

Village School PSA
December 14, 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 November 9, 2010 (Accepted by Maria Curreri and Lisa Goldberg).

Principal

- Mr. Schillaci thanked the PSA for all that they have done, and continue to do for the children of Village School.
- Concerts: The 2nd grade program was great! The 3rd grade's Heritage Day program will take place on Friday, December 17th.
- Columbia University training update - 3 sessions have taken place. The program so far has been outstanding. Jill Edwards has been integral in the process.
- Safety drills will be held this month in accordance with State guidelines. They are routine, and no notifications will be sent out prior to the drills.
- The Character Education Committee, headed by Mrs. Barbara, is up and running.
- Mr. Schillaci closed by wishing all a great holiday.

Vice Principal

- No report.

Treasurer

- Maria reviewed the Treasurer's Report. She noted that the amount listed for the Holiday Shop was the amount for only 3 days, and was not a final measure of the income.
- A credit card machine was purchased last month; the amount of which was \$220.00.
- Recess toys were also purchased in the amount of \$296.70.
- A motion was made to accept the reports by Linda Fernand and seconded by Darlene Kiss.

President

- Suzanne stated that the credit card machine, which the PSA purchased, can now be used for PSA membership and point of sale at on-site events such as the Holiday Shop. If you make a credit card payment via phone a receipt will be mailed to you.
- Working to incorporate PayPal to be set up and linked to the PSA website when available.
- With regard to fundraising, Suzanne stated that the current jewelry fundraiser was giving back a 50% return. There is no obligation or pressure to participate in every fundraiser, some are merely convenience offers.-
- If anyone has any ideas for future fundraisers, please contact Michelle Prager and Carolyn Zofchak. Please note that the PSA cannot participate in fundraisers where a district parent profits from the sales (e.g. Avon, Arbonne, etc).
- A craft/vendor fair is being considered for the spring.
- Christine Reddington will be leaving Village School in 2011, and will no longer be running the Holiday Shop. Lori Umbrino and Vicki Di Blasi will take over.
- Helpers make all the difference in any fundraiser/event held at Village. Please volunteer if you can!
- Congratulations to both Ms. Redding and Mr. Nacarlo, Village teachers who received Coach of the Year awards!
- The Holiday Party is today at 12Noon at Park East. Please come if you can! If this luncheon is a success, future gatherings will be arranged.

Membership

- Linda Lautenberg reported that there were about 10-12 more membership sign-ups in response to the e-mail blast that Pam Hroblak sent out.
- Family Bingo will take place on January 21st and 28th. It is a fun, family night and NOT a fundraiser. If interested, RSVP right away as the events fill up very quickly. Donations of prizes are welcomed.
- There are 3 people who currently coordinate the Bingo Nights, 2 of which are leaving Village School in June. If you are interested in taking this job on, please contact Linda.

Fundraising

- Michelle Prager reported that there was a \$478.50 profit from the jewelry fundraiser.

Correspondence

- No report.

School Store

- Alyssa Coffaro stated that the November School Store raised approximately \$935.00. 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 January 20th. An email requesting volunteers will be sent at the beginning of the month.

ARISE

- No report.

Board of Education

- Ana Vander Woude reported that there was a Reader's Workshop presentation at the last Board meeting on November 17th. The presentation at the next meeting on January 26th will be on the Board's Energy Policy.
- Please come to a Board meeting. Meetings begin at 8pm.
- If you are considering running for the Board, elections will take place on January 27th. You will need to submit your information prior December 22nd.
- The Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the Teacher's Union.
- Robin Wetmore was in attendance. She informed us that one negotiated item in the MU, states that in the next school year there will be an extended school day. All schools will have an extra 10 minutes added to their day during which the time will be devoted to character education.

Art Appreciation

- No report.

Specialized Fundraising

- Jane Zysk reported we are waiting for the Box Tops check from December.
- The "Scoop up Box Tops" contest runs until February 28, 2011. A prize (e.g. 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. As of today, the classes with the most Box Tops per grade are: K-Shelton (am) - 100, 1st-Varga - 176, 2nd-Moor-42 and 3rd-Damji-97.
- Posters advertising the contest will be hung in the hallways in January.
- A check in the amount of \$23.50 was received for cell phones that were sent in. To process another shipment, a few more cell phones are needed. Please send in if you have any.
- Printer cartridges will be shipped this week.
- There are currently 14 cards registered with Stop & Shop. To date we have earned \$19.89.

Cultural Assemblies

- No report.

Go Green

- Tara Brunner advised that Village School is participating in a "Trash for Cash" contest. There will be money awarded to the top 6 schools, and next year we will have the opportunity to win \$50,000.00!
- A meeting with Laura Blasucci resulted in all Styrofoam being removed from the cafeteria.
- Please visit www.terracycle.net and vote for our own Dina Hamwi. She was nominated for her work in Monmouth County, and has the opportunity to win \$1500.00. Dina has already stated that she will donate all of the award back to Village School if she wins.
- Earth Week begins April 26th. Details to come!

Games

- No report.

Historian

- No report.

Hospitality

- No report.

Red Ribbon Week

- Village School won 1st place in our division in the Monmouth County Food Pantry's School Hunger Challenge.

HCAA

- No report.

Sunshine

- A card will be sent to Mrs. Rausch for the birth of her baby girl, Sofia.
- A card will be sent to Mrs. Bennett to express sympathy on the loss of her mother-in-law.

HFEE

- Dina D'Ambrosi reported that she is the Chairperson for Casino Night, which will take place on April 1, 2011. Several volunteers have signed up to help with the event. More information to come!

Newsletter

- The current newsletter can be found on the district's website. No further report.

Sweatshirts

- No report.

Guest Speaker

- Ms. Edwards, the Reading Specialist at Village, spoke about Reader's Workshop.
- The program has been great because the children have the opportunity to choose books that they want to read.
- The different ways the program is implemented in the classrooms was explained.
- Book clubs will be started in January.
- Ms. Edwards suggested the book, "How to Help Your Kids Read it and Get It" by Zimmerman.

There being no further official business, a motion was made by Christine Reddington and seconded by Linda Fernand to end the meeting at 10:35am.