

Village School PSA Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2019

Approved January 14, 2020

The Village Elementary School Parent Student Association's ("PSA") President, Julieann DeMatteo, called the meeting to order at 9:40 am. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Arthur Howard – the Portal will be closed from now until the day before report cards are due for teachers to go in and input information. Second grade winter show is coming up in December. Information will be coming home soon. Theme is “winter.” New to the school are street signs as a district goal of social and emotional learning. Positive messages, words and symbols to be displayed throughout the building. Reminding them that who they are is enough. Positive reinforcement through social and emotional learning. Certification program called Sustainable Jersey Schools. Prosperity, planning and people – different schools in the district already have this certification. Will be formalized for Village School. More info to come. Committee to be formed.

VICE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Jessica Vierschilling – Building on character education initiative, partnering with a community called Bridges for a Thanksgiving Drive. Looking for donations as a friendly competition, hallway by hallway.

Reminder to send children in appropriate clothing because children do go outside if the weather is appropriate.

Parent teacher conferences begin this Thursday, 11/14/19, evening and continue over the next few days.

TEACHER'S REPORT

Mrs. Renfroe and Mrs. Barbara – 90% teacher/staff PSA membership. Goal is 100%.

Who can stuff the most turkeys per grade level? – friendly competition for Bridges to collect donations for Thanksgiving. “Fill a turkey, fill a bucket.”

The woman we work with at Bridges is Cathy Logan. She used to work at Satz. Satz donates turkeys every year.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Julieann DeMatteo – it was a busy October.

- Night meeting – Poorly attended, one person came. We may reattempt in the spring.
- Spirit Wear - \$785.00
- Trunk or Treat – 300 trunk or treaters – made a little over \$1000.00
- Ladies Night Out – event has grown a lot over the past few years. Made approximately \$22,000.
- Holiday Shop – 12/2 – 12/6/19. Erin Ballanco will be requesting volunteers for set up.
- Yearbook – please upload pictures on to TreeRing ASAP. Please be considerate of the opportunity to come into the building to take pictures. Do not abuse.
- Gifting – we discussed some gifting options at the last meeting in October. Some options, Oversized Connect 4, Oversized Jenga, Oversized Chess, boardgames for classrooms. Also considering water bottle filling stations. Suggestions always welcome.
- School Store – if you are here to help, do not come into the cafeteria to visit your child. It is not allowed. Please remain in the hallway.
- Board positions opening up next year. Please let us know if you are interested.
- No December meeting, see you again in January 2020.

Fundraising:

Ladies Night Out Recap – Thank you everyone for coming and for all your help.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Jamie Buitrago and Nikki Zizzo

Enrollment – about the same as last year

Membership Only Events (BINGO, Skate Night)

TREASURER REPORT

Gabriella Pettinato & Terri Pedri – no other report – totals stated in Juliann’s report

FUNDRAISING’S REPORT

Danielle Poveromo and Danielle Longyear – see LNO report

Upcoming Village School Events:

11/15, 11/18, 11/19, 11/27 – Half Days (4 hr sessions)

11/28 & 11/29 – School Closed for Thanksgiving

12/2 – 12/6 – Holiday Shoppe

MISCELLANEOUS QUESTIONS/POINTS

- The October 2019 minutes were approved by Danielle Impreveduto and Michelle Sottile.
- Danielle Impreveduto – Tomorrow children will be picking tags if they returned a consent form. Return the gift unwrapped, tag on. Gifts are due back the first week of December. Gets bigger and bigger every year. Mrs. Kenney started this about 20 yrs ago.
- Jen Burden – Troop Coat Drive starts today til Dec 4th, also for Bridges. Coat Drive is part of the philanthropy badge for 3rd grade Brownie troop at Village School. Any new or slightly used coats. Adult coats welcome too. Box is in the hallway at Village.
- HFEE – Michelle Sottile - Annual giving campaign. Hoping that over the next week weeks they will announce the gift. Likely for SATZ this year.
- TBA – Barnes & Noble Night – tentative dates 12/5/19 – Delima volunteered
- Terri Pedri/Larissa Winter/Robin Coughlin – School Store 11/21/19
- Gabriella Pettinato – Box Tops – a little under where we were last year. Amazon Smile – register online to link to Village School - and we get a portion, the more you spend, the more we get.
- 11/12 – 11/17 – SATZ clothing drive – stuffed animals, clothing – leave it by Door #36. Satz gets a part of the donation.
- HCAA Evergreens Fundraiser ends 11/14/19
- Indian Hill Fundraiser – Community Discount Cards should be available in the coming week. \$10 per card, valid for one year.

CLOSING

- The PSA monthly gift was won by #4, Kelly Kloepfer
- A motion to adjourn was made by Michelle Sotille and Cherie Bavosa.
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:30am.