

Village School PSA

March 12, 2013

Meeting Notes

Opening

Debbie Brew opened the meeting at 9:42AM. She directed everyone's attention to the emergency exits and then began the Pledge of Allegiance.

Principal's Report – Brian Schillaci

Mr. Schillaci opened by welcoming us to March. He then made the following announcements.

- **Second Grade Musical** – The parents performance of the second grade musical will be on Friday 3/15/2013 at 10:15AM and 2:15PM.
- **School Spirit Days** – There are two school spirit days scheduled.
 - 3/15/2013 - St. Patrick's day
 - 4/5/2013 Village School colors
- **Half day on 3/22/2013** – There will be early dismissal for students at 1:25PM. Staff will have a professional day. There will be no lunch service that day and students need to bring lunch.
- **Second Grade Breakfast** – The second grade breakfast will be held on Friday 3/22/2013.

Next Mr. Schillaci thanked everyone that participated **Village Idol** show on 2/22/2013 and **Read Across America** during the week of 3/5-3/8/2013.

Ana Vander Woude then asked if there were any new developments from the security committee. Mr. Schillaci responded no. Moreover, he promised to keep the community posted if there are new developments in the future.

Assistant Principal – Jessica Vierschilling

Mrs. Vierschilling opened by making the following announcements:

- **Book Fair** – The Village School Book Fair will be from 4/8-4/12 in the 2/3 gym. Shopping information for your child's class will be forthcoming.
- **NJ PASS Testing** – NJ PASS (Proficiency Assessment of State Standards) testing for second graders will occur on 4/10, 4/11 and 4/12. Testing will be for 2 hours each morning. Makeups will be the following week.

She then moved on to good behavior initiatives for idle, i.e., lunch, recess and bus, time. She shared that the good behavior initiative for lunch and recess is well under way and she has received lots of positive feedback. For more details on this, see the link to the January PSA meeting minutes below:

<http://www.holmdelparents.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/Minutes.1.8.2013-1.pdf>

Next she explained that the bus behavior initiative is still under development. There is a large team working on this. She has reached out to Nicole Collins (district transportation supervisor), Katie Evans, Teri Ferguson (PSA Bus Safety committee heads) and local police. Yesterday she convened all the contracted bus drivers. The goal of this initiative is to increase safety and have a positive impact upon on bus behavior.

While the initiative is still under development and is yet to be rolled out, Mrs. Vierschilling shared some highlights. They include having students sign a contract and ticketing student for behaviors such as not wearing a seat belt.

Mrs. Vierschilling then entertained the following questions:

- 1) **Linda Jackman** – Linda asked about assigned seating. Mrs. Vierschilling responded that assigned seating is recommended and considered very effective in assuring safety and good behavior. She conceded that some drivers do it better than others. Linda was concerned that students may interpret being assigned a seat a punishment. Mrs. Vierschilling assured her that it was not a punishment, but a means to insure safety and good behavior.
- 2) **Vin Daniele** – Vin asked if there were any plans to put cameras on the busses. Mrs. Vierschilling replied that she did not think it was ever planned. Several others in the audience (Linda Fernand) believed it was under discussion before the busses were subcontracted. Mrs. Vierschilling said that she would bring it up with the transportation director, Nicole Collins.
- 3) **Ana Vander Woude** – Ana asked how will the wearing of seatbelts be enforced by tickets. Mrs. Vierschilling said that the drivers would most likely be the enforcers. They already have a procedure to report bus incidents to the transportation coordinator who reports them to the assistant principal, Mrs. Vierschilling. It is expected that there will also be student helpers on the bus.
- 4) **Ana Vander Woude** – Ana asked about the consequences of a ticket. Mrs. Vierschilling said the primary objective of the ticket was to inform the student of their unacceptable behavior. However, she also stated that there will be an escalation policy. The first offense would most likely be a warning. The second incident could potentially result in a loss of recess. The third incident could potentially result in a 3 day bus suspension.
- 5) **Debbie Brew** – Debbie shared that some bus drivers used select 3rd graders as monitors. These monitors helped with the seat belts and reported to the bus driver. Mrs. Vierschilling said they were looking to use students as helpers. However, she cautioned that for many reasons they would not be use students to monitor the behavior of their peers.
- 6) **Ana Vander Woude** – Ana shared that her childrens' bus driver allowed them to sit where they wanted on Friday as a reward for good behavior Monday – Thursday.
- 7) **Ann Marie Harrison** – Ann Marie asked Mrs. Vierschilling to clarify which older students would be designated as helpers. Specifically, are they students already on the bus or are they brought in? Mrs. Vierschilling said they were mature students already on the bus.
- 8) **Ann Marie Harrison** – Ann Marie asked if they considered putting parent monitors on the bus? Mrs. Vierschilling said it was considered but for many reasons they decided no.

In closing, Mrs. Vierschilling reminded parents that she really appreciates the feedback.

Teacher Representative – Christine Barbara

Mrs. Barbara acknowledged with pride the attendees, organizers and performers of the **Village Idol** show. She gave special thanks to Dr. Riso and Kara Devaney.

