

Village Elementary School Parent Student Association February 14, 2017 Meeting Minutes

The Village Elementary School Parent Student Association's ("PSA") President, Danielle Impeveduto, called to order at 9:30 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Mr. Schillaci welcomed everyone and said Happy Valentine's Day. This Friday there will be a half day due to professional development for staff. Preschool applications are due this Friday. Today for spirit day children were asked to wear red. On Friday for spirit day it's Holmdel day and children are asked to wear school colors. Reminder that on half days there is no lunch program. On Monday school is closed for Presidents Day. Half day reminder no lunch program. Kindergarten registration is taking place. Parents are required to sign up online and choose a time slot between February 22-24 to drop off required materials.

Regarding training, the committee is working with Rutgers University on a literacy program. The next session is tomorrow, February 15th. Mr. Schillaci and Mrs. Vierschilling have seen improvements with regards to guided reading. They have worked with Rutgers in prior years, specifically with Indian Hill, and feel it's a valuable program.

VICE PRINCIPAL REPORT

Mrs. Vierschilling welcomed everyone and mirrored Mr. Schillaci in wishing everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

At the end of the month, it is Read Across America week. This program is celebrated nation-wide and focuses on literacy. Throughout the week, parents will receive communication from the school on what the daily activities are. Examples include dressing up like Dr. Seuss.

We finished our second round of MAAP testing. To reiterate, this testing provides a wealth of knowledge and a snapshot for administration and remediation plans focus on the data mining. This valuable tool is especially good for younger kids that we don't have a benchmark for. The more information we have about individual students the better we can measure progress at an individual basis. Recent tests will be distributed in couple weeks.

Sheila and Natalie are working closely with the Bus Safety Committee. Kids have badges helping kids get into hallways, etc in an efficient manner. This program has been extremely valuable.

A question was raised with regards to the policy on bringing phones on the bus. The response was that it is district policy to gently suggest not to have phones, but it is not restricted. If an inappropriate situation arises such as watching explicit u-tube video, the school can then address the situation.

TEACHERS REPORT

Read Across America week starts soon and teachers are looking for volunteers to help with activities such as hanging posters in hallways.

The teachers are working on Village Idol, which is Thursday June 8th. They are considering giving the event a new name or spin considering the show Idol is no longer on TV.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

Danielle Imprevuto, President:

BINGO was last Friday night and was a huge success. The 2nd and 3rd grade BINGO night is almost sold out. The online sign-up is no longer available so parents can e-mail the form in to register. The max number of people is 260 and we are currently at 250.

Village School spirit wear ended January 31st but we still have an inventory of PJ's. E-mail Danielle if you are interested.

People are urged to send in box tops and Danielle is looking for someone to take over this initiative next year.

In March Kids Art is a fundraiser in which kids can draw on paper at home and purchase mugs, etc. The products will be in by Mothers Day.

Danielle briefly discussed the upcoming succession plans. Danielle has one more year so next year she wants a co-president next year. A list of open positions will be e-mailed during next month's PSA meeting.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS:

Vice Presidents of Fundraising, Suzanne Serini and Julianne DeMataeo:

The flyer for the Carnival is going home today. Specifically, the PSA is looking for corporate donations. The cost of the event is approx. \$15K and the goal of the PSA is to offset this cost with sponsors. An example of how a sponsor can donate is to donate the bounce house, or just donate money. The PSA will ensure that the sponsors receive advertising such as tee shirts, banners or signs. Tiffany mentioned that businesses will often times match personal donations.

Questions should be directed towards Julianne, Tiffany and Suzanne. The Carnival planning will commence soon and volunteers will be solicited. Suzanne took a step back and explained the event. Starting at 4:30, lots of games, photo booth, DJ, etc will be set up in and outside of the school. The event is really fun and close to 1000 people attend. Suzanne explained that there is no commitment to attend for the entire event and if sports conflict, students can stop by for a short bit. A question was asked regarding a press release for the event and the response was that the event is focused on Village School but open to anyone, therefore, we don't release a press release.

Danielle said district has a Strive Program. Teenagers with special needs can help out with the Carnival. Danielle hired them for BINGO night and they sorted BINGO boards.

Vice President of Membership, Christine Bowden:

Membership for the year is closed. If someone wants to purchase a yearbook they need to pay \$15 instead of being included in cost of PSA membership.

Treasurer, Christine Bavaro and Tiffany Gourlay:

Nothing to note

SEPAC, Chuck Hancock:

At some point during the second week of March, another seminar Monmouth country mental health focused on mental health first aid. This will be open for staff who deal with those affected children. Signs to look for include, but are not limited to, losing sleep, feeling a certain way. This seminar will be video taped if someone is interested in watching but can't attend in person.

Vivky Flynn, BOE:

The Board of Education budget hearing date is March 15th. In April, there will be a vote on passing the budget. The Board of Education is considering a referendum to improve the schools and more information regarding this topic will be presented at the next meeting.

UPCOMING VILLAGE SCHOOL CALENDAR EVENTS

- February 24, 2017 – BINGO night (2nd, 3rd)
- March 16, 2017 – Skate night
- March 21, 2017 – NJ Devils vs Rangers Fundraiser

Mrs. Sominion (#12) is the winner of this month's raffle.

A motion to approve the meeting minutes was approved by Janice and Stavey.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded (by Cathleen and Janice, respectively). The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 AM.