

## PLG Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2012

### PRESIDENT :

- Volunteers needed for Hospitality Committee. (Suzanne Hammer and Christine Reddington volunteered)
- Welcome to new parents and welcome back to returning parents. Introduction of the Executive Board for this school year:

President: Christine Reddington

VP Membership: Amy Lem

VP Fundraising: Carolyn Zofchak and Tina Straley

Treasurer: Carolyn Noguchi

Recording Secretary: Maria Curreri

Correspondence Secretary: Pam Hroblak

- Paypal is now available on the PLG website [www.holmdelparents.org](http://www.holmdelparents.org) to pay for membership. More paypal options will be available within a week. Check the website for notices, back to school packets, etc. The Reddington family is sponsoring a membership raffle for all families who pay their \$5 dues before Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>. A drawing will be held for a \$100 Target giftcard, winner to be announced at the Nov 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.
- Back to School Nights: 4<sup>th</sup> gr 10/2/12, 5<sup>th</sup> gr 10/9/12, 6<sup>th</sup> gr 10/16/12
- Hangouts: 4<sup>th</sup> gr 9/28/12, 5<sup>th</sup> gr 10/5/12, 6<sup>th</sup> gr 10/26/12
- Presidents Council meets tomorrow
- Back to School Teacher's Luncheon will be held Fri. 9/21/12. Thanks to Michele D'Mello and Suzanne Niro and all others involved for your excellent planning!

### VICE PRINCIPAL:

- Welcome new parents as well as returning. Thanks to teachers and students for great start to school year. Busses running smoothly. Safety issues were covered on each bus on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school.
- Assembly held first school day for all students regarding school expectations for behavior at school and on bus .

- New pick up procedures going well: parents enter through one door and students through another.
- Security drills in place for the year: fire drill, lock down drill, secure the building drill (something threatening outside the building), and level 2 evacuation drill (something threatening inside the building).

### MEMBERSHIP:

- Welcome everyone. Please participate in PLG Membership. \$5 for family per year. The money greatly enhances the education experience for your children.
- We are green this year so there are no membership forms/envelopes. Please go onto PLG website to register. An email reminder will be sent.

### FUNDRAISING:

- All the fundraisers for the year are listed on the website. We need your help!!
- Every Monday Cold Stone Creamery offers 10% discount back to the school
- Cheeburger Cheeburger 20% discount back to school this Thursday
- Apparel sale begins 9/24
- Wizards Basketball 11/15. Many volunteers are needed! Please email Carolyn Zopfchak to help out. High school kids can earn community service hours.  
[Carolyn.Zopfchak@mail.alzointernational.com](mailto:Carolyn.Zopfchak@mail.alzointernational.com)
- Holiday Shop 12/3 – 12/7
- Winter Boardwalk 2/1 (NOTE: Date is incorrect in district calendar)
- Valentine's Day Candy 2/12 – 2/14
- Gertrude Hawk Candy 3/21
- Cheeburger Cheeburger 4/25
- Plant Sale 5/10
- Walkathon 5/22
- Logo contest in June

### TREASURER:

June 5<sup>th</sup> opening balance \$19,544.64

Expenses last year \$3869.44

Income last year \$260.34

Balance as of Sept. 15, 2012 \$15,935.54

Motions to accept report: Lucia VanName and Asma Nasar

PRINCIPAL:

- Echo VP by welcoming parents old and new. First day of school was great, kids felt welcome and classrooms looked beautiful. After few short days of settling in kids got right into academics. Thanks to teachers and VP for helping with bus safety. The busses have been running well.
- School News:  
Leslie McMahon – birth of Mikayla Marie  
Katie Frank – birth of Joseph Cortlandt Jr.
- Welcome new staff  
Maria Melillo – Resource Room - Autism Classroom  
Lisa Buerck – Speech & Language  
Denise Yonezuka – Teacher Leave Replacement for Katie Frank  
Rachel Rubinstein – Teacher Leave Replacement for Leslie McMahon  
Cristina Babik– World Language teacher from Village (Mondays)
- Building news: carpet was replaced by tile in 7 classrooms. The solar panel installation should be completed by winter.
- Email reminders will be sent for Back to School Nights. Please try to attend. Forges sense of community in the building and offers insight to curriculum and procedures in the building.
- Curriculum: Writer’s Workshop will be introduced this year to work in tandem with Reader’s Workshop. Program getting great feedback from teachers. We are using Mentor Text – teachers read aloud models of specific types of literature and kids model it into their own writing. Grammar and vocabulary will be tied into the program as well. There is a Writer’s Workshop info session Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. The Literature Specialist will be here.  
  
