**PSG MEETING**

September 29, 2017

**OPENING:**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

* Jenn Rainess welcomed everyone and pointed out the emergence exits.
* Silence cell phones.

**Principal’s Report, Mr. Howard**

A welcome back to all of our returning 8th grade students & a welcome to all of our incoming 7th grade students.

We have a District Website which explains all of our District Goals. Mr. Howard explained the Goals for Student Achievements, specifically for SATZ:

1. MAP Testing
2. PARCC Testing
3. Professional Development of our Staff
   * A Data Team supplies info. To improve teaching and learning in the classroom.
   * Studies show that a culture that supports Teacher Leadership improves the overall school culture – decision making process, ideas, faculty meetings and teacher presentations. The State of NJ has new certification standards for teachers.
4. Literacy and Mathematics – right now 43 minute period. High School has shifted to longer periods. Researching the benefit of longer periods at Satz (not block schedule- just longer periods). Satz would like to enhance the learning experience which would give the teachers more time to interact with students.

A scheduling committee is being put together to examine the benefits of having longer periods.

We will look at other districts to see the the 7-8th grade benefit of longer periods

With the passing of the referendum, it seems like a good time to evaluate this.

1. Satz will continue to improve prevention and intervention for addressing “AT RISK” behavior : bullying, awareness for students

**The STANDARDIZED TESTING SCHEDULE for the 2017-2018 school year:**

PARCC Testing Week:

Mon., April 16-Fri., April 20- PARCC TESTING

Mon., April 23-Fri., April 27-PARCC Make-up

MAP Testing Dates:

Fall Testing: Mon., Sept. 25-Thur., Sept. 28

Winter Testing: Mon., Dec.11-Thur., Dec. 14

Spring Testing: Mon., March 5- Thur. March 8

\*\*\*Mr. Howard distributed (2) handouts : extra help schedule & A/B alternating days schedule. Both will be posted on Facebook page and website.

\*\*\*Mr. Howard thanked everyone for the donation to the life skills room. There has been a delay in opening- waiting for materials to arrive from Houston, TX.. Prospective Date to open is mid-October. However, we do have a small kitchen (adjacent to the cafeteria) that life-skills classes can use in the interim.

\*\*\* Lastly, Satz is working on an initiative for an “all in” book for school (for parents, students & teachers). All will be reading the same book. This is an effort to build our reading culture. Ms. Caliendo and Mrs. Smith are working with Barnes & Noble to choose a book.

**Assistant Principal , Chantal Simonelli**

* Siblings picking up Satz students. In order to pick up a student at Satz you must be 18 years or older. In addition, there should be a note on file with the office.
* Tardiness – stressing the importance for the child to be on time for learning.
* Dress code- being mindful of weekend wear vs. School wear. For the girls, shorts with at least a 4inch inseam.
* Regarding shoes, no sliders during the school day.
* If you need to reach your child, please call the front office. Please do not call your child’s cell phone.
* Please review Parent- student handbook for any revisions – there are some minor changes to the attendance policy.

**Teacher Representative, Ms. Imbro**

* + Teacher of the Year - Ms.Melissa Caliendo
  + Educational Professional of the Year - Sharon Reyes -
  + Announcement about before and after school procedures: Parents need to strop at the line in the cross-walk in the morning when dropping off their students. After 7:45am students need to be dropped in lot. Front lane is a bus lane after that time.  After school, everyone to room 101 for pick up. A note is needed if anyone other than the parent or guardian is picking up the student. Siblings need to be 18.
  + Last year, Mrs. Howard encouraged her students to bring in the empty beauty product containers for the PSG Go Green initiative.  They were able to get a few points for Community Service and added to PSG endeavors.  Students will continue to do so if you...Mrs. Howard requested a poster/list for her classroom.  Someone on the PSG board will contact her directly.  Thanks for your support!

**PSG , President – Jenn Rainess**

**-Introduced a guest speaker: Mrs. Jane Yang.** Mrs. Yang has been helping coordinate trips to China since 2011.

Mrs. Yang shared the experience that our Satz students had last spring in China.

The trip this year will be March 30, 2018-April 8, 2018

Info Meeting on October 5, 2017 @ Satz, in the Cyber Center at 6pm

-PSG gifting – 19,000 gift for the Culinary Arts Room

-PSG sponsored a Grab & Go snack event for the teachers before school started.

-We will be hosting a bagel breakfast for 7th graders on Monday 10/2 and for 8th grade on 10/3

-Parents are welcome to come in and help out. Volunteer arrival is at 7:45am

-PSG will be hosting a Cookie Drive for the Teachers. Drop off bake goods on Friday morning October 6, 2017 by 9am !!!! thank you!

**PSG , VP fundraising** – Lori Umbrino

* 50/50 was the first fundraiser of the school year. Winner drawn at back to school night. The Petrizzo family took home $145.00
* Look for the Nada Nut fundraiser right before Thanksgiving – brownies and crumb cake.
* Shoe Recycle
* Beauty brigade
* Snack shack starts Thursday oct. 5, 2017 – all treats are $1.00 , set-up outside room 101
* 11/13/17-11/18/17 Clothing Drive
* March 8 , 2018 Tricky Tray
* Box Tops, Sue Bossert volunteered to organize.
* 8th grade dance this year to be held at the Grammercy. A large part of our fundraising efforts go to our 8th graders.

**Membership** – Terri Ferguson

-135 families

-17 teachers

-Please encourage friends to get membership!!!! Send in membership money by oct. 5th to be included in a raffle for a $25.00 gift card

-Spiritwear – very successful, if you would like items, fill out form , available in front office.

-Looking for a committee/volunteers to run a small concession stand for our home games, beginning with winter sports through the spring. Please contact Terri if interested.

**PSG Treasurer**, Amy Cleary

The treasurer’s report was distributed and is available upon request.

**Holmdel Board of Education –** Pete Reddy

-2020 initiative passed! 13% turnout for the vote. Looking forward to beginning projects.

-Athletic Handbooks – look for some revisions.

-Honors Criteria- the goal to get placements earlier

-Honors Math will begin in 6th grade going forward.

**Holmdel Foundation For Educational Excellence (HFEE)** Brooke O’Brien

-Annual giving compaign – so far $14,000

Poker night 2/2/2018 7pm , possibly at the Park East

3/22/2018 Battle of the Faculties

April 14, 2018 Spring Gala at the Eagle Oaks Golf Club

June 3, 2018 Fun Run at Bell Works

**Project Graduation** – Debbie Brew

* We get 5% on Shop Rite gift cards (face value)
* New Save Around Coupon Book – App Available for your phone! $25.00

**Closing**

**Mr. Howard picked a number out of attendance sig- up sheet, winner received a beautiful mum plant, donated by the Kiss family!**

**Next Meeting 10/16/2017**