
PLG Meeting Minutes

Location: Indian Hill Cafetorium

Date: Friday, September 6, 2019

Time: 9:30 AM

Agenda details:

I. Stand for Flag Salute

A. Prior to Flag Salute, verbally note all points of exit in the case of emergency.

B. Commence with Flag Salute

II. President's Welcome - Meagan Rodgers

Meagan Rodgers welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced herself as the new PLG President. She spoke about the countless volunteer opportunities and vacant Appointed Board Position positions that need to be urgently filled due to the loss of the 6th grade parent volunteers from last year.

III. Principal's Welcome - Ms. Marino

A. Ms. Marino welcomed all in attendance and was thrilled to have so many attendees at the meeting. She hoped the attendance at the monthly PLG meetings will continue to be strong throughout the year.

B. She announced the first three days have been successful and the children were transitioning well and following directions.

C. The construction of IH was discussed. IH has a brand new parking lot, as well as, new sinks, cubbies and closets in some of the classrooms. She apologized for the

construction taking longer than expected and having to cancel the Open House at IH last minute. But the Open House on 9/3 as well attended and went well.

D. She announced that IH Chorus information emails will be going out soon. There will be a new chorus teacher this year, his name is Michael McCormick. He is the high school Chorus teacher/new Director. The schedule for IH Chorus practice will be different this year because the practices will not be on the same days every week. The practices will be on C and D days, so a calendar of the practices will be provided in advance of practices starting and will be posted on Mr. McCormick's website: mmccormick@holmdelschools.org along with the IH Chorus sign-up forms.

E. Ms. Marino also discussed IH Band. Mrs. Trina McCarthy will be teaching band and everyone can go to her website: CMcCarthy@holmdelschools.org for more information and for the IH Band sign-up forms. Mrs. McCarthy has also kindly linked Mr. McCormick's IH Chorus page on her website if you have difficulty finding it!

F. Back to School Night dates were also provided for all grades and they are as follows:

1. **9/16/19 - 6th Grade 6:30pm-8:30pm**
2. **9/18/19 - 5th Grade 6:30pm-8:30pm**
3. **9/19/19 - 4th Grade 6:30pm-8:30pm**

At Back to School Night Parents should report directly to their children's homeroom teacher. Then you will watch a short welcome video and then proceed to meeting all the teachers.

G. Also she reminded everyone that IH has a **half day on 9/27/19** and school is **CLOSED on 9/30/19**.

H. Ms. Marino also announced a new initiative in the district Social and Emotional Learning which focuses on the whole child and providing them with tools and strategies to be the best they can be.

IV. Vice Principal's Welcome - Mr. Ferrarese

A. Mr. Ferrarese welcomed everyone and said that the kids are off to a great start. He announced that **MAP Testing** for IH will take place **9/9/19-9/13/19** for all grades. He stated that the MAP tests are a tool for teachers to see where your child is at and to see the areas where they may be struggling, so the teachers can focus on those areas as needed.

B. He also talked about the brand new parking lot and how the bus line up is a little different from last year. Also, all **after school pick up is now at door #37**. If you are planning on picking up your child on a regular basis there is a Pick-up Consent form

you can fill out on the IH website under News and Information. If you decide that you would rather sign them out on a regular basis that is fine too.

C. He announced that parents should not use the loop in the parking lot for drop off and pick up because it is ONLY for buses and closed off to regular cars.

D. Mr. Ferrarese also informed everyone that the NJSLA scores will go out sometime at the end of Sept. or beginning of Oct..

V. IH School Counselor - Ms. Jennings

Our Guidance Counselor, Stephanie Jennings welcomed everyone and introduced herself. She was so excited to have Eric LeGrand come and speak to the kids at IH last year and is working on finding another wonderful speaker to come to the school this year to speak to the kids. If you have any ideas for speakers please contact her at: sjennings@holmdelschools.org. She has an open door policy and can be reached at any time.

VI. Teacher Representative - Mr. Tom Woods

Our Teacher Representative, Tom Woods welcomed everyone and introduced himself. He will be the coordinator for any Committees, Appointed Board Members or Executive Board Members that need teacher information or involvement. He asked that if there is anything you need communicated to all the teachers at IH please contact him at twoods@holmdelschools.org. He also thanked the PLG for the teacher goodie bags which were provided on the first day of school for all the teachers and staff.

VII. Matt Cardinoza 2018-2019 PLG President

Matt thanked everyone for their support for the past 2 years. He was excited to announce that \$37,000 was donated to IH during the 2018-2019 year from the PLG. The gifts ranged from new high tech copiers, sound system upgrades, class AV equipment and sound specialists that will be on hand to run sound equipment during IH school performances. And that does not include the \$17,000 from Boosterthon in special grants that were provided to all the teachers that requested additional classroom equipment.

VIII. PLG Executive Board Introduction and Reports

A. Vice President Membership – Andrea Esposito

Andrea announced that the PLG Membership registration is now in process. Families need to only join once regardless of how many children are in the school. Parents can join online or send their membership form and payment to school. She mentioned that Membership has its benefits such as Bingo Night, special giveaways at Boardwalk that is only available to PLG members and many other incentives. So please join the PLG!

