

Holmdel High School PTSO

Sept 8, 2014

Karen Strickland called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The PTSO meeting took place in the auditorium. Karen pointed out the fire exits and asked everyone to stand for the pledge of allegiance. Darlene Kiss made a motion to accept the June minutes. Lucia Van Name 2nd. All approved.

President's Report

Welcome Back!

- We have two openings for the appointed board: Board Of Education liaison and Photocopier. Alyssa Coffaro graciously offered to take on the position of Sunshine Committee in addition to her board position of VP membership, so anyone interested in taking on this position is welcome as well. If you are interested in getting involved and finding out more about these positions, please see Karen after the meeting or contact her directly.
- The Executive Board was introduced:

1 st VP Membership	Alyssa Coffaro
2 nd VP Fundraising	Robin Andersen
2 nd VP Fundraising	Roseanne Wriedt
Treasurer	Robin Grossman
Corresponding Secretary	Dani Page
Recording Secretary	Michele Shields
- Thank you to everyone who worked on Back To School packets, especially Roseanne Wriedt and Robin Anderson, who carried the packets to Eatontown to be mailed. Thank you to Sara and Linda in the office for helping as well. The packets are also available on the PTSO website.

Important Dates

All PTSO meetings are on Monday Morning, 9:30 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

Sept 8: 9:30 a.m. PTSO Meeting HHS Auditorium

Sept 24: 2:00 p.m. Teachers Tea

Oct 15: 9:30 a.m. PTSO meeting on Wednesday due to Columbus Day school closing.

October 25: **6:30 p.m. Comedy Night, Holmdel Fire House**

Nov 10: 7:00 p.m. PTSO Evening Meeting – HS Auditorium followed by 8:00 p.m. Parents' College Night: **"Demystifying the College Process"**

Dec 8: 9:30 a.m. PTSO Meeting-HS Auditorium

Jan 12: 9:30 a.m. PTSO Meeting-HS Auditorium

Feb 9: 9:30 a.m. PTSO Meeting-HS Auditorium

March 9: 9:30 a.m. PTSO Meeting-HS Auditorium

April 13: 9:30 a.m. PTSO Meeting-HS Auditorium

May 6: 10:00 a.m. Teachers Luncheon-HS Commons

May 11: 9:30 a.m. PTSO Meeting-HS Auditorium

June 8: 9:30 a.m. PTSO Breakfast Meeting

Principal's Report - William Loughran – Mr. Loughran introduced himself and Vice Principals Michele England and Owen Bonner. Ms. England will be in charge of grades 9 and 12 and Mr. Bonner will be in charge of grades 10 and 11. He presented us with a special back to school PowerPoint of his report, which is posted on the PTSO website.

Teacher Representative - Sherryl McBride and Kristin Boca- September 8, 2014 – PTSO Faculty Representative Report

PTSO Representatives

Sherry McBride will be back for another year as liaison between the faculty and PTSO. Since the retirement of Anna Ranieri, Kristin Boka will serve as co-representative.

Phys Ed Department

This year Mr. Anderson will use a student created video to promote and inform students and parents about our Project Adventure program. Before graduating last year, Katie Mahon put together this short 3 minute long film which is set to music as a collaboration between PE and Media Production. This year Mr. Anderson will show this video during PE class registration, Back to School night, and at our upcoming Open House. The following link connects to the video on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s0NQ_LBk6wk&feature=youtu.be

Social Science Department

Amanda Rein's summer conference

Ms. Rein was selected to attend a conference at Clark University for about 20 high school psychology teachers from across the country. They met daily for 3 days, discussed best practices, shared ideas, and learned new techniques from the author of the textbook that Holmdel High School uses and from other master teachers. They also got the chance to tour the archives which contain tons of materials, books, and pictures from the earliest days of American psychology. Clark University was the site of the conference as G. Stanley Hall, the former President of Clark University was also the first founder of the American Psychology Association and the only place in the U.S. that Freud ever spoke publicly. Ms. Rein is eager to bring what she learned back to share with this and future years AP Psychology students. Below is a photo of an article about the conference; Ms. Rein is standing all the way on the left in the picture.



Dave Gurney’s summer workshop – NEH scholarship recipient

As an NEH scholarship recipient, David Gurney attended a workshop at the Hanford Nuclear Site in Richland, Washington. While there Mr. Gurney learned about plutonium manufacture for the Manhattan Project and other endeavors. He speaks chillingly about the pollution which resulted from this nuclear production and the effects (such as cancer clusters) it had on the surrounding areas. Mr. Gurney is eager to share his new understandings with his US2 classes and his colleagues here at Holmdel High.

Faculty membership dues

Faculty have already begun to submit their PTSO dues, with almost 10% having contributed here in our first week back.

Officer’s Reports

VP Membership –Allyssa Coffaro – Checks coming in. Raffling off two tickets to Comedy Night to all families joining the PTSO by Oct 15. Need volunteers to man PTSO table at Back To School Night.

