

January 13, 2013 PLG Meeting

PRESIDENT:

- Happy New Year and welcome back
- Motions to accept Dec. minutes: Chimin Hu and Carolyn Noguchi
- New administration is in place at Chartwells. Chartwells is contracted for a flat yearly rate. Any profits go to BOE. There is a meeting later this month to go over any concerns or questions, i.e. the possibility of combining more than one student lunch account into a "family account".
- The next newsletter will be a hardcopy, expected by the end of January. Hardcopy reminders will also be sent out regarding Winter Boardwalk, Candy Grams, Wizards Fundraiser, Boxtops and Membership. Please send newsletter submissions to Christine Reddington.
- Market Day – new fliers out this week. The order cutoff date is Jan 10th, with delivery Jan 16th in the Satz old gym.
- Winter Boardwalk is Feb 1st, 5-9 PM, not Feb 8th as stated in the district calendar. Carolyn Zofchak sending email this week to ask for volunteers. Look for new items in the old gym this year in place of the bounce houses. Suggestions are needed for PLG gift for the raffle, approx \$300 value. Darlene Kiss and Lucia Van Name made motions for an ipad mini or wii u. Lucia will chair the gift committee.

VP MEMBERSHIP:

- Happy New Year
- Membership is low. Plan to send out hardcopy flyer explaining what PLG is/does. Online sign up hasn't been successful this year. Considering sending out list of members' last names so families are more aware of who is in the PLG.

TREASURER:

- Per report: Opening balance Dec. 4, 2012 \$14,294.07. Total income \$15,685.24. Total expenses \$11,349.66. Balance as of Jan. 2, 2013 \$18,629.74.

PRINCIPAL:

- Happy New Year and welcome back. Offering our thought and prayers to Newtown students today as they start the year in a new school.
- Regarding security at IH: Administrators have met with police and mayor to discuss security. Police will be more present in our district. Unmarked car in parking lot, officers stopping by front office, and walking halls so kids see them here. Some changes: back doors now locked. Only 2 doors are open in the AM for band dropoff, and are always monitored. 2 more 5/6 doors open 8:55-9:07AM for bus. All doors locked during day. Bus monitor at front desk at dismissal to let parents in for pick up. An extra bus monitor

now avail in hallways during dismissal. Bill Balicke (Grounds) and Jeff Ackerson (Safety) are here during safety drills to fine tune procedures. Parents should contact front office with any concerns.

- New Humanities Super – Marion Bellis. Starting next week each grade will meet as a team, then break into math/science and literacy/social studies teams.

VICE PRINCIPAL:

- We enjoyed the school play and band concert before the break. Many thanks to Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. McCarthy, as well as the parents. Band performed 2 concerts for peers during day as well as in evening for parents. New Strings group this year run by Mrs. McCarthy. Everyone did an excellent job.
- Geography Bee is this Fri. Jan. 4th. Students earning the top 10 scores of the qualifying test will compete. The winner of the Bee will take qualifying test to compete in state competition. All 6th grade classes and contestant's HR classes will attend. Contestants' parents invited also.

MR. WOODS:

- Thanks for the Boxtop class ice cream party!
- Setting up Boardwalk teacher volunteer sessions 5-7 and 7-9 PM

BOE LIASON:

- Last meeting held Dec. 19th. Assistant superintendant discussed NJ ASK, SAT, and AP. Scores will be assessed each year to look for possible improvements. Details are available on website.
- Security – reiterated the agreement with police, as stated by Mrs. Axelrod.
- Chartwells undergoing investigation regarding the Bob Marley drink
- Welcome to Mrs. Bellis, who has much experience in our district. Farewell to Dr. Tai, a 3 term board member. Welcome new members, Mrs. Lui and Mr. Hammer.
- Next meeting Wed. Jan. 9th at 8 PM in Satz Library.

CLASS PARENTS:

- All lists are complete, and Go Bags and Crisis Bags have been filled

HFEE:

- Help fund the foundation through the Scrip giftcard program or write-a-check. Another fundraiser coming soon. Funds going to HS auditorium lights, and teaching students how to operate them.

HISTORIAN:

- Will update bulletin board. Newsletter submissions cutoff Jan. 17th.

HOSPITALITY:

- Thanks to Suzanne Hammer for today's refreshments

HOLIDAY SHOP:

- Thanks to Sue Bossert and Monica Guernica for all their work. We earned \$2286.

SCHOOL STORE:

- Earned \$912 Oct – Dec

SPECIAL FUNDRAISING:

- Date for next Boxtop Collection March 1st. Flyer and reminder in newsletter will go out

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

- Questions and concerns regarding class trips, student camps and NJ ASK prep were answered by Mrs. Axelrod.
- Further questions and concerns regarding security were answered by Mrs. Axelrod and Mr. Ferrarese. It was stated that each classroom teacher has a "cheat sheet" to refer to for proper safety drill procedures.
- Question posed if CO detectors are installed in school. Mr. Ferrarese is looking into it

MOTIONS TO ADJOURN: Darlene Kiss, Pam Hroblak

NEXT MEETING: Feb. 5, 2013 9:15 AM