

## **Village School PSA**

**May 10, 2011**

### **Meeting Notes**

Suzanne Niro called the meeting to order at 9:40am. Suzanne led the Pledge of Allegiance and alerted everyone to the fire exits. There were no objections to the minutes from the PSA meeting held on April 12, 2011, which were passed around due to the fact that they had not been posted on-line yet. They were approved by Ruth Davis and Chimin Hu.

#### **Principal**

- Mr. Schillaci thanked Ms. Shapter for setting up the page she presented to the group.
- Report cards will be going home tomorrow, Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.
- An e-mail blast will go out tomorrow and will include information on the NJ ASK and the Parent Input Form for next year's student placement. Completion of the input form is not mandatory.
- Ms. Montana will be starting her maternity leave at the end of this week.
- The Teacher of the Year from Village School has been awarded to two teachers - Mrs. Dempsey (the K/1 Librarian) and Ms. Rosen (Speech Pathologist). Congratulations!
- The Feinstein Challenge was a tremendous success - \$89,000 was raised altogether!

#### **Vice Principal**

- Dr. Ledford stated that the NJ ASK will be administered to the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders from May 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>. The children being tested should arrive on-time, well-rested and have a good breakfast. Preparation books will be sent out prior to Spring Break. Make-ups will be given May 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> grade musical will take place on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and

3<sup>rd</sup> grade spring musicals already took place, and were wonderful! Great job Dr. Riso!

### **Teacher Representative**

- Ms. Devaney said that she has received great feedback from the Box Top contest, and thanked the PSA for their work on the program.
- Thank you to the parents who helped with Read Across America, and to the PSA who provided the balloons.
- Thank you from Jill Edwards to the parents who helped with book leveling.

### **Treasurer**

- Maria Curreri reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Changes to the report from last month included a \$192 donation to the Carnival Café. The plant sale income is expected to come in at \$1842.00.
- The tax year for the PSA ends on July 1, 2011.
- A motion was made to accept the reports by Linda Fernand and Ruth Davis.

### **President**

- Suzanne presented the slate for next year's Executive Board to be voted on: President - Suzanne Niro, Vice President/Communications - Lynn Saporito, Vice President/Fundraising - Michelle Prager, Vice President/Fundraising - Michelle Sottile, Recording Secretary - Suzanne Gestrich and Treasurer - Purvi Shah. There were no additional nominations from the floor for any position. All in attendance were in favor, there were no against or abstaining. Congratulations to the new Board!
- There are several positions still available within the Appointed Board for next year. A sheet reflecting the openings and sign-ups was passed around.
- Suzanne was very happy to announce that the Holmdel based firm "Rahvalor" accepted the job of designing, maintaining and hosting the [www.holmdelparents.org](http://www.holmdelparents.org) website pro-bono (Representatives from Rahvalor will speak briefly at the end of the meeting). The only cost

currently associated with setting up the domain name for a 10-year period. That charge would be \$144.90 and will be divided amongst all four schools (Village would pay \$36.23). Future costs to be determined.

- Suzanne requested that a motion be made to utilize PSA funds towards the domain name. All in attendance were in favor.
- The event previously referred to as the “3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Ice Cream Social” will now be referred to as the “3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Social” for reasons of continuity and remove the expectations of the type of food being served.
- Henceforth, the food served at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Social, and at all events held during school hours, will be approved by the Administration based on the welfare of the students.
- The District calendar for the next school year is in the process of being set up. If your committee has any dates, please submit them as soon as possible.
- Thank you for the volunteers who helped with Earth Day, and to everyone who has helped throughout the year.

### **Membership**

- Linda Lautenberg advised that the last PSA meeting of this school year will take place at 9:30am on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Red Oak Diner. There will be a charge of \$10 person. If interested, please send in an envelope marked “Membership” with your contribution.