Teacher Representative – Kara Devaney

On behalf of the **Read Across America** committee, Ms Devaney thanked the PSA for hanging balloons, taking photos and hosting the heroes breakfast.

PSA 2013/2014 Executive Board Nominating Committee – Suzanne Gestrich

On behalf of the five member PSA Executive Board nominating committee (Suzanne Gestrich, Lynn Saporito,

Jennifer Baker, Jenn Rainess, and Laura Lavelle), Suzanne announced the 2013/2014 Executive Board slate.

- **Vice President Communications** – Vin Daniele
- **Vice President Membership** – Michelle Sottile
- **Treasurer** – Jennifer Ryan
- **Corresponding and Recording Secretary** – Michelle Prager

Recognition - President Dina D'Ambrosi

Dina recognized the following people for their efforts:

- **Holmdel Helps Auction Items and Basket Raffles** – Darlene Kiss
- **Kindergarten Registration** – Darlene Kiss, Debbie Brew
- **Market Day** – Lori Umbrino, Debbie Brew and others
- **Village Idol** – Darlene Kiss, Darlene Field, Debbie Brew, Lori Umbrino, Vin Daniele, Tracie Abbes, Falguni Patel, Nicole Salzano, Linda Fernand, Suzanne Gestrich, Lynn Saporito, Tammi Stanziale and all the staff
- **Village Idol** program – Darlene Field
- **Village Idol** video – Tammi Stanziale
- **Go Green Committee** – for all their work and initiatives

Treasurer's Report – Purvi Shah

See Appendix A.

Vin Daniele accepted and Keri Todisco seconded the Treasurer's report.

Vice President Fundraising – Debbie Brew

First, Debbie reported that the **K/1 Bingo Night** on 3/8 was great and she thanked everyone for their efforts. The **2/3 Bingo Night** will be this Friday 3/15.

Second, Debbie reported that there will be a **Carnival** meeting on Wednesday 3/13/2013 at 10AM in room 137.

Vice President Fundraising – Lori Umbrino

Lori reported on *Market Day*. She began by sharing a glowing personal testimonial on the food. So far this school year, *Market Day* has earned \$2400 in profit. This month's deadline for orders is Friday 3/15 at 11PM. Pick up for this order will be Thursday 3/21 from 3-4PM.

Vice President Membership and Communications – Lynn Saporito

Lynn reported that since last month we got 2 more PSA members so we are now up to 76%. She also reported that since last month we received 11 more *Facebook* followers making our total 207.

Appointed Board Reports – Darlene Kiss and the Appointed Board

BOE – Ana Vander Woude

Ana began by reporting that it is budget season and currently the BOE is in the budget approval stage. At their last meeting on 3/6/2013, they approved this years "number not to exceed". The 2012/13 "number not to exceed" was \$47,770,126. The new 2013/14 number is \$48,666, 103. That is an increase of 1.75%. It should be noted that as per state guidelines, only budget increases greater than 2% require a township vote. There will be a formal presentation of the budget at the next BOE meeting on 3/13/2013.

Details of the budget can also be found at the following two links:

http://www.holmdelschools.org/boe/2013_2014_budget_info/2013_2014_budget_presentation.pdf

http://www.holmdelschools.org/boe/2013_2014_budget_info/2013_2014_user_friendly_budget.pdf

Lastly, Ana shared that five presentations are scheduled as follows:

BOE Meeting Date	Presentation
3/13/2013	Budget
3/13/2013	2012 Elementary Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Annual School Progress Target
3/21/2013	NJSBA Ethics Training
4/10/2013	Holmdel High School Recognition
4/24/2013	Technology Presentation – A. Gattini

Go Green

Vanessa Merhi reported via Darlene Kiss that **Earth Week** would be celebrated this year from 4/22-4/30. The following activities are planned:

Date	Earth Week Activity
4/23/2013	Green Shirt Day
4/24/2013	Waste Free Lunch Challenge
4/26/2013	Arbor Day Tree Planting Tree Donated by Monmouth County Shade Tree Association Monmouth County Freeholders are Invited
4/30/2013	Green Assembly on Green Energy

The Go Green Committee also proudly announced that each district school would be getting a \$1000 grant for recycling programs and education.

Plant Sale – Ann Marie Harrison

Ann Marie announced that the annual **Plant Sale** would take place on 5/9 and 5/10/2013. It will feature plants and other miscellaneous gifts for mothers as well as fathers. More information will follow. If you would like to help with the plant sale, contact Ann Marie or Dina D’Ambrosi.

HFEE – Ann Marie Harrison

Ann Marie spoke briefly about the *HFEE’s PAC fundraising campaign*, a “donor wall” mural project. All patrons will have their names and donation levels incorporated into a mural created by the Holmdel High School Art Honor Society. This mural will be adjacent the Performing Arts Center (PAC) in the High School.

For more information see the following link:

http://www.holmdelschools.org/foundation/pdf/pac_fund_ppt.pdf

HCAA – Justine Coleman

Justine reported that the Holmdel High School performed the *Wizard of Oz* last Thursday, Friday and Saturday. It was a tremendous success and was well attended. She thanked the PSA for promoting this event.

