

Village School PSA

April 9, 2013

Meeting Notes

Opening

Dina D'Ambrosi opened the meeting at 9:45AM. She directed everyone's attention to the emergency exits and then began the Pledge of Allegiance.

Election Announcement – Dina D'Ambrosi

Dina announced that April is election month. Therefore, there are ballots on each table. Please vote by completing the ballot and placing it in the striped box at the back of the room. Results will be announced this week.

Approval of March meeting minutes – Dina D'Ambrosi

Keri Todisco motioned, and Vin Daniele seconded, approval of the March meeting minutes.

Principal's Report – Brian Schillaci

Mr. Schillaci made the following announcements.

- **Report Cards** – Report cards will be issued on April 30th.
- **Parent Input Form** – The parent input form (optional – used for next years placement) will be distributed within the next week or two. These forms will be expected back in early to mid May.
- **2012/2013 Teacher of the Year** – Mrs. Ferone (3rd grade teacher)

Mr. Schillaci then provided a safety and security update. First, Village school has started unannounced drills. The last lock down drill went well. Second, he has had lots of discussion with the safety and security team and staff with respect to the five parent limit on class parties. Parents have provided him input as well. It should be noted that the limit of 5 parents for class parties remains. However, there will be numerous opportunities to visit or volunteer without any limits. Examples include student musicals and the book fair.

Ana Vander Woude then asked Mr. Schillaci to assure that the selection of five parents for each class party is fair. She wryly commented that if sign up for these parties is at back to school night, the five parents shouldn't be those that can run to the classroom the fastest.

Assistant Principal – Jessica Vierschilling

Mrs. Vierschilling opened by making the following announcements:

- **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.
- **NJ ASK Testing** – NJ ASK (Assessment of Skills and Knowledge) testing for third graders will be from May 13-16.
- **Book Fair** – will be this week
- **Earth Week** – Earth Week will be from April 22-26. There are lots of events planned. Vanessa Merhi is

looking for parent volunteers.

- **1st Grade Show** – May 3
- **3rd Grade Show** – April 19

Finally, she shared an update on the bus initiative. (She also discussed this in the February and March PSA meetings.) She opened by saying this initiative has been a “labor of love” for all those involved so far. The focus of the initiative is to keep students seated to improve the atmosphere and promote good behavior.

The initiative was formally launched on April 3 with four separate student assemblies. She was happy to report that so far it is going well. Additionally, she thanked everyone that has been involved.

Teacher Representative – Christine Barbara

Mrs. Barbara opened by also talking about the bus initiative. She said that it was a huge undertaking and has gone well so far. The parent volunteers have been awesome. She spoke about a positive bus story shared by student Nick DiBlasi at one of the assemblies.

She continued by saying that the **Box Top** pizza parties were a success and that Kara Devaney was working with the teachers on Carnival baskets.

Footnote to Principal’s Report – Brian Schillaci

Mr. Schillaci gave a brief report on how the **Village Idol** funds would be utilized. He recently met with the principal of Memorial School in Union beach. This principal shared Memorial School’s wish list. Most items on this list were classroom materials. After purchasing these materials, Village school also plans to provide a monetary donation to Memorial School.

BOE – Ana Vander Woude

Ana began by reporting that the last BOE meeting was 3/21/2013, and at this meeting the BOE approved the budget. Details of this budget can 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%202014%20budget%20info/2013%202014%20budget%20presentation.pdf)

[http://www.holmdelschools.org/boe/2013 2014 budget info/2013 2014 user friendly budget.pdf](http://www.holmdelschools.org/boe/2013%202014%20budget%20info/2013%202014%20user%20friendly%20budget.pdf)

Lastly, Ana shared that following presentations are scheduled:

BOE Meeting Date	Presentation
4/10/2013	Holmdel High School Recognition
4/10/2013	District Security Enhancements – Bill Ballicki
4/24/2013	Technology Presentation – A. Gattini

In closing, Ana spoke briefly about the process to choose a teacher of the year.

President’s Report - Dina D’Ambrosi

Dina opened by welcoming Lauren Cuddy. Lauren is a Kean University student studying elementary education. As part of her course work, she will be observing our parents group.

Dina then announced the following events:

- **Friends and Family CPR Training** (PSA Sponsored) – 4/30/2013. It begins at 7:30PM and I expected to last about 45 minutes. Pre-registration required. All proceeds from the \$5/Family entry fee will go to

the *Holmdel First Aid Squad*.

