

**Village Elementary School Parent Student Association**  
**October 18, 2016**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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The Village Elementary School Parent Student Association's ("PSA") President, Danielle Impreveduto, called to order at 6:40 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**PRINCIPAL REPORT**

Mr. Schillaci welcomed everyone to the evening PSA meeting. He expressed how the school year has been wonderful so far, except for one incident. On Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> the school experienced a level 2 evacuation due to a bomb threat. The evacuation lasted 1 ½ hours and Mr. Schillaci was pleased by the cooperation of the entire staff to ensure the students were safe and comfortable. Mr. Schillaci introduced the Police Officer who works with the Holmdel police department. He oversaw the event and was commended for his professionalism and success.

Next week is the Week of Respect. An email will be distributed from Mr. Schillaci regarding how to celebrate the week (e.g. Monday kids will be asked to wear a Jersey). Red Ribbon week will be embedded into the Week of Respect. The key message is to respect ourselves and others. Mr. Schillaci thanked the PSA for the successful respect-themed assembly last week. Actors from the George Street Playhouse performed the show and the message tied into Respect Week. Kids enjoyed the performance and were engaged in discussion at the end.

Mr. Schillaci thanked the PSA for the incoming chrome books. Tomorrow is the training for first grade teachers such that they can be distributed and used throughout the classrooms.

We received correspondence regarding the Halloween parade and dismissal procedures. Parents are asked to adhere to these procedures to ensure a safe dismissal. The parade is expected to last 30 min. AM Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade parades start at 10:15 and PM Kindergarten is at 2:00. The parade will be on the soccer fields and parents are asked to stay outside of the fields to observe the parade.

Kimberly Stillo asked a question regarding the evacuation. Her concern was around the communication during the event, specifically that there isn't one primary distribution. There were emails that the Superintendent sent, Facebook posts in Holmdel Parents and phone calls. She expressed this causes more panic and recommended the district use Appetgy or a similar program to distribute mass communication blasts. Mr. Schillaci said management is debriefing the event and discussions around improvements to communication are in the works. It was stated that parents should only listen to messages from the Police or the Superintendent since nothing else is official.

Mandy Carri commended the Police Department and school officials for an excellent job during the event. Her children came home that night without any fear and actually said

what an extra fun day they had. She was very pleased with how comfortable the school officials made the children feel. She questioned why route 520 wasn't closed off, yet all of the children were evacuated to the field that backs up to the highway. The Police Officer present stated that the evacuation site and road closures were purposely designed and different for all events.

An individual asked if we discovered the source of the threat. The response was that it's under investigation and can't disclose information at this point in time. Mr. Schillaci enforced that our police department is the best available and they won't give up until a resolution exists.

Tiffany Gourlay asked if patrols were sent to other schools during the event and the response was "yes."

### **VICE PRINCIPAL REPORT**

Mrs. Vierschilling was not present at the meeting and she will update the group during next months meeting.

### **TEACHERS REPORT**

The teachers are not present but they asked Danielle Impreveduto to mention how happy they were with yesterday's assembly and the positive feedback they received from the event. They also wanted to mention that Fall Festival was an amazing event and also how thankful the teachers are for the luncheon. They are collecting teachers membership dues and have about 90% in.

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS**

#### ***Danielle Impreveduto, President:***

Danielle Impreveduto thanked everyone for coming to and helping out with Fall Festival. There were about 600 kids and 300 adults, which was an outstanding turnout. Danielle mentioned that the PSA sponsors two assembly's per year – one was yesterday's Playhouse assembly and the second is in March.

Ladies Night Out is on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. So far, the registration surpassed the prior years.

Trunk or Treat is Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup> from 12-2. \$5 if your car isn't decorated and \$0 if it's decorated.

Bucket Brigade/Safety Patrole is in full effect for the second year of the effort. Mr. Schillaci expressed how the kids faces are priceless and they are fully aware of their responsibilities to keep kids safe.

The holiday shop needs volunteers and the letters will be going home the week before Thanksgiving.

Regarding gifting, last year the PSA donated \$30,000 of chrome books and last month donated another cart. Danielle wanted to thank everyone for their donations/support. Another gifting effort that the PSA has spearheaded is to renovate the teachers lounge. To further improve the lounge a new refrigerator will be donated (this was just approved at the last BOE meeting). The Lvante family and Goldman Sachs are responsible for the donation. It will arrive next week.

***Vice Presidents of Fundraising, Suzanne Serini and Julianne DeMataeo:***

Thursday night is Ladies Night Out. There will be 135 baskets, 29 grand prizes and 2 super prizes. If tickets are purchased in advance, you can save \$5.

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

The cost of the annual PSA membership is \$10, which includes a yearbook and access to functions such as BINGO night.

***Treasurer, Tiffany Gourlay and Christine Bavaro:***

The budget is in the process of being balanced.

***Recording Secretary – Mandy Carri:***

Motion to approve September's meeting minutes approved by Jennifer Paulino and a second motion by Yvonne Guinta-Lambros.

**APPOINTED BOARD REPORTS**

***PSA School Historian, Yvonne Guinta-Lambros:***

Yvonne urged people to take pictures for the yearbook.

***School Store & HFEE, Vanessa Granata:***

School store is this Thursday for grades 1-3 during lunch. This Wednesday is waste-free Wednesday.

***SpiritWear, Heather Beland:***

Heather mentioned people can buy magnets from her and have them shipped to their homes.

***SEPAC, Chuck Hancock:***

There is a SEPAC meeting Wednesday night at 6:30 in the upper library lab of the High School.

**UPCOMING VILLAGE SCHOOL CALENDAR EVENTS**

10/19 Waste Free Wednesday

10/24-10/28 Week of Respect/Red Ribbon Week

10/29 Trunk or Treat

**OTHER DISTRICT NEWS**

10/27 Indian Hill School Play, Peter Pan

Jennifer Paulino (#7) is the winner of this month's raffle.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded (by Kim Tissillo and Teresa Rampullo, respectively). The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.