

Indian Hill PLG
Meeting Notes
March 6, 2012

President

- The minutes from the February meeting were approved.
- Christine was unable to go to the President Council Meeting, so there was no report.
- The boardwalk was a tremendous success: the PLG made a \$10,600 profit! Many thanks to Carolyn and her volunteers!
- Christine is putting together letters for next year's board positions.
- The talent show was very successful! We have some very talented kids here! The PLG was able to sell some snacks left over from Boardwalk.
- The Book Fair is being held this week in the library.
- Village School is participating in a consignment sale contest.
- Satz is holding a clothing drive fundraiser March 26th through the 31st.
- The next Signals deadline is 3/22. Please make the deadline.
- Next month we'll have a slate to present for next year's board positions.

Assistant Principal

- The World Language Fair was held during lunch. It was really interesting for the kids.
- Boardwalk was great! Mr. Ferrarici's kids had a lot of fun!
- Heros and Cool Kids is a great program in which High School students come to talk to our kids through team building exercises about self-respect, taking care of yourself, and how to treat others. This is the first year that kids who benefited from the program as sixth graders are now in the role of the High School mentor.

Membership

- No change.

Corresponding Secretary

- Please get your names in so we can make up slate for next year (Andria is on the nominating committee).

Fundraising

- The Cheeburger Cheeburger fundraiser is coming up.
- The Gertrude Hawk chocolate fundraiser ends Friday.

Treasurer

- Congratulations to Carolyn Zofchak and her helpers for a very successful Boardwalk – we made over \$10,000! Last year we made closer to \$6,500. Income from admissions and games were up, however, Lucia pointed out admissions and ticket prices were way up. People were reportedly pretty upset about the increase in prices. The basket raffle did make about \$1,000 more than last year, and those prices did not go up. We have not gotten the check from Cold Stone yet. It will be interesting to see what we made there.
- Tammy pointed out that's why the Gertrude Hawk fundraiser is successful: we don't have to lay out money, so its pure profit.
- We made \$250 on Candy Grams.
- Keep Box Tops coming in.
- This is Tammy's last year at Indian Hill. We will need a new Treasurer next year.

Principal

- This was the first Boardwalk for Ms. Axelrod and Mr. Ferrarici. It was great to see the all the parent and teacher volunteers.
- The kids and teachers both liked the candy gram sale.
- The Talent Show was fantastic!
- The 6th grade just completed their writing task, which contributes to their placement next year. The math task will be next month.
- Study Island benchmarks are coming in, so now the teachers are looking to see how to use this information to bring it back to the classroom to continue to improve our teaching.

Cultural Assemblies

- No report.

Teacher Representative

- We have the Vandegraph generator here (it's "the thing that makes your hair stand up"). Next will be liquid nitrogen and Star Lab.

ARISE

- The next meeting is scheduled for March 20 at the High School at 7pm. We will discuss ways to use technology to help our children district wide. The goal is to benefit students of all ages.

BOE

- A "not to exceed" number for the budget was determined last week. This doesn't mean that's the number that will ultimately be used. The guideline is that we are not to exceed a 1.5% budget increase.
- State of the district will be presented next week.
- There was a presentation regarding the gifted and talented program. The program may be expanded to Satz.
- The BOE is reviewing a petition it received regarding Readers Workshop.
- On March 28 there will be a presentation on the World Language Program.
- There will be a character education program on April 18.
- Board elections will now be moved to November. So long as the budget increase stays at 2% or below we don't have to vote on it. However, the goal is not to go to 2% just because we can. For example, this year our "not to exceed" increase ceiling is 1.5%, so it may not even increase that much.
- Lucia asked if the Calendar was set in terms of the last day of school being on a Monday next year. The answer was that the calendar is final because the graduation date is set. There are rules at the state level regarding school dates. It makes scheduling really difficult.

Career Day

- The committee is in good shape, with lots of presenters and plenty of help. Thanks Alicia!
- Career Day is on Thursday, March 22.
- The committee had so many presenters that they had to ask some to back down to ½ day.
- Lisa asked if there was a way to photograph parents with kids on the way in. They felt as if they were disrupting the presentations last year.
- Linda and Bianca are running the lunches. They will need luncheon volunteers from 10:30 to 2:30as well as food donations.
- An e-blast will go out requesting donations and volunteers.

Class Parents

- No report.

Games

- No report.

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 National Golf Club. It's not too late to buy tickets, at HFEE.org. Tickets are \$150.
- Christine is selling raffle tickets for \$20.

HCAA

- No report.

School Store

- Starting this month, School store will be only twice each month.

Special Projects

- We made \$6,000 from 600 box tops. Class winners were: Moran (4th), Fullilove (5th) and Dillon (6th) .

Specialized Fundraising

- No report.

Sign Board

- No report.

Signals

- PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE send in articles before the deadline! The goal is to have it out by the first of the month. Dee is leaving this year, so that position will be open next year.

Student Directory

- No report.

Sunshine

- No report.

Tshirts:

- Suzanne said that if we request Hanes t-shirts, Hanes will send a check to our school.

New Business

- The Village School skate night is Friday 3/23 at 5:30.
- There are free downloads of e-books available through the Monmouth County Library if you have a library card.
- Tammy motioned to adjourn, Linda seconded.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 4, at 9:15 AM in the Indian Hill cafeteria.