

**Village School PSA**  
**October 12, 2010**  
**Meeting Notes**

Suzanne Niro called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. 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 September 14, 2010.

**Executive Reports**

- Membership:** Linda Lautenberg reported that 394 families have sent in dues so far (representing 839 students) for a total of \$1970. Approximately 92 families have not rejoined to-date (-\$490 from last year). Linda asked that anyone in attendance who has not sent in dues, to please do so in order to stay on the PSA email list. An e-alert will be sent out to remind parents to consider joining the PSA/sending in dues.
- Fundraising:** Sue Leidel stated that more grand prizes (worth \$200 or more) are needed for Ladies Night Out, and that reservations need to be sent in as soon as possible. With regard to LNO, Christine Reddington reported that there are currently only 82 paid reservations. An email reminder will be sent out.
- Correspondence:** Pam Hroblak presented thank you notes from Ms. Baldino, Ms. MacFarlane, Ms. Varga, Mr. Chiu, Ms. Hunnewell and Mrs. Laverne.
- Treasurer's Report:** Maria Curreri referred the attendees to the hand-outs (October 2010 Report and New Expense Reimbursement Request). She noted that the income shown for the School Store was from the end of school (May/June 2010). Maria thanked Chimin Hu and her family for their generous donation in the amount of \$500 which will cover the DJ for Ladies Night Out.
- Principal's Report:** Mr. Schillaci reviewed the following items:
1. The students planted and learned about rain gardens. This was facilitated by Mrs. Dempsey and a representative from Rutgers. An article on our gardens appeared in *The Independent* and also won an award.
  2. The school-wide Pledge of Allegiance is going well. Third graders will eventually get the opportunity to read the announcements and lead the Pledge.
  3. Halloween is coming soon. Parades and parties will take place on Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Information will be coming home soon.
- Vice Principal:** Dr. Ledford discussed the following:
1. Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place in November. Evening conferences will be scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, and afternoon conferences will be scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup>,

22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Information will be sent home to request conferences the week prior to Halloween. Please note that there will be several half-days during conference time.

2. Thank you to the PSA for the great assembly.
3. Welcome to our new staff - Pat Thomas and Tom Paul our new custodians, Maureen McMullen will cover Mrs. Rausch's maternity leave and Danielle Fitzgerald will be the second teacher in the preschool autistic program.
4. Picture days will take place on October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Teacher's Rep:**

Ms. Devaney thanked the PSA for the reimbursement checks, games and books. Ms. Barbara showed the group the teacher's donation to Ladies Night Out - a beautiful Coach bag. She also reported that Erin Damji had a baby boy, Luke, and that the teacher's have full membership in PSA dues.

**President:**

Suzanne Niro reviewed the following items:

1. Thank you to the following parents - Ruth Davis for handling the Kindergarten Meet and Greet, Linda Fernand for the meeting refreshments, and finally, Carolyn Noguchi and Brooke O'Brien for Community Day.
2. The first Cultural assembly went great - thank you to Danielle Curcio and Claudine Sportelli.
3. October 20<sup>th</sup> is the bus drill. Volunteers are still needed.
4. The PSA gift (outdoor sign) from 2009-2010 is still in the planning stages.
5. PSA contact information is available on the school website. There are still several openings and many volunteers needed. Please review and volunteer if you are interested.
6. Thanked the teaching staff for 100% teacher participation in PSA membership, and stated that she hoped the parent's participation would be the same.
7. Suggested a PSA grand prize basket for Ladies Night Out and asked for support. Volunteers are also needed to help move baskets, and any empty baskets that parents may have at home would be greatly appreciated. Please drop off in the Main Office.

**Committee Reports:**

**ARISE:**

No report.

**Art Appreciation:**

Ruth Davis asked that volunteers who help with Art Appreciate make sure that they return supplies after use. She reported that there are now coordinators for all grades. Lessons should begin in November.

