

PSG Meeting
Monday, April 20, 2015

Opening:

- The meeting was called to order at 9:35am.
- Anissa welcomed everyone and pointed out the emergency exits and asked that cell phones be silenced.
- She thanked the Satz teachers and staff for providing the refreshments for the Hospitality table and she thanked Linda Jackman for coordinating the Hospitality Table.
- Anissa 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.
- Anissa introduced Satz School Principal, Mr. Howard; Assistant Principal, Ms. Marino; and Teacher Representative, Mrs. Imbro

Student of the Month Recognition Program-March Recipients:

- Continuing with our Student of the Month program being piloted this year, we are happy to introduce those students chosen for the month of March:

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| Devyn Battaglia | Team Honor |
| Kayla Way | Team Triumph |
| Jason and Byron Ng | Team Integrity |
| Salvatore Avitabile | Team Pride |
| Daniel Tempone | Team Victory |

A teacher from each team said a few words about the student chosen from their team and Ms. Marino congratulated them and also invited them to a special lunch. Parents of the students were invited to see their child receive recognition.

Principal's Report-Mr. Howard:

- Mr. Howard is reversing the school day schedule during the two weeks of PARCC testing so that students don't miss the same classes for both two-week testing periods.
- Teacher of the Year: Mrs. Imbro
- Educational Services Professional of the Year: Mr. Bruce
- There will be a Spring Food Drive to benefit Lunch Break

Assistant Principal's Report-Ms. Marino:

- The Alliance sponsored speaker Michael Deleon who gave a presentation to parents on dealing with teenagers and the use of social media. He will give a presentation to the 7th Grade on 4/21 on the topic of drugs and alcohol and he will give a presentation to the 8th grade on transitioning to high school.
- Dress Code-please watch what your students are wearing to school and make sure that they comply with the Dress Code.
- President's Award-eligible 8th grade students (those students with 90% overall cumulative grade point average for marking periods 1, 2 and 3) will be notified. They must then seek two recommendations (one academic and one other).

Teacher Representative's Report-Mrs. Imbro:

- 8th Grade has just finished philanthropic unit.
- No philanthropic fair to showcase 8th grade philanthropic projects because of time constraints due to PARCC testing, but looking for avenues to present projects for next year's 8th grade students.
- Math League continues to do well at area competitions.

Executive Board Announcements:

Co-Presidents-Anissa Quirk and Michele Samson:

- We have scheduled a Ladies Event at Mulberry Market in Colts Neck – April 29th 6:30pm – a chance to purchase gifts for many occasions: Mother’s Day, First Communion, Graduation, Teachers, etc. – there is a flyer circulating – please RSVP to Anissa Quirk or Maria Curreri;
- The PSG is looking to purchase games for the students so they can play/occupy their time during lunch periods since no electronics may be used in the building. The lunch aides gathered a list from the students of what they would like and we have priced everything out. As the games will be considered a gift from the PSG, we are required to submit a letter to the BOE for approval. We are planning to do this week. Once approved, we will purchase the items for the students.
- We announced at last month’s meeting that our Gift Committee chose as our primary gifting item to the school: **Exhibio Multimedia Player Signage in cafeteria** - \$6,000.00 - *(To be placed in the cafeteria to show students announcements and/or videos during lunches or special events);* we have some remaining expenses to pay out by the end of the school year, but hope to have enough funds left over to purchase this great piece of equipment.
- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon – scheduled for Wednesday, May 6th (was moved to May 19th); if you would like to donate to this luncheon, we will be having our sponsorship campaign again. Sign-up sheets to help and contribute are in the orange folder. We are working with Cracked Olive to potentially cater this lunch.
- The PSG has graciously accepted a bagel donation from Holmdel Bagels – owner Dan Unanski, a Holmdel Parent, will be donating a bagel for each 8th grade student and chaperone who will be going on the DC Trip. A big thank you to Holmdel Bagels! We will be asking Dearborn Market for a fruit donation, too. In addition, we will be seeking water bottle donations from all 8th grade parents – our goal is to have 2-3 cases of water on each bus.
- We are in the process of putting a calendar together for next year. One event we would like to bring back is our Sports Recycling Drive. We are looking to host this event in the Fall so please save all your sports equipment for us.
- 8th Grade Dance – We are seeking some 7th grade parent volunteers to chaperone the 8th grade dance which will be held at the Sheraton in Eatontown. There is a sign up sheet included in the Orange folder.
- We have been doing well with our Beauty Brigade Recycling Program – so well that Teracycle sent us some beauty products – I would like to give away – a show of hands who has been contributing to this program....give out products.

