**Village School PSA Meeting Minutes**

**November 13, 2018, 9:30am**

Approved on 11/08/2019

The Village Elementary School Parent Student Association’s (“PSA”) President, Julieann DeMatteo, called the meeting to order at 9:31am. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Mr. Arthur Howard – not present for the meeting.

**VICE PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Mrs. Jessica Vierschilling announced that conferences and half days begin this week. Holmdel police officer, Officer Dave Buckle, were formerly introduced. He has connected with the children so they know he is a friend who is here to keep us safe.

Bus evacuation drills begin this week.

She discussed the importance of mindfulness and encouraged everyone to read Dr. Robert McGarry’s message.

**TEACHER’S REPORT**

Mrs. Renfroe and Mrs. Barbara thanked the PSA for Ladies Night Out. They also thanked us for the plastic bottle cap donations. Our children learned the importance of paying it forward so that another school could get the buddy benches like we have at Village School.

100% classroom teacher participation for PSA.

Feel free to send in any leftover Halloween candy to Ms. Rebecca Baldino for the candy drive.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

Julieann DeMatteo thanked Gabriella Pettinato for an excellent Trunk or Treat.

First assembly was on October 29th and went well. So far good feedback from the event. A parent volunteer who works for Fox News helped to coordinate the event.

Not sure if we can do the Chinese Acrobats again this year. Any suggestions welcome for future events

Yearbook pages are in progress, please upload pics ASAP.

Giving Tree tags will be distributed beginning on Friday.

Thursday morning is the bus evacuation drill. Anyone who can volunteer to help run the drills is welcome. The drill will likely begin at about 9:15am.

PSA gifting options are being considered – Chromebooks and iPads with charging carts/tubs are an option as well as a new sound system for the gym. Any ideas are welcomed.

LNO was a tremendous success. Details in treasurer’s report.

**Dates to remember**

* Dec 5th – Barnes and Noble night – full day fundraiser to make a purchase and support the school. Between 5-6pm Mrs. Viershilling will conduct story time along with other teacher readers
* Nov 27- Nov 30 - Holiday Shoppe
* Jan 31st – Satz is hosting the Harlem Wizards

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Jamie Buitrago – we are at about 1/3 family membership to date which is the normal amount for this time of year. If you are not sure if you paid, check with Jamie and she will confirm. Some events are PSA only for example Bingo and Skate Night.

**TREASURER REPORT**

Erin Ballanco reported that Ladies Night Out raised $18,500, Trunk or Treat raised $1,100. Our tax return has been filed.

We now have just over $60,000 in our current account.

**FUNDRAISING’S REPORT**

Danielle Longyear thanked everyone for all their help for LNO this year. Danielle Poverono could not come to today’s meeting. A tremendous amount of work went into the event and all the help was very much appreciated. We had a record turn out this year. Next year we plan on starting our planning earlier, possibly even before school starts in September.

**MISCELLANEOUS QUESTIONS/POINTS**

* The October minutes were approved by Gabriella Pettinato and Catherine Haack
* Gabrielle Pettinato thanked everyone for their participation in Trunk or Treat. It was a very successful day.
* Alyssa Dormer is our Chartwells rep. No formal meeting held yet. Be aware that you can email chartwells if you want to put a snack on hold at [clanzer@holmdelschools.org](mailto:clanzer@holmdelschools.org)
* Many parents have expressed concern because some feel that no one is guiding children with their lunch purchases and selections. Mrs. Vierschilling reassured the group that there is in fact guidance in the cafeteria but it is not always well received by all families. She encouraged concerned families to put individual restrictions on their child’s account as needed.
* Gabriella Pettinato reported on Box tops. We collected about $500 in Box Tops so far. She also encouraged registration for Stop and Shop and Shoprite for more fundraising throughout the year. There will be incentives per class to motivate more families to register their shopper cards.
* Michelle Sotille reported on HFEE. They are voting on the gift for the year this evening at the HFEE meeting and this year’s gift will support the Village School.
* Robin Coughlin is in charge of School Store.
* Denise Wunderler shared her story of her daughter Vienna who died on 11/12/2017 of SUDC – Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood. Her mission is to spread her daughter’s story and welcomed any support. She is starting a nonprofit for Team Vienna. She is grateful to Holmdel for all the support throughout the year. Last year $5,000 was raised for the SUDC foundation through the PSA Lip Sync Battle. Run for the Royals had tremendous support last year and the race is coming up again next year.
* Upcoming Village School Events:
  + 11/16, 11/19, 11/20, 11/21 – half days
  + 11/22 & 11/23 – School Closed for Thanksgiving
  + 11/27 – 11/30 – Holiday Shoppe
  + 12/5 Barnes & Noble Night
  + 12/7 – 2nd Grade Winter Concert
* Other District News
  + 11/12 – 11/16 – SATZ clothing drive
  + Indian Hill board game collection
  + HCAA – Evergreens Fundraiser

**CLOSING**

* The PSA monthly gift was won by #12, Gabriella Pettinato,
* A motion to adjourn was made by Kathleen Pellicone and Gabrielle Pettinato.
* The meeting was adjourned at 10:18am