<b>Bingo Night:</b>	No report.
<b>Board of Education:</b>	No report.
<b>Box Tops/Specialized Fundraising:</b>	<p>Jane Zysk reported on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The mailing deadline for box tops is October 31<sup>st</sup>. Please send in all that you have by October 25<sup>th</sup>. Currently, we have about \$450.</li> <li>2. The Stop and Shop Bonus A+ Program runs October through March. Currently there are only 8 cards registered. Please log on to <a href="http://www.stopandshop.com/aplus">www.stopandshop.com/aplus</a> to register your card. We earned \$175 from this program last year.</li> <li>3. Please send in empty printer cartridges. We get paid to recycle. There is \$15.20 on account from our September shipment.</li> <li>4. Please send in old cell phones - even broken ones. We get paid to recycle them, and there is a shipment ready to go out now.</li> <li>5. We have over 3,000 points on account with Labels for Education.</li> </ol>
<b>Bus Safety:</b>	October 20 <sup>th</sup> is the bus safety drill and volunteers are still needed.
<b>Carnival:</b>	No report.
<b>Cultural Assemblies:</b>	Danielle Curcio stated that the last assembly for the school year has been scheduled, and it will be a musical health show.
<b>Drug and Alcohol Liaison:</b>	Red Ribbon week will take place October 18 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> . Paperwork describing the week's events should go home in the folders today or tomorrow.
<b>Games Coordinator:</b>	No report.
<b>Go Green Committee:</b>	No report.
<b>HCAA Liaison:</b>	<p>Laurie Fontana advised that Satz is doing a silent play November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. There is also an ad journal fundraiser. This book is distributed at all performances throughout the district, and is a great way to advertise. Also, there are a lot of benefits to membership in HCAA including 2 free tickets to every show.</p>
<b>HFEE Liaison:</b>	<p>Doreen DeMarco thanked everyone who supported A D'Vine Affair – it was a fun evening relaxing amongst friends!</p> <p>The Holmdel Foundation for Educational Excellence is proud to announce that our</p>

fund raising efforts for 2010-2011 will focus on the purchase and installation of Outdoor Classroom Amenities to the newly installed Village School Rain Gardens. A grant from the State of New Jersey funded this initial project. The Rain Gardens recycle storm water run-off to create beautiful and environmentally progressive seasonal Rain Gardens along with tremendous learning opportunities for all the children of Village School. To learn more about Rain Gardens please visit the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program rain garden Webpage at: [water.rutgers.edu](http://water.rutgers.edu).

The HFEE's goal is to make the Rain Gardens a fully functional outdoor learning environment for lessons that directly tie into the science curriculum in all grades. An additional \$22,000 is needed to purchase and install two self-contained learning centers with weatherproof tables, seating and benches in two locations within the Rain Gardens. This will allow all students at Village School to fully utilize the outdoor space in an educational setting.

We hope to fulfill our 2010/11 fund raising goals through our Annual Giving Campaign beginning October 2010. As soon as this money is raised, it will be gifted so the classroom can be installed ASAP. It's a wonderful environment rich with opportunity for learning in all seasons. Please look for the Annual Giving letter in your mail by mid-end October and consider making a donation that will help us achieve our goal.

**Historian:**

No report. Suzanne mentioned that any photos parents would like to submit for possible inclusion in the memory book should be sent to Cherylee Schachel at [clschachel@yahoo.com](mailto:clschachel@yahoo.com)

**Holiday Shop:**

Christine Reddington reported that she has a volunteer to take over after she leaves Village, Lori Umbrino. A committee is needed of 3-4 parents. Please see Christine if you would like to volunteer. Linda Lautenberg responded that she will help with this committee.

**Hospitality:**

No report.

**Kindergarten Meet  
& Greet:**

No report.

<b>Newsletter:</b>	No report.
<b>Op Get Out the Vote:</b>	No report.
<b>Plant Sale:</b>	No report.
<b>Publicity:</b>	Darlene Kiss stated that the sign will be changed to reference Red Ribbon Week.
<b>School Store:</b>	Alyssa Coffaro reported that the first School Store will take place on Thursday, October 21 <sup>st</sup> . Volunteers are still needed. Please see Alyssa if you would like your email address added to the volunteer list.
<b>Special Projects:</b>	No report. A coordinator is needed.
<b>Specialized Fundraising:</b>	No report.
<b>Student Directory:</b>	No report.
<b>Sunshine:</b>	Laurie Fontana will send a card to Ms. Damji to congratulate her on her new baby.
<b>Sweatshirts:</b>	No report.
<b>Website Position:</b>	No report.
<b>New Business:</b>	No new business.
<b>Old Business:</b>	No old business.

The next meeting will be November 9, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40am by Darlene Kiss, and seconded by Ruth Davis.