

**Minutes of October 13, 2015 Meeting of
Village Elementary School Parent Association- PSA**

PSA President, Vicky Flynn, called to order at 7:45 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Vicky thanked everyone for coming to the first evening PSA meeting held at the school and welcomed HFEE to the meeting.

HFEE Special Presentation: The HFEE generously donated ChromeBooks for use by Second and Third Graders at Village School. The Technology Coaches for the District were present to provide a presentation regarding this ChromeBook initiative. They spoke about the technology at Village and how the information is being delivered to students (i.e., logging in, caring for ChromeBooks, typing exercises, researching, using Google classroom). Looking ahead, teachers will be receiving training on utilizing google apps for education in the classroom.

HFEE signed a letter with the PLG to donate 2 additional carts for Indian Hill. A total of 15 carts will be implemented to Indian Hill. The goal is to have a 1:1 ratio for the next school year.

It was noted that the students will not be permitted to bring ChromeBooks home at this time. This will prevent increased damages that may occur.

Question was asked if parents will have access to Google classroom. The school plans on sending letters home with instructions for parents to view. Google is in the process of rolling out feature to add parents but it is currently not available.

Principal's Report

Mr. Schillaci thanked everyone for attending PSA meeting. He thanked the PSA for donating 2 tablet carts for 1st graders plus professional development. The carts have been purchased and should start being used in the classroom next month.

Mr. Schillaci mentioned that parent teacher conferences will be held for evening sessions November 17th and 23rd and afternoon conferences November 20th, 23rd and 24th. There will be half days of school November 20th, 23rd, 24th and 25th. School will be closed November 5th and 6th for NJ Teacher convention, November 11th for Veteran's Day and 26th and 27th for Thanksgiving.

Mr. Schillaci mentioned that a letter would be going home soon with information about the Halloween parade and dismissal on October 30th after parade.

The school just finished celebrating the Week of Respect. The character Edna was looking for wonderful behavior to be demonstrated from the children and made announcements and shout outs to the students.

Mr. Schillaci said that Spirit Day would be coming through regularly as a simple way to get Village and Holmdel attire out and show support for the school.

Mr. Schillaci spoke on behalf of the teachers and noted that the teachers would be donating a Coach Gift basket for Ladies Night Out event on October 22nd.

Reports of the Executive Board

Vicky Flynn- President

Vicky thanked Laura Lavell for her assistance in organizing Fall Festival. It turned out to be a beautiful day with enough pumpkins for everyone despite the fact that more than 125 children arrived on the day of the event to register! More than 400 children were in attendance.

Vicky thanked Jamie Placca and Sheila Scarpino for collecting games for the school.

Vicky mentioned that the IRS penalty was waived. The PSA had budgeted \$4,000 for the penalty and will continue to hold these funds on the side in case the PSA is made aware of any earlier year(s) during which time prior Executive Boards failed to file their taxes. Vicky thanked Tammi Stanziale for her time in handling this matter on behalf of the PSA.

Danielle Impreveduto –VP of Communications

Danielle discussed the Village Pajama sets that are being sold. To date, 66 orders had been placed. Orders should be placed by November 13th and the pajamas should arrive the first week of December. Danielle noted that this is not a fundraising event and is strictly for the support of Holmdel schools and the community.

Danielle mentioned that the BRIDGES coat drive will continue through December 1st. A box will remain in the vestibule for coats to be donated.

Bingo nights will be held on February 12th for Pre K, Kindergarten and 1st Grade and February 19th for 2nd and 3rd grade.

Suzanne Serini & Tonya Romano – VP of Fundraising

Ladies Night Out will be October 22nd. Tickets are still being sold for this event. There are many amazing donations this year. Volunteers are still needed for the night of the event.

There will be a Devils/Rangers fundraiser on February 2nd, more information to follow.

Tonya Romano mentioned that this will be her last year at Village school and will need a replacement for Yearbook committee.

Leslie Moratta – VP of Membership

Leslie spoke about PSA membership and noted that 62% of the school has enrolled in the PSA this year. She encouraged membership and noted that all members will receive a yearbook for their child at the end of the school year.

Trunk or Treat will be held on Halloween this year from 11-1 and admission will be \$5 per child. Trunks and volunteers are needed for this event.

Tiffany Gourlay - Treasurer

Tiffany mentioned that the bank accounts have been reconciled. She also asked that the Committee Chairs submit their expense forms in a timely manner.

She mentioned that Board is working on the tax filing requirements.

Christine Bavaro- Recording Secretary

Christine asked for a motion to approve the minutes from last month's PSA meeting. Tiffany Gourlay made a motion to approve the minutes. Theresa Rampella seconded the motion.

Reports of the Appointed Boards

HCAA – Jill

Discussed the creative arts and encouraged student participation. There will be a 10K to support the arts in the schools. The Upper schools have a stronger presence and would like to extend to Village school.

There will be 2nd Annual Teacher Talent show and a Photo contest held in April.

Membership for the HCAA is \$10 and meetings are held on the 1st Monday of each month.

Laura Lavell

Laura discussed the upcoming assembly on October 29th. Story Pirates will be the guest of the event. The show is based on stories written by children all over the country.

The second assembly will be in the beginning of March and will have a Chinese acrobat.

Laura thanked everyone for attending the Fall festival and extended thanks to all of the volunteers who helped out.

Janice Petretti

Janice mentioned that the school will be receiving a \$2,500 check from Box Tops collected last year. This year, current collections totaled \$1,000.

Christine Schmitt (not present)

Red Ribbon Week will be held week of October 19th. Initiative promotes a drug free message.

Charles Hancock

Charles spoke as co-chair of SEPAC – Special Education Advisory Committee. This program facilitates between parents and the BOE. The first meeting will be held on October 26th at 7:30pm to introduce the committee to the district and put by laws into effect.

Vicky Flynn

Vicky mentioned that there will be a Pampered Chef fundraiser on November 17th.

Karen Strickland

Karen spoke about the Holmdel HS PTSO Color Fest which is nestled in between 2 other Holmdel events, LNO and Alumni Friday Night Football.

Deb Brew

Deb promoted “Guys Night Out” for Indian Hill PLG on November 19th at Sterling Gardens. Last year, the event raised \$10,000 and the Board funded 8 brand new games to IH School.

Natty Estok is the winner of this month’s raffle.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.