B. Vice Presidents of Fund Raising– Christina Bruno and Sheena Dedhia

Chris and Sheena announced that back to school Casola Farms Halloween Spooktacular will be on Sept. 28, 2019 at 7pm. Tickets are \$20 per person and tickets need to be purchased in advance. The tickets can be purchased online through PayPal on the PLG website. Chris also said there are other exciting fundraisers that are being added this year and if anyone has any fundraising ideas they would like to share please contact them any time!

Sheena Dedhia: plgfundraising1@gmail.com

Christina Bruno: plgfundraising2@gmail.com

C. Treasurer - Tiffany Gourley

Tiffany announced that payments can be made for PLG Membership and Casola Farms online through PayPal. She also said that this year we will be using PayPal for all PLG events, however, she is looking into possibly using or adding Venmo next year.

D. Recording Secretary - Carol Kidorf

Carol announced that she will be taking all the Monthly PLG Meeting notes and they will be available online on the PLG website.

F. Corresponding Secretary – Ellen Flaherty

Ellen announced the deadline for all email blasts must be submitted by Friday end of day or Sat. morning at the latest. She also said if there are email blasts that need to be repeated on a weekly basis please let her know in advance so that can be set up and then weekly reminders will not need to be sent. And any/all new forms, documents, events, or anything that has not previously approved must be sent to Meagan Rodgers, PLG President, prior to being sent out in an email blast so the proper approvals can be obtained prior to public release.

VIII. Appointed Board Reports

A. Board of Education Representative – Chiung-yin Liu

Mrs. Liu welcomed everyone back to school and congratulated Ms. Marino for receiving Tenure as Principal of IH school. She also announced that the Bd. of Ed. is excited about the Social and Emotional learning and anti-bullying initiative. She reported that the Bd. of Ed. is currently reviewing all practice and policies and using student data to figure out ways to improve student performance. The 2020 Initiative is going well and many improvements can be seen around the schools: Indian Hill's new gym floors, parking lots and classrooms. The 2020 Initiative will be completed by this summer. She encouraged everyone to attend the Bd. of Ed. meetings. She also reminded everyone that if you have a problem, questions or concerns to follow the chain of command (Teacher, Counselor, Vice Principal and Principal) and things will get answered and resolved much faster.

B. Board of Education Liaison - Lilaia Kairis

The Board of Education Liaison Lilaia Kairis was announced, but not present at the meeting.

C. Spirit Wear - Heather Beland

Heather Beland is Appointed Board Member handling Spirit Wear, but was not in attendance. Jersey Shore Apparel will be our vendor and the spirit wear information should be available next week and deadline for orders will be on 10/15/19 and there will be a 3 week processing time all on items ordered. Personalization will be available on most items.

D. School Supply Boxes – Bik Chung

Meagan Rodgers announced that all School Supply Boxes were delivered. All the organization was done in record time...1 hour with a crew of 8 volunteers! She thanked all the volunteers who made this happen. We will be using the same company next year and Bik Chung was able to negotiate the PLG receiving 13% back all supply boxes ordered, so we can give more back to our school and teachers. Thank you Bik!

E. Sunshine - Lauren Teevan

Lauren Teevan introduced herself and was in attendance. She announced that she has already delivered baby gifts from the PLG to Ms. Greco and Mrs. Hecht and wedding

gifts to Mrs. Safranek and Ms. Marino. Also, she said that all welcome back to snack bags for the teachers were delivered on 9/3/19. Lauren also asked if you know of any retirements, births, or weddings etc. to let her know so those people can be recognized.

F. Assemblies - Matt Cardinoza

Matt said that he is working with Ms. Jennings on getting some wonderful speakers for the kids this year.

G. Class Parents - 4th Grade Parents:

5th Grade Parent: Gabriella Pettinato

6th Grade Parents:

Hangouts this year will be on the following dates:

4th Grade - 10/4/19

5th Grade - 10/11/19

6th Grade - 10/18/19

X. Librarian and Media for IH - Lisa McTague

- A.** Mrs. McTague said that she is responsible for all the content on the IH website such as press releases and events, etc. If you do not want your child's picture on the website please make sure you fill out the student registration form online.
- B.** She also announced that there will be Book Fairs in winter and in June and the Author Visit this year will be on 2/6/20 and the author will be Gordon Korman!

XI. Adjournment

President's Remarks, Reminders and Thank Yous

Meagan Rodgers thanked everyone in attendance. Special Thank You to all the Open House Volunteers, Principals, Teachers, Executive Board Members, Appointed Board Members and Volunteers.

She reminded everyone the first School Store is on 9/13.

Chartwells Representatives were at the meeting and informed us that they want to make sure that the kids are happy with their lunches. They offer a satisfaction guarantee so all children can return their meal to any Chartwell staff and they will be refunded for their meal or given another option for lunch if they are not satisfied! If you have any questions or concerns please contact them.

Denise Wunderler spoke at the meeting about the sudden passing of her almost 3 year old daughter Vienna and her mission to raise awareness to SUDC-Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood and how important it is to raise awareness so this doesn't happen to another child.

Motion to Close

Meagan Rodgers motioned to close and was seconded by Everyone!! It was a long, very informative, and entertaining back to school meeting for all!

Attendance Raffle - winner was Jean Berardi