

PSG Meeting
Monday, December 15, 2014

Opening:

- The meeting was called to order at 9:35am
- Michele welcomed everyone and pointed out the emergency exits and asked that cell phones be silenced.
- She thanked Linda Jackman for coordinating the Hospitality Table
- Michele explained that an orange folder would be passed around during the meeting. This folder contains an Attendance Sheet for today's meeting as well as sign-up sheets for upcoming events.
- Mr. Howard led the Pledge of Allegiance
- Michele introduced W.R. Satz Principal, Mr. Howard; Assistant Principal, Ms. Marino; Teacher Representative, Mrs. Imbro; and Guest Speaker, Mr. Matthew Snodgrass

Student of the Month Recognition Program-November Recipients:

--Last month, the school began piloting its Student of the Month program. Today, we are happy to introduce those students chosen for the month of November:

Jeffrey DeCicco	Team Pride
Carine Gallo	Team Integrity
Natalie Barbarino	Team Triumph
Alex Unanski	Team Victory
Tara Musialowicz	Team Honor

Ms. Marino announced each student's name. A teacher from each team said a few words about the student chosen from their team. Parents of the students were invited to see their child receive recognition.

Principal's Report-Mr. Howard:

- 12/17 is the 7th Grade Trip to Medieval Times
- Spirit Week is 1/20-1/23 and Pep Rally is 1/23

Assistant Principal's Report-Ms. Marino:

- The HFEE will hold a 5K run in April

Teacher Representative's Report-Mrs. Imbro:

- o Dr. Tetreault would like to thank the PSG for getting out the technology survey to parents - responses have started coming in, and the district Technology Committee hopes to use the information gathered to figure out some parent-oriented technology classes.
- o Year Books need to be ordered by mid January. Please do so as soon as possible. Information was sent home to all families.
- o After school monitors have some announcements for parents and students:
 - students need a note to go home with anyone other than parents or guardian (they also must be 18 years old or older)
 - ½ day dismissal 12:37 pm...all pick ups should be waiting in parking lot by 12:30.

- Room 101 after school is for students staying after for extra help and clubs. Students shouldn't be staying after to hang out with their friends.
- Mrs. Crimoli's and Mrs. Imbro's writing lab classes had a guest speaker last week: Mr. David Goldman. He spoke to the students about the process of writing a memoir. The students look forward to using what they learned while writing their own memoirs in the next few weeks.

Executive Board Announcements-Michele Samson (Anissa Quirk was not present):

- We are planning to sell red t-shirts with the Holmdel "H" on them – students can wear during Spiritweek as well as Battle of the Faculties in March – red is the designated color for Satz. Order forms will be emailed soon and will likely be due in January when we come back from the holiday break.
- Some of you may be aware that the Holmdel BOE adopted as one of its goals this year to investigate the allocation of instructional time throughout the district. Holmdel High School has been investigating possible alternatives to the traditional 8-period bell schedule. One such alternative that we favor is referred to as a "rotating schedule." So far this year, they have made well over 10 presentations to students and faculty, have visited 5 other high-achieving high schools who use this bell schedule and have hosted a "general information night" for the community back in November. The HS is planning a 2nd general information night this **Wednesday, Dec. 17th @ 6:30 pm in HS auditorium** for anyone in the community (students, staff, parents) who may be interested in learning more about the rotating schedule. The presentation will last approximately 45-60 minutes with plenty of opportunities to ask questions. **It is important to note** - at this point, they are still in the investigation stage - ultimately, it will be the BOE's responsibility to approve any changes to the daily bell schedule.

Vice-Presidents of Fundraising- Stephanie Wuestneck (Robin Andersen not present):

- WRITE-A-CHECK
 - Earnings YTD - \$2420
 - Earnings LY - \$1556.05
- BERTUCCI'S DINING FOR DOLLARS
 - 2nd Tues of each month
 - November: not in yet
 - Next event: December 9th, not n yet
 - Earnings YTD: \$241.35
- BARNES AND NOBLE
 - Holiday Fundraiser-
 - 12/12, Friday
 - Had a great turnout!
 - Thank you to: Mary Kaye Snodgrass, Andria Wojtunik, Sally Ann Mosey Walier, Denise Grana, Lynn Saporito, Diane Barbarino.

- Congrats to students to Anthony Saporito, Megan Fredricks, Natalie Grana & Clare Hu for winning scavenger hunt & completing the Satz Holiday Crossword puzzle!
 - Will advise earnings at next meeting.
- Summer Reading Fundraiser
 - 6/12 – Yearbook Party
- CLOTHING DRIVE
 - Collected 4,907 pounds of clothes, raised \$834.19.
 - Purchased new signs from Beacon: \$87
 - April 13-18
 - Thank you to all schools for promoting this semi-annual event.

