

November 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance (Danielle Poveromo) - 9:20am

Principal Pre-K-1, Arthur Howard

- Parent Teacher Conferences moved to January. Dates are January 25th - January 28th.
- First marking period ends 11/12.
- Teacher's grades are due 11/19.
- Report Cards will be available starting 11/22 on Powerschool portal.

Questions for Mr. Howard:

- 1) Laura Ferreti asked - Have MAP scores been shared with parents yet? Answer - No but they will be shared sometime in the coming week.
- 2) Erin Ballanco asked - will conferences be in person? Answer - Yes. And the dates will be 1/25 evening conferences only. 1/26 - afternoon conferences only. 1/27 - afternoon and evening conferences. 1/28 afternoon conferences only. Sign up will be online.
- 3) Danielle Longyear asked - will the younger students (ages 5-11) be exempt from the travel quarantine rules if they are fully vaccinated. Answer - yes, Mr. Howard believes that the rules for the younger students will mirror those for the students ages 12+ who are exempt if they are fully vaccinated.

Teacher Report

Mrs. Renfroe

- Turkey Trot will happen again this year! Students will run/walk laps in gym class and each class that reaches a certain number (50?) of laps will have a turkey donated in their class' name to Bridges at the Shore.
- Giving Tree - will happen this year. Each student who chooses to participate will pick a name and gift donations will be in the form of gift card and generic items (hats, mittens, coats, etc.)
- Barnes & Noble Night Fundraiser in person is back! December 2/3/4. First night kick-off with teachers as guest readers. More details to follow.

Mrs. Barbara

- Bedtime Buzz - Every Thursday at 7pm. Pre-recorded this year. Be sure to tune in!

PSA Presidents: Danielle Poveromo and Kim Long

- Thank you to Holly Farkas and Connie Satawa for organizing a successful LNO and to all the families and volunteers.
- Upload yearbook pictures to Tree Ring (Michelle Richards)
- School Store - November 18, 2021
- Need turkey donations for Turkey Trot (Need 32 turkeys by 11/22)
- Holiday Shoppe (Erin Ballanco)
 - November 29 (set-up) November 30 - December 3 (shopping days)

- Prices range from \$.50 to \$12.00
- Need volunteers for set up and to help the students shop
- Sign up will be online via signup genius
- No December PSA meeting, January's meeting will be Tuesday evening instead of Wednesday

Vice President of Fundraising - Holly Farkas

- Thank you to all the helpers for LNO!

Vice President of Membership - Nikki Zizzo

- Membership doing very well. Double the number of teachers and almost double the number of families from last year.

Recording Secretary - Danielle Longyear

- Motion to approve the minutes from September. 1st - Christine Barbara, 2nd - Laura Ferretti
- Motion to approve the minutes from October. 1st - Jen Kretz, 2nd - Lauren Herchakowski

Corresponding Secretary - Connie Satawa

- Thank you for all the help with LNO!

Treasurer - Gabriella Pettinato

- The net profit from LNO was approx \$16,000.
- Registration numbers for LNO really weren't much different than two years ago (approx 15 people fewer this year)
- More info on giving in the coming months
- Trunk or Treat made \$995.00 and it's not even a fundraiser. Over 450 "treaters" and 25 trunks (more than ever before!)
- Currently filing the raffle reports for LNO. Tax returns due this week and gambling license will be renewed for December 2021.

Appointed Board Reports

Gabriella Pettinato - Box tops. No box top clippings coming in. Hoping to get the program off its feet this year. Scan receipts, register Shop Rite and Stop and Shop cards.

Spiritwear - all spiritwear was delivered to classrooms.

Nicole Bell - HFEE Update

- 11/9 was ribbon cutting at Satz Innovation Lab (lego robotics kits, etc.)
- Mini grants (\$2,500.00 each) for teachers/admin. Application process February 25th.

Upcoming Village School Calendar Events

- Holiday Shop November 29- December 3 school hours
- January 12, 2021 - Evening PSA Meeting

Question and Answer Session

- 1) Question for Mr. Howard from Laura Ferreti: Is it true that class size numbers, especially in the younger grades are rising or is it a rumor? Answer: The numbers are slightly higher especially in kindergarten and first grade. The reasons are complex. One of the main issues was that the projected attendance numbers were much lower than the actual enrollments. Many families didn't enroll until the very end because of COVID-related reasons. So the projected number of sections were lower than in the past. Once the school year starts it's extremely difficult to open a new section because students would have to switch teachers, etc. This will not be a problem next year as the projected enrollment is similar to in the past and the number of sections will be back to what it was in previous years.
- 2) Question from Heidi Gabriel for Mr. Howard - what is going on with the plexiglass? Answer - that is a question for the District Superintendent (Mr. Seitz). No change.

Other District News:

- HHS PTSO Fall Fling at Limoncello
- Wednesday November 24 wear your Holmdel spirit wear (also half day)

Motion to Adjourn at 10:10am

1st - Marie Hofsdal

2nd - Nicole Bell

Winner of the membership raffle is Lauren Herchakowski

Motion to Approve at January 2021 Meeting by Danielle Longyear, seconded by Nikki Zizzo