

Indian Hill PLG  
October 5, 2010  
Meeting Notes

Lucia Van Name called the meeting to order at 9:20 A.M. She reminded everyone of the school's no smoking policy and pointed out the fire exits. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Executive Reports

President:

- Project Graduation raises money to provide a safe graduation party for graduating seniors. One way high school parents raise money is by volunteering at PNC concessions. If you are interested in getting involved, contact Lucia.
- The latest way for kids to try to get high is to pour vodka directly into their eyes - very dangerous. Please be aware.
- Community Day was okay this year, but some vendors were lost due to the changed date. Thanks to Linda Fernand, Nina Elliott, Maddie Iulo and Terry Perez. The children wrote letters to the troops which will be mailed to them.
- Shannon Fredrick is coordinating 4th grade hangout. Please contact her if you can chaperone. Permission slips can be turned in at lunch period. Please donate chips and drinks.
- Picture days are October 14 and 15. Please contact the office if you don't have a picture form.
- Red Ribbon Week begins October 15. The theme this year is "I have the power to be drug free!" Please contact Kim Jeanos or Kristin Allocco with questions.
- A huge THANKS to Monica Guarnaccia for agreeing to run Holiday Shop this year. She will need a lot of help, so please volunteer.
- The nurse is looking for clothing to keep on hand for students who need something to change into, for whatever reason, during the school day.
- The book drop will remain open until the end of October.

Membership:

- Current membership is at 55% with a total of 400 families contributing to our membership drive thus far. In addition, teacher/staff participation is at 54%.
- We have raised \$2,133 so far. This is very encouraging as we surpassed our participation level of only 40% this time last year.

- If that envelope is still sitting in your “to-do box”, please send it in as soon as possible. This also ensures your correct email address is in our system for all PLG correspondence.
- Thanks to everyone who has already sent in your contribution.

### Fundraising:

- The PLG will host a craft fair at Indian Hill on Saturday, November 13 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
- We will need help (1) setting up on Friday, beginning after lunch, around 2:00 (2) early morning Saturday, and (3) for clean up from 4:00 - 6:00 on Saturday. Additionally, help will be needed in the kitchen as we’ll be serving light breakfast and lunch items.
- Beverage and snack donations are needed.
- There will be no food vendor concessions, with the exception of a cheesecake stand.
- Nina Elliott alerted everyone to the fact that the ice machine at the school doesn’t work.
- If you have an 8th or 9th grader looking for community service, this would be a good opportunity for them, and we could use their help.
- Dina mentioned that The Girl Scouts had reserved the cafeteria for the Friday before the Craft Fair, so there is a conflict. Ms. McGinty will resolve the situation.
- The craft fair has been featured in the Holmdel Journal and will be in Asbury Park Press. We also plan to put up lawn signs in Holmdel and neighboring towns.

### Corresponding Secretary:

- The email addresses have all been input. Some addresses keep popping back, and a couple membership envelopes came in without an email address. If you haven’t received any emails from Andria lately, and you’ve sent in your dues, please get your email address to her, and she’ll correct it and add it to the list.

### Treasurer:

#### Treasurers Report:

- The membership income line item on the Treasurer’s Report doesn’t reflect total collections to date, and some money is still dribbling in. The budget has been ratcheted down a bit due to some of the financial problems the PLG experienced last year. Congratulations to the Back to School Teacher Lunch group for staying within budget!
- Juice and snack donations are terrific because the PLG sells whatever we don’t use at an event. That is found money! Box tops are another simple way to generate funds.

## Budget:

- We have to factor in custodian overtime now for all after school events.
- Membership - we have a \$3,800 potential in Holmdel. Last year we received about \$2,200, and we are already at \$2,500.
- Some line items represent net amounts.
- If you have any additions, deletions or changes to budget, please let Tammy know because the budget will be finalized by the next meeting.

## Interim Principal:

- Ms. McGinty thanked the PLG for the fabulous Back to School lunch! She said she'd never seen such a spectacular welcome! She also thanked the PLG for the games: the 4th graders appreciate them!
- All Back to School nights were well attended.
- The new rules which avoid classroom interruption are working fine and everyone loves the new parking lot traffic pattern!
- On October 15, Prevention First will present an assembly program on bullying.
- On October 18, there will be an author assembly with Todd Strausser.
- The prosecutor's office gives an informative program on cyber bullying - Ms. McGinty has contacted them to see if we can have them come to Indian Hill.
- Student council: nominations for class officers will be held on October 15. Executive Board Candidates (6<sup>th</sup> graders) will present speeches on November 1, with elections on the 2nd, and results on the 3rd.
- The 4th grade Halloween parade will be held on Friday, October 29th. A letter regarding costumes is being sent home.
- Parent/teacher conferences will be held in November. Letters will be sent home.
- Progress reports are going out: no news is good news.

## Assistant Principal:

- Student immunizations for 6<sup>th</sup> graders must be in by October 15th, or students will not be allowed to attend school.

## Teacher Representative:

- Mr. Woods could not attend the meeting, but sent his thanks for the teacher lunch.

## Committee Reports

### ARISE:

- ARISE hopes to develop two workshops within district, topics to be announced. RPDA provides workshops and seminars throughout the district for parents and teachers. The workshops are held at the Monmouth Mall.
- For more information, please access the link on the special services website.