- **Village School Spring Pictures** (PSA Sponsored) – 4/17/2013. Dina is also looking for volunteers to help work this activity. There are three, two hour shifts (9-11AM, 11AM-1PM, 1-3PM.) Each shift requires 2 volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Dina.
- **Safe and Secure Schools Parents Forum** (Sponsored by the NJ School Boards Association) – April 9, 2013. It will be at 6:45 PM at Neptune High School. (See handout in Appendix B.)
- **Earth Day Festival at Bayonet Farm** (Sponsored by the Holmdel Environmental Commission and Citizens for Informed Land Use) – 4/28/2012 – Noon to 5 PM at Bayonet Farm (See handout in Appendix C.)

Treasurer's Report – Purvi Shah

See Appendix A.

Darlene Kiss accepted, and Terri Ferguson seconded, the Treasurer's report.

Historian Update – President Dina D'Ambrosi

Dina explained that all pictures for the memory book must be submitted by May 3rd.

Vice President Fundraising – Lori Umbrino

Lori reported that on June 13, 2013 the PSA will have a **Barnes and Noble Day**. On this day, a portion of the *B&N* proceeds will be donated to the Village School PSA. It is a good time to purchase your summer reading lists. It should be noted that you must let the cashier know that you would like a portion of your proceeds to go to the Village School PSA.

Vice President Fundraising – Debbie Brew

Debbie first spoke about *Market Day*. *Market Day* flyers were distributed to student both yesterday and today. The deadline for this month's order is April 17. Delivery will be April 25 from 3-4PM in the new all purpose room. Kerri Todisco asked if *Market Day* will continue through summer. Debbie responded that they are looking into it. It requires Mr. Schillaci's approval.

Debbie then talked about **Carnival**. This years **Carnival** will be on 5/17/2013. We all should have received a "save the date" flyer. Pre package ticket sales will begin next week. Vicki DiBlasi is organizing the class baskets. A **Carnival** volunteer sign up sheet was passed around.

In closing, Debbie reminded everyone that *Administrative Professionals Day* is 4/24/2013. A card or email to support staff is always appreciated!

Yearbook/Memory Book Question from Vin Daniele

Vin asked "If the Carnival is on May 17 and the deadline for yearbook pictures is 5/3, how will Carnival photos make it into the yearbook". Dina D'Ambrosi responded that any photos taken after 5/3 will, unfortunately, not make the yearbook. That includes **Carnival** as well as **Field Day** (6/7/2013). The reason is that historian chairperson position has been vacant for the entire year. Consequently, Dina had to step in to see that it moved forward. In doing so, she selected a vendor for the printing. This vendor, while easy to work with and significantly cheaper, has a hard deadline of 5/3.

Recognition – President Dina D'Ambrosi

- **Box Top** Pizza Parties – Vin Daniele, Sandra Szilasi and Nicole Salzano
- 2nd Grade Breakfast – Vin Daniele (publicity), Mrs. Rausch and second grade teachers

- **2/3 Bingo** – Debbie Brew, Lori Umbrino
- **No Garbage Lunch** - Go Green Committee. Special thanks to leprechaun Sabrina Conlon.
- **Newsletter** – Vin Daniele
- **School Store** – School Store Committee
- **Market Day** – Debbie Brew, Lori Umbrino and *Market Day* crew
- Bus Initiative – Terri Ferguson, Katie Evans

Appointed Board Reports – Darlene Kiss and the Appointed Board

Go Green – Vanessa Merhi

Vanessa Merhi reported on the **Earth Week** activities from 4/22-4/30.

Date	Earth Week Activity
4/23/2013	Green Shirt Day
4/24/2013	Super Waste Free Lunch Challenge.
4/25/2013	Green Art Exhibit during Lunch (with Mrs. Montana's help)
4/26/2013	Arbor Day Tree Planting Tree Donated by Monmouth County Shade Tree Association Monmouth County Freeholders are Invited
4/30/2013	"Magic of Energy: Going Green" assembly

Vanessa also shared that they are looking for new **Go Green** committee members for the 2013/2014 school year.

Newsletter – Vin Daniele

Vin shared that the deadline for the next newsletter is 5/24/2013.

Publicity – Vin Daniele

Vin announced that they need a publicity volunteer for the 2013/2014 school year. If you are interested, please contact Vin or Dina.

Plant Sale – Ann Marie Harrison

Ann Marie announced that the annual **Plant Sale** would take place on 5/9 and 5/10/2013. Plants will be delivered to the school on 5/8 at 9:30AM. Ann Marie passed around a volunteer sign up sheet.