### **Fundraising**

- Michelle Prager reported that the Tiny Tots Tennis program brought in an income of \$1827.00. The program may run again in September with the option of different days to participate.
- We are moving forward with the supply boxes and they will be available for students in 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> grades. Flyers will go out soon with ordering information. Parents may be able to order on-line, and the deadline for orders will be June 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **Carnival**

- Carolyn Zofchak thanked the teacher volunteers.
- Coldstone Creamery will be at the Carnival, and will donate some of their revenue back to Village School.
- Please consider volunteering at the Carnival, there are 5 openings for the second shift.
- Suzanne reminded everyone to please send in donations towards the Carnival baskets, and reported that one family donated all of the hot dogs and buns.

## **Correspondence**

- Pam Hroblak presented thank you notes from the following in response to the Staff/Teacher Appreciation Lunch: Mrs. Varga, Ms. Bongo, Mrs. McMullan, Mrs. Aniello and Mrs. Kenney.
- Pam also shared a note from Mrs. Dempsey thanking the PSA for the book, “Who will Plant a Tree?” which was donated to the library.
- Nurse Flannelly, Noreen Morgan and Carol Dempsey thanked the PSA for the gift cards that they received.

## **School Store**

- Alyssa Coffaro reported the total from the April store was approximately \$830.00.
- The next and final Store for this school year is Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed.

## **ARISE**

- No report.

## **Board of Education**

- Ana Vander Woude reported that the budget proposed by the Board of Education, and voted on in the April 27<sup>th</sup> election, passed.
- A part-time nurse position was added.
- At the BOE meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup>, the Board approved a new principal for Indian Hill. Tali Axelrod will be assuming this role, and more information on Ms. Axelrod can be found on the Holmdel Patch website.
- Also at the April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Board accepted official retirement notifications from the following: Mrs. Unanski (Indian Hill), Mrs. Mitchell (Village School) and Ms. Page (Bus Driver).
- The next meeting will take place on May 25<sup>th</sup> and will include an awards ceremony for students and the Teachers of the Year.

### **Art Appreciation**

- Ruth Davis stated that the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> lessons are going well.

### **Bingo**

- No report.

### **Book Fair**

- No report.

### **Bus Safety**

- No report.

### **Specialized Fundraising**

- Jane Zysk presented a check from Box Tops in the amount of \$1700.50!
- A year end report was given and included the following revenue: \$78.33 from the Stop & Shop program, \$99.00 from cell phones and printer cartridges (additional money is pending)

and a total of \$2557.40 for Box Tops. The grand total was \$2653.73.

- The Box Tops amount more than doubled last year's total, and Specialized Fundraising's total revenue almost doubled as well!
- We have a total of 10,590 points in the Labels4Education program. Rewards can be ordered on-line, and Jane suggested using 8,000 points towards board games. Additional points could be used for gym supplies.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Social**

- Jane Zysk stated that the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Social will take place on Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:45-2:45pm.
- The Social will include a DJ, who will play some music from the Spring Musical (thank you Dr. Riso). The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will be the first to receive their Memory Books, and they will be able to sign them at the Social.
- A tentative plan is set to take Polaroid photos of the children with graduation props so that they can have a keepsake to take home.
- Each child will also receive a gift certificate to Rita's.

### **Cultural Assemblies**

- No report.

### **Go Green**

- No report.

### **Earth Day**

- Dina D'Ambrosi discussed Earth Day, which was held at Bayonet Farms. She believed it was the largest turnout yet, and thanked everyone who attended.

### **Games**

- No report.

### **Historian**

- Thank you to everyone who has sent in pictures - there was a great response. The Memory Book is going to the publisher next Friday. There are no more submissions at this time.

### **Hospitality**

- Thank you to Linda Fernand for arranging the Staff/Teacher's Appreciation Lunch and to all of those who donated and helped with the function.

### **HCAA**

- No report.

### **Sunshine**

- No report.

### **HFEE**

- No report.

### **Newsletter**

- No report.

### **Plant Sale**

- No report.

### **Sweatshirts**

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade t-shirts are in and will be distributed this week.

The next PSA meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Red Oak Diner. If you are

interested in attending, please send in \$10.00 and RSVP to Linda Lautenberg, Membership. There being no further official business, a motion was made by Linda Fernand and seconded by Chimin Hu to end the meeting at 10:25am.

At the conclusion of the formal meeting, there was a presentation by Ralph Rivera, Lead Developer and Carol Lynn River, Project Manager from Rahvalor.