### Career Day:

- The committee already has many volunteers to speak and to help. Alicia Baylock, Nina Elliott and Dani Page are in charge of this group. They are looking for 4th grade parents to join their group.

### Class Parents:

- Leslie has collected the forms from back to school night, and is getting organized. She still needs class parents for Ms. Cantania and Ms. Unanski.
- Please check the drawer in the office if you think you may have mail.

### Cultural arts:

- The author assembly with Todd Strausser of the “Help! I’m Trapped in ...” series is coming up. Students can get their books signed.

### Games:

- The Games Committee purchased and delivered games to the 4th grade classrooms. Thanks to the Hobby Shop, who was generous with pricing.

### Go Green:

- Dina Hamwi thanked all the parents who signed up to volunteer. School is not in session during Earth Week, so events will be held before or after the actual week.
- The committee is finalizing the assembly date for November. This is a prepaid state assembly - a \$1300 free assembly!!!! Our school is eligible for this assembly because we have shown the state that Holmdel is serious about being green.
- Our schools have recycled over 7,000 pieces of trash, raising \$150. The recycling effort is making parents aware of how to pack no trash lunches.
- The committee is looking into water filtration, and using no Styrofoam once a month. Go Green hopes to convert our schools to no Styrofoam by year end.

### Hangout:

- Lynn Shields reported that fourth grade hangout is this Friday from 3:30 to 5:30. Please be on time to pick up your kids.

### Historian:

- No report.

### Hospitality:

- Bianca and Linda reported that the Back to School Lunch was a success! Thanks so much for everyone who showed up to help!!!!
- Thanks Alicia and Michelle for coffee setup for our meeting!

### Drug and Alcohol:

- Kim Jeanos needs volunteers to help with Red Ribbon Week during lunch periods.

### Board of Ed:

- The newest fundraising goal is the rain garden at Village School.
- The Board approved the hiring of a transportation efficiency consultant.
- The Satz School's 8th grade Washington trip relies heavily on teacher volunteers: 22 - 25 are needed. As of today, we only have 8! This is extremely troubling. We may check with other schools to see if can get more teacher volunteers. The problem is that deposits are due now and are non refundable. Only teachers can chaperone. The field trip could be canceled do to lack of chaperones!!!
- Ms. McGinty said the request for teacher volunteers has been extended district wide.
- A further concern is that if the trip is canceled this year, Satz will probably never get it back. Lucia pointed out that the reaction from parents will be extremely negative if there is no 8th grade class trip this year.
- The Board had a spirited discussion regarding off campus student conduct and disciplinary action taken by the school.
- The next BOE meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 13.

### HFEE:

- The Holmdel Foundation for Educational Excellence is proud to announce that our fund raising efforts for 2010-2011 will focus on the purchase and installation of Outdoor Classroom Amenities to the newly installed Village School Rain Gardens. A grant from the State of New Jersey funded this initial project. The Rain Gardens recycle storm water run off to create beautiful and environmentally progressive seasonal Rain Gardens along with tremendous learning opportunities for all the children of Village School. To learn more about Rain Gardens please visit the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program rain garden Webpage at: [water.rutgers.edu](http://water.rutgers.edu).
- The HFEE's goal is to make the Rain Gardens a fully functional outdoor learning environment for lessons that directly tie into the science curriculum in all grades. An additional \$22,000 is

needed to purchase and install two self-contained learning centers with weatherproof tables, seating and benches in two locations within the Rain Gardens. This will allow all students at Village School to fully utilize the outdoor space in an educational setting.

- We hope to fulfill our 2010/11 fund raising goals through our Annual Giving Campaign beginning October 2010. As soon as this money is raised, it will be gifted so the classroom can be installed asap. It's a wonderful environment rich with opportunity for learning in all seasons. Please look for the Annual Giving letter in your mail and make a donation that will help us achieve our goals.

#### HCAA:

- Tryouts for the Indian Hill play are coming up soon.
- Please contact Leslie or Linda if you want to place an ad in the HCAA ad journal. There is one journal for the whole year, so your ad will be seen at each Indian Hill, Satz and High School production.
- Members receive two complementary tickets to each of the Satz and High School productions!

#### School Store:

- School store is open every Thursday during lunch period.

#### Sign Board:

- Thank you Chimin Hu for agreeing to take this job! The sign is up.

#### Signals:

- Dee thanked Nina for sending in pictures - they looked great! PLEASE send your articles in on time. Putting Signals together is a tedious task, please help Dee out by sending your articles in on time.
- Dina asked if more fliers and forms which are typically sent home via "kid mail" could be sent as attachments to signals. It would be a great paper and cost saver.

#### T-shirts:

- The T-shirt Committee will meet in January, and t-shirts will be ordered in time for the 6th graders to wear on their field trip.

#### Specialized Fundraising:

- Boxtops: this month there will be a competition between homerooms to see who can collect the most boxtops. Please volunteer to come in during your child's lunch period to sort the collected boxtops on October 15. The winning classroom gets a pizza party during lunch! Please make sure the boxtops you send in aren't expired. There will be another collection period in the spring. Last year we made \$800 from boxtops.
- We will start collecting Campbell Soup labels next month.
- Lucia thanked the group for their effort.

### Student Directory:

- This Friday is the deadline for the art contest. The judging committee will meet Monday. Please drop off last minute submissions at Roseanne Wriedt's house. Please follow directions on website so make sure drawing is correct size.

### Sunshine:

- No report.

### Old/New Business:

- None.