

Village School PSA
November 9, 2010
Meeting Notes

Suzanne Niro called the meeting to order at 9:45am. Suzanne Niro 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 October 12, 2010.

Principal

- Mr. Schillaci stated that Columbia University was at Village beginning today to do the training for Reader's Workshop (there will be a total of 10 training sessions). Due to this, he and Dr. Ledford must leave the meeting after their reports.
- Halloween went as smoothly as possible - the children were happy and, most importantly, safe. Plans for next year's parade/parties will be adjusted.
- Conference times are being assigned. Parents should receive paperwork regarding this from the teachers soon.
- Safety drills will be held this month in accordance with State guidelines.
- Happy Thanksgiving!

Vice Principal

- Dr. Ledford thanked the PSA for the donation, new outdoor recess equipment.

Treasurer

- Maria referred the group to 2 handouts - the Treasurer's Report for November 2010 and the report from Ladies Night Out.
- There was a total income of \$10,451.32 from Ladies Night Out.
- A motion was made to accept the reports by Linda Fernand and seconded by Doreen DeMarco.

President

- Suzanne stated that last year's Ladies Night Out only made \$2000 more in income, and had a lot more attendees, so this year's event was a great success. Suzanne thanked Sue Liedel and Carolyn Zofchak for their work on LNO.
- Unfortunately, Sue Leidel had to step-down as Vice-President of Fundraising. To fill this position, Michelle Prager was nominated. A motion was made to appoint Michelle into this role by the Executive Board. This motion was seconded and approved.
- Darlene Kiss also resigned. Vin Daniel will now handle Publicity.
- A lot of correspondence will now go out via email to avoid paper use. Please check your inboxes.
- A PSA website is in the planning stages.
- PayPal is currently being set up for PSA use.
- Jill Edwards will be speaking about Reader's Workshop at the next PSA meeting on December 12th.
- Suzanne made a suggestion for a PSA Holiday Luncheon. A list was sent around for interested parties to sign up. Linda Lautenberg will handle the money collection.

Membership

- Linda Lautenberg reported that we are currently at 55% for membership. This is about the percentage where we usually end up.
- An email will be sent to last year's members who did not sign up again this year.

Fundraising

- Carolyn advised that an Original Art Work fundraiser will be held in November.
- Packets will go out this week.

Correspondence

- No report.

School Store

- Alyssa Coffaro stated that the October School Store raised approximately \$950.00. Robin Andersen will be sending the check to Maria, and the exact amount should appear on next month's report.
- The next School Store will take place on November 18th.
- There will be no School Store in December due to the Kids Only Holiday Shop.

ARISE

- No report.

Board of Education

- Ana Vander Woude reported that over the past 1 ½ years, the teachers have been working without a contract. At the last Board of Education meeting a "memorandum of understanding" was passed in a step closer to resolution.
- There will be a Readers/Writers Workshop on November 17th (the next Board meeting). This will include a presentation about this aspect of the curriculum, as well as differentiate instruction. The meeting will begin at 8pm in the Satz library and the presentation should take place close to the beginning.
- Mr. Taylor has been transferred to the position of Head Evening Custodian but is still at Village School.

Art Appreciation

- Ruth Davis stated that the first and second graders initial lessons are complete. Kindergarten and third will begin in January.

Specialized Fundraising

- Jane Zysk reported that the Box Tops check for December will be about \$675.00. There will be a contest from now through February 23, 2011. A prize (eg., pizza, ice cream party) will be awarded to the class who has the most submissions. Please make sure to write your child's teacher's name when sending in Box Tops for this reason.
- There are currently 9 cards enrolled in the Stop & Shop program. There is \$8.02 on account. Please register your bonus card.
- Cell phones were shipped on October 22nd, and we are awaiting a check for same.
- There are currently 4,112 on account for Labels for Education.

Cultural Assemblies

- Last month's assembly was a success.
- No further report.

Games

- No report.

Historian

- Cheryllee asked for pictures from the first day of school, picture day, Halloween and holiday parties. All pictures can be sent in via Kid Mail or via email. Please make sure to put what event the photos are from.

Holiday Shop

- Will take place November 30 - December 3rd. Many volunteers are needed.

Hospitality

- No report.

Red Ribbon Week

- Doreen DeMarco said that the decorations from Red Ribbon Week are still up, and look great. This year the most money ever was collected (\$900) and 300 pounds of food was also collected.
- Congratulations to the third grade for donating the most money!

HCAA

- Satz is performing "Life is Shweet", a silent play.
- The High School will be performing "Virgil's Wedding" on November 19th and 20th.

Sunshine

- Cards for both congratulations (new baby) and sympathy (loss of family member) will be sent to Ms. Damji.

HFEE

- Doreen advised that, due to the donation of the rain garden, the HFEE is hoping for extra support from Village School.
- The annual gift campaign has started. Letters have been sent via regular mail.
- The HFEE is looking for someone to plan the spring event, Casino Night, which will be held on April 1, 2011 at the PNC Arts Center. The event will be casual. Please see Doreen if you are interested in this.
- Scrip program is up and running. You can buy gift cards and help support our schools. The deadline for purchasing is: 11/15 (for 11/24 delivery) and 12/1 (for 12/17 delivery).
- The HFEE would like to have some Village parents involved.

Newsletter

- No report.

Sweatshirts

- Suzanne stated that the school apparel is in and will be distributed as soon as they can be bagged. Volunteers are needed for this coming Friday afternoon to bag and deliver to classes. Please see Suzanne if you can help.

Guest Speaker

- Mrs. Barbara, the School Counselor at Village, said she was honored to be this month's Guest Speaker.
- Several tools that Mrs. Barbara uses were on display.
- Mrs. Barbara explained how children come to meet with her.
- The many groups that Mrs. Barbara runs were interpreted.
- A guest speaker is being worked on for a parent workshop, which will be held in the evening. Ms. Judy Kramer, from Colts Neck Consulting Group, will speak on raising a socially competent child. This will hopefully take place in January 2011.
- If you feel that your child could benefit from meeting with Mrs. Barbara, please contact her directly.

There being no further official business, a motion was made by Linda Lautenberg and seconded by Chimin Hu to end the meeting at 10:40am.