Shopping details will be forthcoming.

HFEE – Ann Marie Harrison

Ann Marie spoke again the *HFEE's PAC fundraising campaign*, a "donor wall" mural project.

For more information see the following link:

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

She also shared that she has asked several questions about the project and is still waiting for a response. (One such question was with regard to how prominently a donors name would be displayed.)

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

Darlene announced that the third grade tshirt order has been submitted to the vendor, *Apparel Zone*. The shirts are expected by 5/15/2013. Students should receive them by Memorial Day. Darlene shared that Lynn Saporito and Suzanne Gestrich are taking over this committee for the 2013/2014 school year.

Holmdel Community Day – Darlene Kiss and Dina Ambrosi

Darlene and Dina announced that the parents groups would be represented with a table at *Holmdel Community Day* on Saturday April 20 from 11AM-4PM. In addition, as part of the township wide *Holmdel Helps* initiative, the four parent groups will be collecting funds to distribute Mother's Day plants to the Keansburg elementary school students.

If anyone would like to volunteer to help with this activity see Dina or Darlene.

Closing

Katie Evan's (#18) name was drawn in the attendance raffle. She won a cupcake party set and a *Dunkin Donuts* gift card.

The meeting was adjourned with motions from Terri Ferguson and Lynn Daniele at 10:40AM.

APPENDICES

Appendix A – Treasurer’s Report

Appendix B – Safe and Secure Schools Handout

Appendix C – Earth Day Festival Handout

Appendix D - Attendance

VILLAGE SCHOOL PSA
TREASURER'S REPORT - April 9, 2013
Account Activity as of 3/31/2013

CURRENT ASSETS	
Checking Account - Wells Fargo	\$26,644.40
Checking (Raffle) Account - Wells Fargo	\$3,644.70
PayPal Balance	\$2,399.38
Savings Account - Wells Fargo	\$12,764.17
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$45,452.65

CURRENT ACTIVITY

Opening Balance **\$32,254.86**

INCOME

	Bingo	2,215.03
	Holiday Shop	57.00
	Market Day	187.33
	Village Idol for Sandy Relief	
Ticket Sales		24.00
Donations		57.00
	Bank Fee Credit	13.00
		\$2,553.36

EXPENSES

	Bingo	1,625.44
	Chess	4,419.00
	Hospitality	71.00
	Membership	5.00
	Memory Book	1,420.96
	School Store	522.14
Specialized Fundraising (Boxtops Pizza Parties)		88.28
	Bank Fees	12.00
		\$8,163.82

Ending Balance **\$26,644.40**

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INCOME

Bingo	2,215.03
Chess	8,767.46
Go-Green Recycling	16.10
Holiday Shop	15,081.00
KG Meet 'N Greet - Chuck E. Cheese	123.42
Ladies Night Out	21,113.46
Lifetouch Spring Portraits	1,632.00
Market Day	2,812.84
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
SchoolKidz Supply Kits	928.27
Specialized Fundraising (BoxTops)	91.91
Spiritwear	3,883.00
Student Directories	25.00
Village Idol for Sandy Relief	
Ticket Sales	8,057.05
50/50	610.00
Donations	1,218.73
Write-A-Check Fundraising	495.00
Bank Adjustment	13.00

TOTAL INCOME**\$79,456.67****EXPENSES**

Bingo	1,625.44
Carnival	203.29
Chess	7,983.00
Community Day	45.85
Cultural Assembly	2,201.00
Executive Board Expenses (EOY Gifts)	63.81
Gifting	38,865.71
Holiday Shop	12,788.20
Hospitality	168.29
Ladies Night Out	14,689.46
Market Day	461.26
Membership	253.16
Memory Book	1,425.94
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	2,165.11
Second Grade Breakfast	119.98
Specialize Fundraising (BoxTops)	88.28
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	335.30