Vice-President of Membership-Carolyn Zofchak:

-Membership has remained the same since last month

Treasurer-Amy Lem Varey:

-Over \$5000 raised from the Harlem Wizards game in November.

-The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and a motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. It was accepted by Dina Sardo and seconded by Maria Curreri.

Recording Secretary-Andria Wojtunik:

-The minutes from November's PSG meeting were reviewed and a correction made to change the HFEE Poker Night date to 1/30/15 and the HFEE 5K to 4/19/15. The amended minutes were accepted by Tara Brunner and seconded by Asma Nasar.

Corresponding Secretary-Maria Curreri: No report.

Appointed Board Announcements:

-Harlem Wizards Game-Event Wrap-up:

Thank you to everyone who attended this event last month – we think it was a great success. Thank you to Alyssa Coffaro and Lisa Cronin who coordinated the whole event – it was a huge undertaking and these ladies did an awesome job planning and executing a wonderful community event

The Wizards fundraiser was an enormous success with over 600 attendees and approximately \$7,000.00 was raised.

It took a tremendous amount of time and effort from all of the Volunteers. We would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped plan and run the event:

Set-up Volunteers and Wizards Committee Members

Alyssa Coffaro, Maria Curreri, Robin Andersen, Michele Samson, Carolyn Zofchak, Dina Sardo, Melissa Mohr, Amy Lem, Linda Fernand, Linda Jackman & Anissa Quirk

Food Concessions Volunteers- Linda Fernand – Chairperson

Linda Jackman, Laurie Tascione, Amy Lem, Sallie Brown, Melissa Mohr and Susan Gordon

Merchandise Sales Volunteers- Dina Sardo – Chairperson

Pat Geller, Robin Andersen, Marien Martinez, Nicole Hendrickson, Chris Hazel, Dina Hamwi and Marianne Valentini

Holmdel T-shirt Sales Volunteers - Maria Curreri – Chairperson

Diane Bracero, Lee Ann Guerin

Check-in / Ticket Sales Volunteers - Carolyn Zofchak – Chairperson

Carolyn Noguchi, Christine Reddington, Pam D'Aleo, Asma Nassar and Stephanie Wuestneck

Student Volunteers

Joseph Sardo, Joe Sciacca, Giacomo Curreri, Abbey Quirk, Aliza Samson, Corrine Migliazza, Christian Tascione, Danielle Martinez, Isabella Pinnero Quinn and Sydney Coffaro

Floaters

Anissa Quirk, Michele Samson and Alyssa Coffaro

An extra special thanks to those parents who volunteered their time, even though they do not currently have students at Satz!

The evening would not have been a success if not for the participation of the Holmdel Hawks - made up of Holmdel's own teachers and administrators!

Representing Satz -

Mr. Howard, Ms. Marino, Ms. Cornacchia, Ms. Sinck, Ms. Bailey, Ms. Crane, Ms. Asaro, Mr. Ferraro, Ms. Kapoor, Mr. Bell, Mr. Arecchi, Ms. Meyers, Mr. Graham, Chef Harkness, Mr. Saler –

and (*representing the High School*)

Mr. Graham, Mr. Christathakis, Mr. McGuire, Mr. Hart, Mr. Cannon, Mr. Dowd, Mr. DeStefano, Chef Harkness, Ms. Cantwell, Ms. Gargiulo and Mr. Spellman

Lastly we would like to recognize everyone who helped make this event possible including our office staff, Mr. Loughran, Angela DeDonato, Mr. Westrol, Todd Dandorf and the AMAZING custodial staff on-site at event (Marianne, Mr. Carter and Tony) who went above and beyond to ensure a smooth evening.

These great teachers, coaches, staff members and administrators made our show a tremendous success!! The students and parents really enjoyed seeing you all on the court! Thank you!!

Alyssa Coffaro & Lisa Cronin

Wizards Co-Chairs

- **Fundraising Programs** – Amazon Smile / Shoebox / Terracycle

We wanted to remind everyone that when you shop Amazon, please go through Amazon Smile as our school receives a percentage of your online purchases. We are doing well with the shoebox and beauty brigade programs so please keep sending in your old shoes and used beauty containers of shampoo bottles, toothpaste tubes, creams and lotions and cosmetics.

