

Indian Hill PLG
Meeting Notes
February 7, 2012

President

- The minutes from the January 3 meeting were approved.
- We continue to need gently used games. We have received several, and they have all been put to good use.
- Thanks to Dee LaBarca for the last installment of Signals. Beautiful job!
- Thanks to Lori Possner for the Shakespeare presentation. The kids loved it!
- The Indian Hill Boardwalk is this Friday. There will be phenomenal prizes. The following donations are requested by grade: soda (4th), snacks (5th), and water (6th). Please donate as it helps to alleviate our cost. Also, please volunteer to help run games the night of the Boardwalk. It can't happen without parent support.
- The "Cash for Gold" fundraiser will be held on February 8 to support Project Graduation. The event will be held at the home of Teri Perez. Project Graduation is a complete night of activities for seniors the night of graduation, which is safe and fun. The evening is free for the grads.
- Christine is putting together letters for next year's board positions.
- This year's Gift Committee members are: Tami Boyle (Executive Board), Chi Min and Colleen Fischer (Appointed Board), and Teena Strayley (at large member). Thank you for volunteering!
- This year's Nominating Committee members are: Andria Wojtunik (Executive Board), Dani Page and Lisa Kiechlin (Appointed Board), and Lucia Van Name and Tracee Trinder (at large members). This Committee will meet to form the slate for the executive board. Thanks for volunteering.

Assistant Principal

- Geography Bee – the winner of Indian Hill's Geography Bee takes a test from National Geographic that determines if they go to the state competition.
- See the PLG bulletin for pictures as well as photos from the Shakespeare assembly.
- Thanks so much for the games!

- Study Island is a great program that helps teachers track how each student is progressing individually, as well as how we are doing by class and by district.
- To Go Bags (for evacuation drills): the PLG needs volunteers to check class lists of supplies.

Membership

- No change.

Corresponding Secretary

- Hopefully the email list is good by now, and everyone got the email reminder for the meeting.

Fundraising

- The PLG Winter Boardwalk will be held on February 10 from 5-9 PM.
- The request for sixth grade donations needs to be clarified as to amount. The PLG will be asking for a small donation from 6th grade parents to put together a basket (\$2 or \$3 per child).
- Only 84 pre-admissions have been sold to date, which is low.
- The Gertrude Hawk chocolate fundraiser will be held in February.
- A Valentines Day Candy Gram sale (home made, nut free) will be held during lunch. Candy Grams will be sold for \$1 per piece, delivered to the classroom.

Treasurer

- We received our box top check, and the next competition is starting.
- Please refer to the Treasurer's Report: we have not take in a lot of funds, but have spent a lot, so please let's support the Boardwalk and our other fundraising projects.
- Linda Fernand approved the Treasurer's report and Chi Min seconded.

Principal

- Staff development in Holmdel is completely teacher-generated: topics arise from teacher needs. This is specific to Holmdel, and really great. The most meaningful part of staff development is getting teachers together within their specific learning communities (ie. math, reading, language arts).

- Knowledge Masters: 22 of our students qualified! Ms. Bradley is running the Knowledge Masters program. Our students are doing extremely well in the Continental Math League competition!
- Ms. Axelrod is so impressed by Holmdel's community of social action. That's what our parents are about and it's the focus of our student council's activities.
 - Crocheting for a cause: students made blankets for preemie babies and caps for cancer patients staying at Jersey Shore Medical center. Our students made 44 projects to donate! Jackie Mazza, an interim teacher at Indian Hill, led the project.

At this point, we took a break for a presentation by Lice Lifters.

Cultural Assemblies

- No report.

Teacher Representative

- Star Lab and liquid nitrogen will be in March.

ARISE

- The next meeting is scheduled for March 20 to discuss ways to use technology to help our kids district wide.

BOE

- At the January 25 meeting, we accepted the retirement of Carol Stehn, a math and science teacher who has been here since 1977.
- Readers Workshop discussion: the BOE received a lot of constructive feedback from parents. Thanks to all parents who came out to express their views.
- The Board approved a power purchase agreement to purchase solar panels. It is a 15-year agreement with Hudson Power. The estimated savings over 15 years is over \$2 million. There is no cost outlay for us, and we will receive a credit on the savings to our energy cost. The solar panels will be installed at all buildings simultaneously throughout the district.
- The 2012-2013 school year calendar is out. Wednesday, September 5 is the first day of school. The NJEA break will be November 8 and 9, Spring Break will start with a

½ day March 22, followed by a full week (3/25 – 3/29). The last day of school is a *Monday*, June 24.

- At the end of January, Governor Christie signed in a bill which allows school boards to schedule elections in November, to coincide with state and national elections. In addition, the district no longer requires voter approval for budget increases of 2% or less.
- The Board had a retreat yesterday in which changing the date of elections to November was discussed. The date change will save as much as \$30,000 in costs associated with holding the elections, and will increase voter turnout.
- The next BOE meeting will be held on February 15. The topic will be computer literacy.

Career Day

- The committee is in good shape, with lots of presenters and plenty of help. Thanks Alicia!

Class Parents

- No report.

Games

- Thanks for all the donated games!

Go Green

- No report.

Hangout

- No report.

Historian

- No report.

Hospitality

- Thanks Alicia and Michelle for coffee and bagels this morning!

Holiday Shop

- No report.

Drug and Alcohol

- No report.

HFEE

- This year's gala, "The Sands of Time" will be held on March 10 at 7:00 PM at the Trump country club.
- The gift card fundraiser is ongoing. Please see the HFEE website for information. You can use your credit card via PayPal on the website.
- See Chi Min for ad journal fliers and raffle tickets.

HCAA

- No report.

School Store

- Lucia said we should consider holding School Store just once a month. We thought about it last year but didn't make the change.

Special Projects

- The box tops contest deadline is February 26.

Specialized Fundraising

- No report.

Sign Board

- No report.

Signals

- PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE send in articles before the deadline! February 22 is the next deadline. Please email to: threede@comcast.net

Student Directory

- No report.

Sunshine

- No report.

New Business

- Forms went home for sixth grade t-shirts. When we ask for nicknames, we mean real nicknames. T-shirts are adult sizes, but they run small.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 6, at 9:15 AM in the Indian Hill cafeteria.