

Indian Hill PLG
September 15, 2010
Meeting Notes

Lucia Van Name called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. She welcomed everyone to the first PLG meeting of the school year. Lucia reminded everyone of the school's no smoking policy and pointed out the fire exits. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The PLG was pleased to have Indian Hill's new interim principal, Susan McGinty in attendance at the meeting.

Future PLG meetings will be held at 9:15 on the first Tuesday of each month.

Please adhere to Indian Hill's dismissal procedure by making sure your child has a note if they are being picked up early for any reason. There will be no early dismissals after 2:30.

Executive Reports

President:

- Lucia asked that everyone please send in their \$5.00 PLG membership fee. Membership ensures your inclusion on the PLG email list.
- Monday, September 13th was 4th grade Back to School Night. 5th grade BTS night will be held on 9/21 and 6th grade on 9/28.
- Linda Fernand and Bianca Mackey are coordinating the teacher lunch to be held this Friday, 9/17. Six quiches were still needed. Lori Tascione, Karen Stauffer and Chimin Hu volunteered to bring them in. Nina Elliot will bring in cut vegetables.
- Newsletter - Dee LaBarca asked that submissions be emailed to her by next Thursday, September 23. Dee's address is threede@comcast.net.
- Community Day is October 2. This event is run by Special Projects, which also coordinates Box Top collection and a few other specialized fundraising efforts. This position was still unfilled. Colleen Fisher generously volunteered to take it on, and Nina Elliot offered to help her. Thanks!
- The PLG also needed someone to take on Hospitality, which entails setting up coffee for the PLG meetings. Alicia Bayloff and Michelle D'mello volunteered to run Hospitality this year. Thanks!

Principal:

- Ms. McGinty welcomed everyone back to school. She has been in education for 31 years, after which she retired for a short time. She has come out of retirement to serve as Indian Hill's Interim Principal, and she is very excited to be working in such a terrific school district! She emphasized that she believes that here in Holmdel we have one of the finest districts in New Jersey. Ms. McGinty thanked Mr. Saponaro for all his help in getting acquainted with Indian Hill. She understands that Mr. Schillaci left big shoes to fill, and assured us that her philosophies are very similar to his.
- Parking lot changes: the aisles now run two ways, which should improve both safety and convenience. Ms. McGinty and Mr. Saponaro held a safety discussion with the students outside. She's met with all the students and introduced herself. It's been an easy transition, and the school is running like a charm.
- School handbooks (planners) should be out on Friday. Please read and sign.

- New rules:

- If you drop off a lunch for your child in the office, your child will not be called out of class to retrieve it. Rather, dropped off lunches will be brought down to the cafeteria by the lunch aids. This will help to minimize classroom disruptions.
- Similarly, if your child forgets his or her homework at home, please do not bring it in to the office. Your child will not be allowed to leave class to pick it up. The goal is to minimize classroom disruption and to teach students responsibility.
- NJASK scores are being mailed out late because initial scores were re-calibrated. The office will have the scores by September 24, and will mail them out to families immediately thereafter. Some students received letters from the Achieve program based on their test scores. Ms. McGinty apologized if some parents were caught by surprise, since they hadn't received the test scores prior to the Achieve program letter. She emphasized that Achieve is a great program for students.
- Staffing changes were noted.
- The first progress reports will go out October 7.

Assistant Principal:

- Mr. Saponaro has already met with the students this year to talk about respect and responsibility.
- Ms. Calvert is Indian Hill's Guidance Counselor. She's a great resource.
- 6th grade parents have been notified of the new immunization requirements. The immunizations need to be completed and the paperwork must be handed in by October 15. Students will not be permitted to come to school with incomplete immunizations or records after that date.
- There were two days in August for parents and students to visit schools.
- Flip flops may not be worn to school. Additionally, rubber bracelets with inappropriate messages on them will not be permitted.
- Advance homework will not be given to students going on vacation while school is in session. This district wide policy will be strictly enforced this year. Students will have a chance to make up the work they missed once they return.
- Homework will not be collected and sent home unless a student has been absent three days or more.
- Cell phones must be turned off and stored in back packs, otherwise, they will be confiscated and held in the office for parents to retrieve.
- Katie Rosito is expecting a baby. Ms. Archinaco had baby over the summer.

Ms. Calvert:

- Ms. Calvert wants parents and students to know she's available to them.

Membership:

- 192 families have joined the PLG already, so we are off to a great start. Please indicate your email address on your membership form so we can include you on our email distribution list. Please write legibly.

Fundraising:

- The PLG will not hold a magazine or gift wrap fundraiser this year.
- The new fundraiser will be a craft fair to be held at Indian Hill on Saturday, November 13, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Vendors will be charged \$60.00 per table, and retain all of the proceeds they receive from their sales.

