

# Village School PSA Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2018

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The Village Elementary School Parent Student Association's ("PSA") President, Danielle Impreveduto, called the meeting to order at 9:28 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Mr. Brian Schillaci welcomed everyone. He announced that we had a parent pass away in the community. There was a moment of silence.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mr. Schillaci stated that it is the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school today and proceeded to discuss the additional following upcoming events/announcements:

- This Friday is Professional Development Day, which is a day off for kids.
- This Friday is also the Chinese New Year.
- Monday school is closed for Presidents Day
- Preschool applications are due on Friday. Juliann DeMatteo did a great job representing the parent group. Her efforts received an applause at the meeting by the audience.
- Registration for Kindergarten is next week.
- June will be Kindergarten orientation.
- An e-mail went out this AM from Mr. Schillaci with reminders.
- Read Across America is coming up the week of February 26<sup>th</sup> with various theme dates such as mismatched socks, Hero Day, etc.
- The third round of MAAP is the third week of March. One goal during this round is that we will look for new ways to use the MAAP data in an efficient way. The staff plans to discuss this topic during Professional Development Day.

Cherie Bavosa asked the following question: My teacher told me that the MAAP scores are not accurate and asked if the school is "putting the cart before the horse" with regards to conducting testing before identifying ways to use the results. Mr. Schillaci requested to discuss the topic offline.

Mr. Schillaci wished everyone a good Valentine's Day and no-homework night.

Cherie Bavosa asked one more question: She wanted to know when the PSA was going to get back to the audience/members about where fundraising money is going to be spent. Mr. Schillaci stated that the staff and PSA are still in discussion.

## **TEACHER'S REPORT**

The teachers wished everyone a happy Valentine's Day. This week we also celebrated Kindness Week. The teachers asked if everyone is aware of what bucket filling is and Danielle defined it. A suggestion was that we should include in the Kindergarten a definition to set the stage since

the term is used so much. There are lots of activities going on and one that Mrs. Renfroe wanted to highlight is 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher put together a beautiful bulletin board which is a random act of kindness challenge. Each envelope has a note in it.

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS**

### ***Danielle Imprevuto, President:***

The BINGO nights are sold out. This past bingo night (Pre-K, K, 1<sup>st</sup>) was most attended to-date with close to 275 attendees. The next BINGO night (2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>) is Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> and we had to order even more BINGO boards.

The Kids Art fundraiser is coming up in March and kids can submit their own art work and will be produced on whatever product you choose (mug, placemat, etc).

The order forms for Yearbooks go home this week.

The date for the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade slide show is March 22<sup>nd</sup> and the PSA will put together a 4 min slide show. E-mail these pictures to the PSA for inclusion by this Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.

We are starting to formulate the new PSA Executive Board next year. The election will be April or May and the following positions look to be available:

- Financial Officer
- Fundraiser 1 and 2
- Recording Secretary
- Communications
- President

We have an Elections Committee consisting of one PSA Board Member and if anyone is interested in running for a position, please submit your letter of intent by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Job descriptions are in the bylaws. Being able to volunteer for your child's school is one of the most impactful experiences and Danielle strongly encouraged it.

Regarding Spirit Wear, we had 72 orders and the PSA approved purchasing tee shirts for the Battle of Faculties events.

Last year box tops collected \$11,980 which is down 11% from last year.

Danielle asked if everyone signed the sign-in sheet.

Upcoming Village events:

- February 23<sup>rd</sup> – BINGO night for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders
- Girls on the Run, starting March 26<sup>th</sup> for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders
- March 15<sup>th</sup> – Family Fun Night – Skate Night Middletown Ice House

Other District news:

- HHS PTSO – Chipotle Night 2/20 4-8 PM must bring flyer for the to receive 50% off the proceeds

- HHS PTSO – Community Garage Sale 4/29
- IH PLG – Community Cards for sale \$10 and Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale going on now
- SATZ PSG – Vineyard Vines short sleeve shirt sale coming soon
- BOE meeting is February 28<sup>th</sup> 8:00 PM

***Vice Presidents of Fundraising, Suzanne Serini and Juliann DeMatteo:***

Suzanne Serini mentioned that the Carnival is approaching on May 18<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of June 1<sup>st</sup>. Suzanne took the audience through a history and an overview of the event, stressing how fun it is for kids and families. The event is open to anyone and is not limited to the Village community. The PSA needs a lot of volunteers to run the event. We also need donated baskets. If you are a Class Mom, you are in charge of one basket for the class.

Cherie Bavosa asked if we get any money back for events such as the Holiday Shop. Danielle responded that it's not a fundraiser but we did make \$1700. BINGO isn't a fundraiser either.

Yvonne asked if we are going to solicit corporate sponsors for the Carnival. Juliann responded that last year we only had three but the contribution did help. If anyone knows of a corporation who wants to sponsor us please reach out to us.

The fundraising efforts will close out for the year with the Carnival (date TBD).

***Vice President of Membership, Christine Bowden:***

The yearbook order forms are available and are on the front table if anyone is interested and will be distributed later this afternoon in kid mail. Cherie Bavosa mentioned that she disagrees with the tiered pricing of the yearbooks, mainly because she only has one child in the school and feels she is subsidizing others who have more children. Danielle Impreveduto explained how the PSA Executive Board made the decision to charge for the yearbook and how the prices were established. This decision, Danielle expressed, was not made lightly. After realizing that all other Holmdel schools charge for the yearbook and taking into account how much money the PSA loses each year on paying for the yearbooks, the decision was made to charge for the cost of the books.

***Recording Secretary, Mandy Carri:***

Motion and second to approve January 9, 2018 minutes. Cherie Bavosa approved and Teri Pedri seconded the motion.

**APPOINTED BOARD REPORTS**

***HFEE Representative, Michelle Sottile:***

- Thank you to those who contributed to our Annual Giving campaign. We are about \$400 short of our community goal of \$50,000, but we are very grateful and appreciative to

those who have helped us get this far. Next month, I will be able to share with you our annual giving grand total, which includes corporate matches.

- Thank you to those who bought tickets to the Gala which will take place at Eagle Oaks on April 14th. We sold out in only three days and are very enthused about all of the excitement that surrounds this event. We are currently working with Eagle Oaks to try to make some more seats available. If you would like to be put on the waiting list, please contact Brooke O'Brien, our Gala chairperson at [mnb5600@aol.com](mailto:mnb5600@aol.com). We could use some more basket items and ads for our ad journal for the Gala. If you would like to contribute, please contact Brooke.
- Poker Night took place on February 2nd at Park East in Hazlet. It was a successful evening which raised over \$6K.
- Battle of the Faculties will take place at HHS on March 22nd at 6:30PM. Please keep your eyes open for our e-blast which will go out in about a couple of weeks with ticket information. All tickets will be sold online only. In addition to our e-blast, we will send the flyer with ticket information over to the PSA to include in their weekly communication.
- Mini-grant deadline is on 2/21.
- The 5K will take place at BellWorks on 6/3/18. Details to follow.
- Any questions, please feel free to contact me!

***School Store, Teri Pedri:***

The school store will be on the third Thursday of this month. The next few are light on volunteers so reach out to Teri if you are available and interested.

Danielle asked if everyone could sign in.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Cherie Bavosa and it was seconded by Yvonne. The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 AM.

Mr. Schillaci picked #7 as this month's prize winner.