Vice-Presidents of Fundraising-Stephanie Wuestneck and Robin Andersen:

- WRITE-A-CHECK
 - Earnings YTD - \$2560
 - Received a company matching gift this month, this is something we should promote.
- BERTUCCI’S DINING FOR DOLLARS
 - 2nd Tues of each month – May 12th
 - Jan:
 - Feb:
 - Earnings YTD: \$246.88
- CLOTHING DRIVE
 - Drive just finishing up: April 13-18

- Truck is coming on Wednesday; we should know the amount raised by next week.
- Any last minute drop offs can be done Wednesday am from 8:30-9:30am.
- Collected 4,907 pounds of clothes, raised \$834.19.
- Mulberry Street (Gift Shop)
 - Colts Neck, Rt 34, across from DO
 - Wednesday, April 29 – that is next Wednesday!!!
 - Refreshments will be served
 - Gifts for Mothers Day, Communion, Confirmation, Graduation.
 - WR Satz PSG will receive 20% of sales.
- BARNES AND NOBLE
 - Summer Reading Fundraiser
 - 6/12, Friday, All day.
 - Will offer pre-orders for Summer Reading, week prior with pick up day of event. This will ensure books children are interested in are available.
 - Holiday Fundraiser
 - 12/12, Friday
 - Earnings: \$ 382.47.

Vice-President Membership-Carolyn Zofchak: No report

Treasurer-Amy Lem Varey:

-Anissa presented the Treasurer's Report and made a motion to accept the report. It was accepted by Dina Sardo and seconded by Marion Martinez

Recording Secretary-Andria Wojtunik:

-A motion was made to accept the minutes from the March 23rd PSG meeting. It was accepted by Pat Geller and seconded by Maria Curreri

Corresponding Secretary-Maria Curreri: No report

Appointed Board Announcements:

- Specialized Fundraising –
 - Spiritwear - We still have some Spiritwear for sale – come and purchase
 - Snack Shack – scheduled for April 23rd
 - TerraCycle & Shoebox Programs – keep sending in donations
 - Mulberry Market Shopping Event – April 29th
 - Spring Pictures – April 30th - The PSG has coordinated a date for Spring Picture Day – April 30th – we encourage all students to sit for a picture – Lifetouch gives \$2 back to the PSG – no obligation to buy – just sit!
- Nominating Committee – Andria Wojtunik, Chairwoman:

The Nominating Committee met, reviewed the Letters of Intent and agreed on a nomination slate for next year's PSG Executive Board:

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| Co-Presidents | Anissa Quirk and Michele Samson |
| VP-Fundraising | Lori Umbrino |
| VP-Membership | Carolyn Zofchak |
| Recording Secretary | Jenn Rainess |
| Corresponding Secretary | Maria Curreri |
| Treasurer | Purvi Shah |

The slate will be voted on by those PSG members in attendance at our May 18th PSG meeting.

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

1. On April 16th, ARISE hosted a workshop on LRE (Least Restrictive Environment) presented by Nicole Pratt of SPAN (Statewide Parent Advocacy Network). It was a very informative presentation for parents interested in how to better advocate for a more inclusive learning environment for their children, as well as the different types of modifications and accommodations. The PowerPoint presentation will be posted shortly on the ARISE website: ARISEHolmdel.vpweb.com

2. The next ARISE meeting is scheduled for May 28th from 7p to 8:30p at the Holmdel High School Upper Library. However, there is a good chance that the meeting will be rescheduled to a morning event due to previous low attendance at our evening meetings. Topics include opening nominations for the 2015-2016 officers.

Holmdel Board of Education (HBOE)-Dennis Pavlik: Not in attendance

-The HBOE approved the hiring of a new Athletic Director and a new HHS Football Coach for the coming school year.

-The budget discussion is ongoing

-The ad hoc committee made up of interested parties is presenting its findings on the issue of the implementation of a modified rotating schedule for HHS for the upcoming school year. It will be discussed at the next HBOE meeting.

Holmdel Creative Arts Association (HCAA)-Pat Geller:

-student photo contest is ongoing

-4/21 Indian Hill "Rock Around the Clock" musical

-4/23 Satz Talent Show

-4/24 HHS Film Festival

Holmdel Alliance-Andria Wojtunik: No report

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

- 3/26 Battle of the Faculties was sold out. 50/50 winner donated his winnings back to the HFEE.

-4/20 is deadline for mini-grant applications

-5/31 First Annual 5K Walk/Run. This year's event is in memory of Satz teacher Senor Eric Hausser.

Other Announcements from the Floor:

-Linda Jackman encouraged everyone who has a student graduating this year from Satz or HHS to recognize their 2015 graduate with a personalized lawn sign. Orders are due by 5/4. This fundraiser supports Project Graduation.

Closing:

-Anissa thanked Mr. Howard, Ms. Marino, Mrs. Imbro and all the parents for taking the time to come to the meeting

-She thanked the Satz teachers and staff for providing the food for the Hospitality Table and thanked Linda Jackman for setting up the Hospitality Table.

-She presented several persons with beauty products received as a result of the Beauty Products recycling program.

-The meeting was adjourned.

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