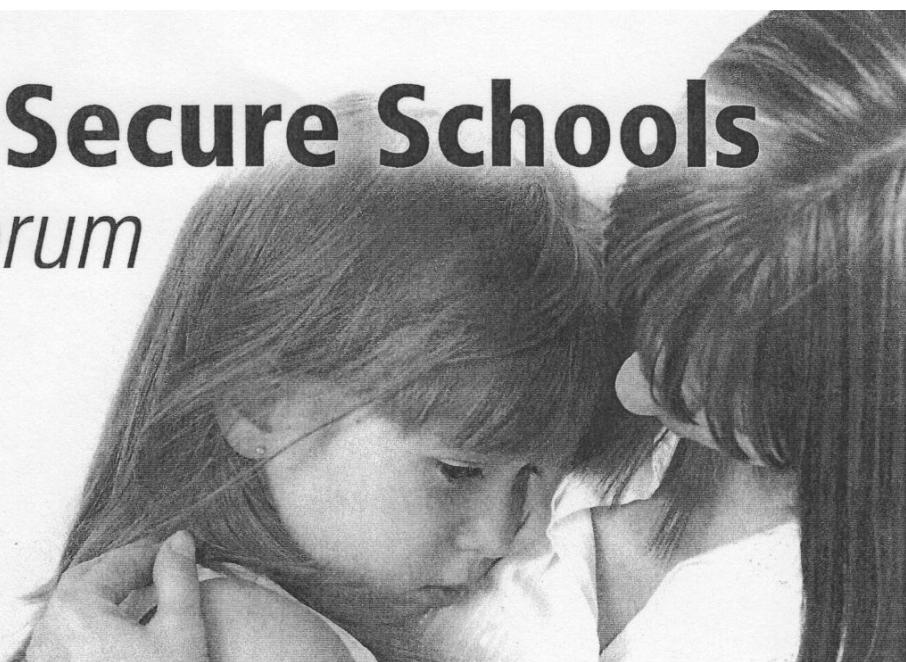
TOTAL EXPENSES**\$95,549.50**

Safe and Secure Schools

A Parent's Forum



Hosted by the New Jersey
School Boards Association



Date: April 9, 2013

Registration: 6:00 p.m.

Program: 6:45 p.m.

Location: Neptune High School,
2nd Floor Media Center,
55 Neptune Blvd., Neptune, NJ

Fee: Free

Pre-registration is required.

The tragedy at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, has led local education officials and law enforcement to reassess school security measures. Parents also need to play a crucial role in the discussion.

On Tuesday, April 9, the New Jersey School Boards Association will host "Safe and Secure Schools: A Parent's Forum," featuring an informative and interactive discussion on the new challenges of school security.

A panel of educators and law enforcement professionals will discuss current practices and ways districts are improving school safety. There will also be time dedicated for a question-and-answer session.

Registration information:

School community members need to pre-register online using the following url: <http://safeschoolsmonmouth.eventbrite.com>

If you have questions regarding registration, please contact Marcia Lavigne, NJSBA County Activities Coordinator, at mlavigne@njsba.org or 609-278-5233.

15th Annual EARTH DAY FESTIVAL
Bayonet Farm 41 Middletown Road, Holmdel 07733
Sunday, April 28th, 12 noon to 5 pm
For more info, please call 732-946-9064 Rain or Shine

FREE event sponsored by the Holmdel Environmental Commission and
Citizens for Informed Land Use



Greenway Walk, 10 am to 12 noon
Join the walk to Bayonet Farm,
Meet at Holmdel Park, First Parking Lot



Arcadia Bird
Sanctuary
Presentation, 12:45 pm

Rizzo's Reptile
Discovery, 3:30 pm
Meet live snakes
and more!



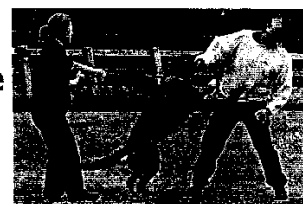
Farm Friends
Petting Zoo
Noon to 4:00 PM
\$3.50/person includes feed
and return stamp

Children's Recycled
Art Activities



Live Music!
All afternoon
Folk, Blues, Rock!

Holmdel K-9
Search and Rescue
Arrive Early



Tour the lovely
Harding House
12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 pm
Sign up at Greeter's Table

Lunch and more
at the
Red Barn Deli
All afternoon



Cats & Kittens available
for adoption from Pet
Adoption Network!

GO GREEN
New! Farmland Tours
Water tasting
Poster Contest
Many Environmental Groups
MUCH MORE!



PSA MEETING ATTENDANCE SHEET

DATE: _____

4/9/2013

	NAME
1.	Laura Layell
2.	Ken Layell
3.	Keri Todisco
4.	Laura Bachmann
5.	Vanessa Merhi
6.	Kristine Wagner
7.	Ann Marie Harrison
8.	Julie Rabin
9.	Lauren Cuddy
10.	Linda Jackman
11.	Linda Fernand
12.	Nicole Salzano
13.	Vicki DiBiasi
14.	Terri Ferguson
15.	Ana Vander Woude
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