New Social Studies books are being used in all grades.
- HCAA has given a grant to purchase new sound system in auditorium. Amy Stark is working to put the purchase into place.

- Character Education: The morning meeting is now called The Circle of Power and Trust. It has been changed to the last 20 minutes of the day, with exception of a few 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes. Two teachers co-teach the program about student responsibilities, actions, and community in the classroom.
- New Parent Portal opening online after Nov. Conferences. Grade books will go live, email updates are available. Passwords will be given out at conferences. Program info and tutorial available on school website.

#### TEACHER LIASON:

- Please check the helpful TIPS link on the school website. If student forgets math book you can look up assignment. Extra worksheets and “reteach” info also available. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades ready to view, 6<sup>th</sup> grade needs password from math teachers. All other subjects available as well. Social Studies currently being updated.
- Thanks again for gift card last year!

ARISE: No report

BOE: Thanks to PLG for all that you do!

- Final review of Policy and Regulation 7/18/12. This was a 2 year project with much community discussion. New policy is available on the website until end of September.
- Superintendent Goals reviewed 7/25/12. Also avail on website
- More evaluations of teachers being done
- Three month solar panel project in all 4 schools: Combination of inside/outside work to be done Thanksgiving Weekend.
- HFEE donated sound system in HS auditorium. Lighting still needs to be donated
- Athletic Handbook is avail at Athletic Dept.
- Parent Portal coming to Village School in the future
- Next meeting tonight at 8pm

CAREER DAY: To be held June 6<sup>th</sup> this year. Info tables at Back to School Nights

CLASS PARENTS: Please fill out teacher class list forms on Back to School Nights so lists can be distributed. Please volunteer! Kids love to see you in classroom.

CULTURAL ARTS: First Assembly will be held 10/26/12 at 9:00am and 2:25pm. Artist/Musician Patrick Dunning will be presenting Signature Project – a multi media mural sized painting made up of signatures from around the world. Specific tiles in the mural have interactive pictures and chips.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL: The theme for Red Ribbon Week is "Drug free is the way I want 2B". Last year the kids voted and this was the winning theme. Red Ribbon week is celebrated the week of Oct.15 on the school calendar. Activities are held during the lunch periods. Volunteers please email [Kimberly.Jeanos@verizon.net](mailto:Kimberly.Jeanos@verizon.net).

HCAA: We need a new liaison

HFEE: There will be 2 smaller events this year instead of big dinner dance. 1<sup>st</sup> Fundraiser is a dinner at Oyster Point and a show at Two River Theater on Oct 20<sup>th</sup>. Tickets \$125.

HISTORIANS: Volunteers needed! (Cherylee Schachel and Asma Nasar volunteered)

KIDS SHOP: no report

PLANT SALE: no report

SCHOOL STORE: Julie Carino running this year. Will be held twice/month

SIGNALS: Volunteer needed

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Boxtops contests held in classrooms. Look into possibly signing Indian Hill up with Stop n Shop for rewards when using card.

STUDENT DIRECTORY: Register at [holmdelstudentdirectory.com](http://holmdelstudentdirectory.com). Deadline Sept 30<sup>th</sup>. No exceptions!

WEB ADVISOR: Suzanne Niro will be updating PLG website. Email her at [PLG-Website@live.com](mailto:PLG-Website@live.com) with any questions. Articles to post must go through Christine Reddington first.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Kidstuff books \$25. Proceeds help seniors have a safe and fun alcohol and drug free graduation night.
- Spring pictures – no date set yet
- Market Day fundraiser: gourmet foods ordered online and picked up one Thurs a month at Village School. 10%-15% donated back, depending on amounts ordered. 50% back in Nov. Allergy menus avail also. Foods are portion controlled and list calories, etc.  
Motions to implement program: Darlene Kiss, Lucia Van Name
- Bus safety and anti-bullying: Lucia VanName raised concerns regarding busses, and possibility of finding money for bus aids. Principal Axelrod replied that

reported bus issues are taken very seriously and immediate consequences are given when needed. Disciplinary codes can be found in student handbook.

- NJASK scores: Lucia VanName inquired why scores are sent out so late. Principal Axelrod replied that first tier of scores sent to school are only for administrators and placement. 2<sup>nd</sup> tier is meant for parents. These were expected in mid Sept but came earlier, and secretaries had 48 hour turn around time getting them out to parents.
- PLG vs PTA? Denise King inquired why all the parent groups have different names. Christine Reddington replied that applying for a PTA costs money, but in this manner our groups are free.

Meeting adjourned, motion accepted by Chimin Hu and Darlene Kiss

Next meeting 10/2/12 at 9:15 am