

Holmdel High School PTSO
Jan 13, 2014

Mary Lou Moramarco called the meeting to order at 9:40 p.m. The PTSO meeting took place in the auditorium. Mary Lou pointed out the fire exits and asked everyone to stand for the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence. Darlene Kiss made a motion to accept the December minutes. Kristin Echavaria 2nd. All approved.

Presidents Report

- Superintendent's council met on Dec 12 and will meet again later this week.
- A committee of representatives comprised of BOE, faculty, and parent groups met with candidates for the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction in the first round of interview this past week. The committee selected candidates to advance to the next round. A committee of Mrs. Vanderwoude, Ms. Pascucci, Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. Peart and Mr. Petrizzo will make the final selection.
- PTSO members are invited to a retirement celebration in honor of Ms. Currie. For details ask us privately as it is a surprise.
- Opportunities for community service for high school students will be available at the Indian Hill Boardwalk on March 14. More information will be available soon or you can contact the Indian Hill PLG directly.
- There will be a spring clothing drive. Save your recycling
- Mary Lou will contact Craig Lanzer, the new food service manager, to set up a meeting. If you have any comments or complaints, please e-mail any questions, complaints or concerns to Mary Lou so she can address them at the meeting.

Important Dates:

April 26 – Comedy Night

Principal's Report - 13 January 2014

Department Testing Schedule: 2nd Quarter / Mid-Terms

Jan. 16 - Social Science / Science / Electives

Jan. 17 - Math / English / World Languages / PE

Jan. 21 - Open (any may test or quiz)

Jan. 22 - **No Tests or Quizzes** (except for individual makeup)

Mid-Term Exams

Mid-terms are scheduled for **Jan. 23rd, 24th, 27th and 28th**, following this schedule:

Jan. 23rd - Periods 1 and 4

Jan. 24th - Periods 2 and 5

Jan. 27th - Periods 3 and 6

Jan. 28th - Periods 8 and 7

1st exam: 8:30 am to 10:30 am // **2nd exam:** 11:15 am to 1:15 pm

Grade Scales and Exam Weights - Update

At its December meeting, the BOE discussed my recommendations for changes to our grading system and exam weights/exemptions. **They approved the following changes for 2014-2015:**

Letter Grade	Numerical Equivalent	Quality Pts. (used to calculate GPA)	Honors/AP Weighting (used to calculate GPA)
A	90-100	4.0	5.0
B+	87-89	3.67	4.67
B	80-86	3.0	4.0
C+	77-79	2.67	3.67
C	70-76	2.0	3.0
D+	67-69	1.67	1.67

D	60-66	1.0	1.0
F	59 and below	0.0	0.0

The BOE also agreed to waive formal mid-term exams in favor of a final exam worth 10% of the overall grade in full-year courses. Final exams are waived in semester and marking period courses. Additionally, the BOE voted to offer exemptions to both seniors AND juniors who have an "A" overall average going into the final exams, as well to all students in AP courses who took the AP exam in May and have at least an "B" overall average going into the final exam.

Class Meetings

Class meetings were held last week (Jan. 6th - 9th), and topics included the following:

- Introduction of new Holmdel Recreation Director - Mr. Robert Ward
- Review of School Safety Procedures
- Review of Mid-Term Exam Schedule
- Review of Attendance Policies and Procedures for Leaving School during the Day
- Review of Service Hour requirements for National Honor Society
- Procedures for Personal Medications during the School Day

8th Grade Parent Meeting

On Thursday, Jan. 9th, HHS Administration met with approximately 75-100 8th grade parents and spoke with them about the transition to HHS - after

the 1-hour presentation, about 15 parents participated in a walking tour of the building. A survey was sent out to solicit feedback - one suggestion is to compile a FAQ document. It will be done shortly.

College Connection Assembly

On Friday, Jan. 10th, approximately 15-20 HHS alum came back to speak with 11th and 12th grade classes as college application process and the transition to college life. The program was well-received by all who attended.

"HHS is Going to the Super Bowl"

A Holmdel parent who works for FOX Sports has arranged for members of our football team to go to the Meadowlands on Friday, Jan. 31st and pose as "stand-ins" for the two Super Bowl teams - our players will be "introduced" and will run some basic plays on the field - all so that the FOX cameras can be properly positioned. It promises to be a fun-filled experience for all involved!

Blood Drive

Feb. 6th - during PE periods - open to students 16 or older - MUST have parent permission.

Student Enrollment - as of 13 January 2014

12th - 258

10th - 261

11th - 263

9th - 226

Total - 1008

January Dates of Interest

13 - PTSO Mtg. (9:30 am)

14 - Alliance Mtg. (1:00 pm); Project Graduation Mtg. (7:00pm)

16 - "Poetry Out Loud" - School Finals (6:30 pm)

17 - Acting Showcase (7:30 pm)

20 - School CLOSED - MLK Day

22 - End of 2nd MP

23 - Mid-Term Exams (Pds. 1 and 4)

24 - Mid-Term Exams (Pds. 2 and 5)

27 - Mid-Term Exams (Pds. 3 and 6)

28 - Mid-Term Exams (Pds. 8 and 7)

29 - BOE Mtg. (8:00 pm)

31 - School Closed for STUDENTS - PD Day

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Teachers Report –Sherryl McBride and Anna Ranieri

From AP Psych

AP Psych is reviewing for Mid-Terms by creating Zombie Marketing Posters-- they have to design some product that will enhance 3 specific brain parts-- the amygdala, Broca or Wernicke's areas, brain stem, cerebellum, left or right hemisphere, hippocampus, etc. The creativity is incredible!