Newsletter – Vin Daniele

Vin reminded everyone that any information going into the newsletter needs to be submitted to him by 3/22/2013.

School Store – Michelle Prager

Michelle reminded everyone that the next school store would take place on 3/14/2013.

Spirit Wear/3rd Grade T-shirts – Darlene Kiss

Darlene announced third grade tshirts order forms have been sent out and need to be returned by 3/20/2013. Examples of the sizes are displayed on the PSA bulletin board.

Announcements – President Dina D'Ambrosi

Dina made the following announcements:

- **Village Book Fair** - Katie Evans is helping out with the Village Book fair. She is looking for volunteers.
- **Grade Yearbook Cover** – Contest forms will be distributed next week.

Approval of minutes – President Dina D'Ambrosi

Michelle Prager motioned and Jennifer Ryan seconded the approval of the February meeting minutes.

Closing

Jenn Rainess (#15) name was drawn in the attendance raffle. However, because she left the meeting, Sandra Szilasi's (#7) name was subsequently drawn. This month's prize is a *Starbucks* gift card and a *Yankee Candle*.

Ana Vander Woude asked if a **Village Idol** DVD would be for sale. Dina responded yes. Tammi Stanziale's son is currently editing the video to assure the highest quality. After that is completed, she expects that it will be available for purchase. Information will be forthcoming.

The meeting was adjourned with motions from Vin Daniele and Keri Todisco at 10:45AM.

APPENDICES

Appendix A – Treasurer’s Report

Appendix B - Attendance

VILLAGE SCHOOL PSA
TREASURER'S REPORT - March 12, 2013
Account Activity as of 2/28/2013

CURRENT ASSETS	
Checking Account - Wells Fargo	\$32,254.86
Checking (Raffle) Account - Wells Fargo	\$3,644.70
PayPal Balance	\$4,018.30
Savings Account - Wells Fargo	\$12,763.85
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$52,681.71

PayPal
1,624 Bingo

CURRENT ACTIVITY

Opening Balance **\$16,756.29**

INCOME

	Chess	4,866.45
	Market Day	183.23
	Membership	125.00
	School Store	744.00
	Village Idol for Sandy Relief	
Ticket Sales		7,793.05
50/50		610.00
Donations		1,161.73
	Bank Adjustment (?)	240.00

\$15,723.46

EXPENSES

	Hospitality	22.22
	Membership	33.16
	Memory Book	4.98
	Original Artworks	15.50
	Staff Appreciation	89.36
	Village Idol for Sandy Relief	27.27
	Bank Fees	32.40

\$224.89

Ending Balance **\$32,254.86**

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INCOME

BoxTops	91.91
Chess	8,767.46
Go-Green Recycling	16.10
Holiday Shop	15,024.00
KG Meet 'N Greet - Chuck E. Cheese	123.42
Ladies Night Out	21,113.46
Lifetouch Spring Portraits	1,632.00
Market Day	2,625.51
Membership	2,153.00
Olympics	828.00
Original Artworks	5,146.50
PSA Holiday Luncheon	347.40
Sandy Relief Fund	501.50
School Store	3,397.00
Spiritwear	3,883.00
SchoolKidz Supply Kits	928.27
Student Directories	25.00
Village Idol for Sandy Relief	
Ticket Sales	7,793.05
50/50	610.00
Donations	1,161.73
Write-A-Check Fundraising	495.00
Bank Adjustment	240.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$76,903.31

EXPENSES

Gifting	38,865.71
Carnival	203.29
Chess	3,564.00
Community Day	45.85
Cultural Assembly	2,201.00
Executive Board Expenses (EOY Gifts)	63.81
Holiday Shop	12,788.20
Hospitality	97.29
Ladies Night Out	14,689.46
Market Day	461.26
Membership	248.16
Memory Book	4.98
Olympics	864.45
Original Artworks	3,834.93
Project Graduation	250.00
PSA Holiday Luncheon	454.48
Red Ribbon Week	213.70
SchoolKidz Supply Kits	53.69
School Store	1,642.97
Second Grade Breakfast	119.98
Spiritwear	2,870.36
Staff Appreciation	89.36
Student Directories	1,284.00
Sunshine	16.04
Teachers' Luncheon	1,093.85
Teachers' Reimbursement	984.29
Village Idol for Sandy Relief	57.27
Bank Fees	323.30
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$87,385.68

PSA MEETING ATTENDANCE SHEET

DATE: 3/12/2013

	NAME
1.	Vincent Daviele
2.	Ana Vander Woude
3.	Jennifer Baker
4.	Vasilja Loucaopoulos
5.	Linda Fernandez
6.	Nicole Salzano
7.	Sandra Spilars
8.	Traci Price
9.	Michelle Prager
10.	Linda Jackman
11.	AnnMarie Harnin
12.	Madelle Sittler
13.	KERI TODISCO
14.	Laura Bachman
15.	Jenn Rainess
16.	Jennifer Ryan
17.	Justine Coleman
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