- We still need more vendors. If you know anyone who sells or makes anything, let us know. (No concession food, however, as we will be running our own.) We currently have 24 vendors; our goal is 40.
 - We will have a food concession - light breakfast and lunch items - food donations will be needed.
 - There was a motion to spend \$450.00 on a 1/2 page ad in the Holmdel Journal promoting the craft fair. Roseanne seconded it. The Asbury Press will also be contacted for possible advertisement.
- Other fundraising efforts will be the write a check campaign, walkathon, and boardwalk carnival.

Correspondence:

- Please include your email address on your membership form, and please print clearly.
- Andrea also announced that Village School's Ladies Night Out will be held Thursday, October 21. Please contact Sue Liedel directly (or through Andrea) if you want to attend or if you have a business and can donate a basket.
- Lucia passed around an attendance sheet and asked everyone to sign.

Treasurer:

- Lucia presented the Treasurer's report for Tammy Boyle. The budget will be ready for next month's meeting.

ARISE:

- Anna could not be at the meeting this month. If you have any questions, please email her.

Career Day:

- Career Day will be held on March 24 this year. Nina is looking for volunteers to help with this event. Come share what you do for a living with our students. A great lunch is provided. Look for volunteer sign up sheets at back to school night. There was a good response from the 4th grade.

Class Parents:

- Class Parents coordinate individual class parents for each grade. Again, please print clearly when filling out emails on contact forms.

Cultural Assembly:

- The next assembly will be an author presentation: Todd Stressor on October 18.

Games:

- The 4th grade is a very large class (there are two extra homerooms). They need games for indoor recess. Please donate if you can.

Go Green:

- Dina Hamwi is leading the Holmdel schools' "Go Green" effort for the second year, and is very excited about it. The committee achieved its goals last year with a lot of support from the office staff and students.
 - We had several paid state assemblies for our schools (savings our schools money).
 - Earth week celebration, no garbage lunch, recycle old sneaker day, arbor tree planting, and the Kleen Canteen sale were all a big success!
 - A new goal is to eliminate styrofoam from the lunch room.
 - There will be a free Clean Ocean Action assembly this year.

- Students will write letters to corporations encouraging them to reduce styrofoam packaging.
- Students will continue to recycle cookie wrappers, chip bags, juice pouches, and glue sticks.
- Village School has filtered water in place; we would like to put that in place at Indian Hill.
- The committee may hold a locker clean out at year end.

Hang out:

- 4th grade is 10/8, 5th grade is 10/15, 6th grade is 10/22.
- \$5.00 per student. Pizza and snacks will be provided. There will be a DJ and games.

Historian:

- Lisa Kiechlin was present for Lisa Ching.

Hospitality:

- Linda Fernand asked for teacher lunch volunteers to arrive by 9:30 Friday morning. Decorating will be done Thursday. Those who are bringing drinks, please drop them off Thursday so they can be refrigerated. Please drop off deserts, food on Friday morning. Servers are needed for Friday.

Drug and Alcohol Alliance:

- No report.

HFEE:

Since 1996, the mission of the Holmdel Foundation for Educational Excellence is to enhance the educational experience of every student in the Holmdel District. The HFEE is proud to announce its success in their exceptional fundraising effort to bring the \$150,000 World Language Lab to the Satz/HS complex. The HFEE invites you to the special Dedication Ceremony and Ribbon Cutting event at the HS on October 12 at 6:30pm. The Foundation extends its deepest gratitude to everyone who has contributed to the success of this unprecedented fundraising effort. Please visit www.hfee.org for additional information regarding the WLL.

With an eye towards our next gift, the Foundation is excited to invite you to our first fundraising event of this school year. A D'Vine Affair will take place on Wednesday, October 6 from 7:30-10:30 at The Wine Bar in the Atlantic Highlands. We hope you join us for a casual and social evening while enjoying some light fare and an open bar. Tickets are available on line at www.hfee.org and are \$100.00 pp. There is limited availability so please, buy your tickets asap.

HCAA

- No report.

School Store:

School store will be held every Thursday. Items for sale include school supplies and other small items.

Sign Board:

- Chimin Hu volunteered to take this position, which involves changing the message board outside the school once or twice a month. Thanks Chimin!!

Sixth Grade Tshirts:

All sixth graders will receive a T-shirt as a gift from the PLG at the end of the year. Last year they wore them on their class trip to the Philadelphia Zoo.

Signals:

- Dee asked that submissions be sent in before the deadline. Please send in any relevant news you have. The next deadline is Sept 23.

Special Projects:

- No report.

Student Directory:

- Please register for the directory online, registering under your youngest child's homeroom teacher. September 30 is the deadline for inputting your information. There is an artwork contest for the cover. The deadline for contest submissions is October 16.

Sunshine:

- No report.

New Business:

- Ms Aquinas got engaged over the summer. Congratulations!

Old Business:

- Debbie Bergamatto won the attendance raffle prize.

[The next PLG meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 5, at 9:15 am. Hope to see you there!](#)