Example: Syn-apple is an energy drink designed to improve the synaptic functions of the neural connections of Zombies, boosting action potential and long-term potentiation!

It's fun-- and a great way to review!

From the English Dept.

The English Department is conducting two contests: The English Speaking Union's Shakespeare Competition (February 11th) and the Irish Poetry Contest.

From Science League

Science League for 2013 opened up last week with our first meet at Colt's Neck High School. In true Holmdel fashion, we won first place in Bio II, Chem I, Chem II, and Phys II, and second place in Bio I and Phys I.

Officer's Reports

VP Membership –Allyssa Coffaro – 2 new families joined bringing us up to 37% of all HHS families. All families who have joined the PTSO will be entered into a raffle to win 2 free tickets to Comedy Night. The winning family will be drawn at the Feb PTSO meeting.

VP Fundraising –Teri Perez, Roseanne Wriedt – Everything is set for Comedy Night on April 26. The event will be held at the Greek Church and will feature the Paul Marino band and the comedy of Mike Marino.

Treasurer's Report – Robin Grossman- Robin read the December Report

Income (Annual Fundraiser, One Cause, Photocopier, Bake Sales)

Dues).....\$1,065.58

Expenses (Charter fee, Biennial Renewal Games of Chance, NJ Annual

Report).....\$190.00

Ending Balance as of Dec 31.....\$12,484.30

Leslie Constantine made a motion to accept the December Treasurer's Report.

Lucia Van Name 2nd. All approved.

Corresponding Secretary – Dani Page – Thank you cards were read from Jack Baisley and Jillian Gallogly; both were PTSO scholarship recipients.

Committee Reports

ARISE Liaison – Darlene Kiss- No report

Bake Sales – Deidre Kane and Jennifer Yan – Sales are going well. Next bake sale is Jan 14

BOE – Abbi Finch – Mary Beth Curry is retiring in February. Dennis Pavlik is the president and Anna Vanderwoude is the Vice President of the 2014 BOE.

Booster Liaison – Roseanne Wreidt – No report

9th Grade Class Liaison – Lisa Cronin – No Report

10th Grade Class Liaison – Mary Lou Moramarco –No report

11th Grade Class Liaison – Donna Disko – No report.

12th Grade Class Liaison – Lucia Van Name – No Report

Facebook – Vicky Entwistle - Thank you for regular updates. It is a very useful site.

HCAA – Julie Stolker – Auditions for the high school musical took place. The play will be presented on March 13, 14, and 15. The Satz play “Peter Pan” is set for January 24 and 25. Any publicity the HS can provide will be greatly appreciated. HCAA strives to include as many students in the arts programs as possible. If you have any questions or concerns about the arts you are encouraged to attend their monthly meetings or contact Amy Stark. The next HCAA meeting is Feb 3 at 9:00 a.m. in the Upper Conference Room.

HDAA – Kristin Echavaria – See Attached flyers

HFEE – Need A Representative – Hosting a Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament Fundraiser on Jan 31 at the Red Oak Diner in Hazlet. Tickets are available for \$115 each. The event is limited to 75 players so please register early at <http://www.holmdelschools.org/foundation/holdem.shtm>. Your \$115 donation will include tournament chip buy in and casual buffet with beer/wine/soda. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and tournament play will begin at 7:15 p.m. HFEE Gala is scheduled for April 5.

Hospitality – Emma Butler – No report

Newcomers – Colleen Fischer – Reaching out to 3 new students today.

OneCause Fundraising – Kim Jeanos – No report

Photocopier – Vicky Mazzei – No report

Programs – Darlene Kiss, Darlene Field and Lisa Lograno – No report

Project Graduation – Linda Jackman -Debbie Lynch – Next meeting is Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the library. Students are encouraged to attend the meetings and help choose the activities that will take place at the event.

Publicity – Joanne Colella – We need a representative to gather information on PTSO events, take pictures etc.. and send information to Joanne at the Holmdel Journal for FREE PUBLICITY!

Special Projects –Emma Butler- No report

Student Directory –Teresa Slade – All directories have been distributed

Sunshine – Laurie Fontana – No report

Website – Jennifer Yan- Will start advertising Comedy Night on the website and set up the PayPal option for purchasing tickets.

Provisional Business – We are still working on finding programs to address the drug issues in our area.

New Business – 180 Inc. Turning Lives Around is looking for volunteers to provide crisis intervention counseling to victims of domestic violence in Holmdel. Free training is provided. Contact 180 at 732-264-4111 or www.180nj.org

Lucia Van Name made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Leslie Constantine 2nd. All approved and the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.
The next PTSO meeting will take place on Feb 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the Holmdel High School Auditorium. All PTSO members are welcome.