scholarships to 7 deserving seniors.

- They are currently accepting membership - visit their webpage or their table at BTS night for a membership form.

- They are currently selling calendars featuring ALL the photos from last year's photo contest, "Support the Arts in Holmdel" tote bags, and HCAA tees. Mix and match to save. The more you buy the more you save! These items will also be available at their table at BTS night.

- They would love to see some more new faces at the meetings, which are typically the first Monday of each month at the HS. However, the October meeting will be on Tuesday, the 4th @ 9:00.

ARISE, Ana Vander Woude

ARISE is the parent support group for families of children with special needs in the Holmdel School District. The ARISE website, ARISEHolmdel@vpweb.com, is a clearinghouse of current information regarding education, legal, community and extracurricular issues.

- ARISE will be hosting a SPAN workshop, "Bullying Prevention Strategies" on November 1st from 6:30p to 8:30p at Holmdel High School.

Holmdel Board of Education, Ana Vanderwoude

- The board last convened on August 31st. The audio of that meeting is on the district website. Below are a few highlights:

- The Board interviewed candidates to fill the Board Member vacancy, resulting from Mrs. D'Ambrosi's resignation who moved out of state. Two candidates were identified for second round interviews and the Board hopes to appoint the new Board Member at its September meeting.
- The first readings of the 2016-2017 District Goals. This year's goals will focus on three main issues: 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.
- Dr. McGarry introduced all new staff members to the Board and the community.
- The Board will now convene only once per month and the start of the public session has been changed to 8 p.m.
- The next Board meeting will be September 28th at 8 p.m.

Student Directory, Sue Gordon

- The Student Directory is going paperless, makes sure to download the app! If you have any questions contact Sue @ susanwgordon@yahoo.com

Box Tops, Vacant

- We are looking for someone to coordinate our Box Tops Program. Please contact Anissa if you would like to help out.

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 for the breakfast and setting up the hospitality table.
- Thank you to all of you who came to today's meeting.