--Boxtops/Labels for Education/Escrip-Jane Zysk--

--Labels for Education

Current Balance=\$1,371 points

Received \$100 Visa card

- Escrip
Oct earnings=\$3.91
YTD=\$45.02
- Stop N Shop
YTD=\$27.59
program ends 3/19/15
- Boxtops
Should have received check for \$839.60

Guest Speaker-Matthew Snodgrass-"Lessons in Social Media"

-Mr. Snodgrass works in digital strategy. He counsels companies in how they use social media. He is also a Holmdel father with children in the district. He spoke about how children use social media and advised parents to monitor what their children are doing on these social media sites. He said that it is easier to monitor them at the input point-know what sites they are using and talk to them about what information is appropriate or not appropriate to post (personal information). There are several online sources for more information on monitoring your children's online activities, including Net Nanny, Web Watcher, Teensafe.com.

Advocating Rights in Special Education (ARISE)-Ana Vander Woude-not present:

-No meeting in December. The next meeting is scheduled for 1/22/15 at 7pm. Guest speaker will be Claudia Weiss and Sandy Singer from Creative Social Learning to provide strategies for those students with socialization issues.

-While this is not an ARISE event, please note that 2/19 there will be an all day workshop at Brookdale College titled "Rights Laws-Special Education Laws and Advocacy". Please refer to the ARISE website.

-SEPAG-Special Education Parent Advisory Group- In 2006, the state mandated every school district to form a SEPAG. However, Holmdel does not have one in place. The Board had a lengthy discussion on the proper formation of a SEPAG in Holmdel and the Board amended its district goals to bring to the forefront its commitment to providing quality special education services in Holmdel and properly developing a SEPAG.

Holmdel Board of Education (HBOE)-Dennis Pavlik:

- Meeting 11/19/14
Public portion of meetings 7:30pm
May 27 and June 10 meetings will start at 7pm

-Our school monitors have attended classes in the following topics: Handle With Care, CPR and Defibulators Training, and Sign Language

-Regarding beautifying Satz, we have one of our architects working on beautifying the exterior of Satz School. There have been many discussions in the Buildings and Grounds meetings on this topic.

-The board recognized trips to Italy, Spain and France from April 2-April 12, 2015 for Holmdel students.

-The Board approved the following presenters for the 2014-15 school year to conduct in-house workshops for staff members at a cost of \$75 per hour: Christine McCafferty, Jane Denton, Tracey Marasco, Andrea Mozo, Donna Salimando and Lori Vona.

-The Board approved Christine McCafferty as a Schedule B Technical Advisor 2014/15. Also approved was John Graham as a Schedule B Wrestling Coach 2014/15.

- Removal of fuel tanks on Satz property- \$27,000 to remove
- On Tuesday 12/16 the Holmdel Mayor and Council will recognize the 12U Holmdel All-Shore Champions. Most of the girls on the team attend Satz School:
Abbey Quirk, Corrine Migliazza, Sam Zinni, Lindsey Kassandy, Nicolette Pavlik, Gillian Henderson, Crystal Carinio, and Michelle Desario.
- HIB (Harrassment, Intimidation, Bullying):
 - HHS - none
 - Satz - 2 incidents, 1 substantiated, 1 unsubstantiated
 - Indian Hill - 2 substantiated incidents
 - Village - None
- Satz enrollment - 531 students
- Next meeting is 12/17/14 at 7:30pm
- January 7, 2015 will be the reorganization meeting and new HBOE members will be installed: Denise Kline, John Martinez and Peter Reddy.

Holmdel Creative Arts Association (HCAA)- Pat Geller

- The Satz musical "Shrek" will be presented on 1/30 and 1/31
- Karoake Night Fundraiser is on 1/9/15
- Thursday 2/5/15 is the Faculty Talent Show

Holmdel Alliance-Andria Wojtunik-No report

Holmdel Foundation for Educational Excellence (HFEE)-Chiung-yin Liu

- Annual Giving campaign is ongoing
- Poker Night fundraiser is scheduled for 1/30/15
- Battle of the Faculties is 3/26/15
- 5k Race is 4/19/15
- Mini-grant applications are being accepted at this time

Closing:

- Michele thanked Mr. Howard, Ms Marino, Mrs. Imbro, Mr. Matthew Snodgrass and all the parents for taking the time to come to the meeting.
- She thanked Linda Jackman for setting up the Hospitality Table
- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Amy Lem Varey and the motion was seconded by Stephanie Wuestneck. The meeting was adjourned.

Our next PSG meeting will be on Wednesday, January 21, 2015.