VP Fundraising – Roseanne Wriedt and Robin Andersen– Everything is set for Comedy Night on Oct 25 at the Holmdel Fire House. We need a lot of help promoting this great event since it is only 6 weeks away and we normally have the event in April. You can purchase tickets either on the PTSO website or by contacting Robin or Roseanne. The event will feature Mike Marino and two other top comedians. Write-A-Check, Pathmark Script and Shoprite checks are coming in. Register your Shoprite and Pathmark Courtesy Cards with the PTSO and a percentage of all of your purchases will be donated back to the school. This will be at not additional cost to you.

Treasurer’s Report – Robin Grossman- Robin read the June, July and August Report as well as the PTSO Proposed Budget for the 2014/2015 school year.

Income (Annual Fundraiser, Membership, Comedy Night, One Cause, Photocopier, Senior Balloons, Pathmark Script Dues).....\$811.91

Expenses (Comedy Night, Hospitality, Membership, Executive Board Fund, Specialized Fundraising).....\$607.99
Ending Balance as of Aug 31.....\$9,034.73
Donna Disko made a motion to accept the June, July and August Treasurer's Report as well as the Proposed Budget for next year. Barbara Daly 2nd. All approved.

Corresponding Secretary – Dani Page – Hopefully everyone received their notices via e-mail. If you didn't please see Karen after the meeting and she will pass the information onto Dani.

Committee Reports

ARISE Liaison – Ana Vander Woude- First meeting is Oct 23 at 7 p.m. and they will be alternating day and night meetings. In the process of finalizing their website.

Bake Sales – Deidre Kane and Jennifer Yan – Sales will begin Oct 21 and will be held the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

BOE –Ana Vander Woude - Superintendent Barbara Duncan introduced herself and thanked all of the parents for their support. There will be a Change in schedule for public session of BOE meetings. They will now begin at 7:30 p.m. instead of 8 p.m. BOE is piloting recording September and October meetings and posting online for feedback from community. The attendance regulations at the HS were amended at the July meeting. These important changes are available on the BOE website. Every HS parent is highly encouraged to view them. Parents voiced concerns about the traffic flow problems coming into the High School and asked if anything can be done by the BOE to remediate this problem.

Booster Liaison – Roseanne Wreidt – The booster club letter went out it in the Back to School Packets. Please join. H magnets are for sale for \$5 or are free with \$50 membership. Please contact Roseanne for more information.

9th Grade Class Liaison – Dina Hamwi- Mr Gurney – No Report

10th Grade Class Liaison – Lisa Cronin – Alana Lazar – Starting preparation for the upcoming Powder Puff game.

11th Grade Class Liaison – Mary Lou Moramarco – Lauren Lepore – Will assist all new liaisons with Powder Puff information.

12th Grade Class Liaison – Donna Disko – Sean Dowd -No Report

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

HCAA – Amy Stark– HCAA supports the arts in all 4 schools, and has a particularly great relationship with the HS. They fundraise throughout the year and awarded \$1900 in student scholarships last year. Please consider joining. They are

considering hosting a 'Karaoke Open Mic' night at the Barn Theatre this fall with a BYOB theme. Trying to get more attendance at the film festival and considering hosting an artist residence program.

HDAA – Kristin Echavaria – Annual membership/donation drive is in process. The Alliance sponsored HS Youth Alliance will start working on plans for Red Ribbon Week in October. They plan activities for both the HS and Satz for Red Ribbon Week and present monthly themes on their bulletin board, outside of the library.

HFEE – Need Representative – No report

Hospitality – Emma Butler – Teachers' luncheon coming up and volunteers and donations are needed.

Newcomers – Colleen Fischer – Welcomed 20 new students and extended an invitation to our meeting.

OneCause Fundraising – Kim Jeanos – No Report

Photocopier – Need Representative – No report

Programs – Darlene Kiss and Darlene Field – “demystifying the College Process” presentation is set for Nov 10 at 8 p.m. immediately following our Evening PTSO meeting. This is a presentation set up by parents for parents with basic and helpful information about how to navigate the getting into college process.

Project Graduation – Linda Jackman and Debbie Bergamotto – Biggest fundraiser of the year (sale of KidStuff Books) is underway. Need volunteers to help sell and distribute the books.

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- Checking into Holmdel Day

Student Directory –Teresa Slade and Alisha Baylock – Registration for the 2014/2015 directory is underway and the website is up and running. If you would like to be included go to www.holmdelstudentdirectory.co.nr by Sept 30.

Sunshine – Alyssa Coffaro – No report

Website – Jennifer Yan - Thank you for updating the website

Provisional Business – We need two volunteers to audit the treasurer's books. Melissa Mohr and Regina Stefany volunteered to do so.

New Business - The PTSO bylaws should be on the website and Karen and Jennifer will work on getting them on it. The Graduation Balloon form should be updated so parents can purchase more than one balloon. Margie Davino just returned from Uganda and voiced an overwhelming need for funds for medical clinics in the areas she visited. She reported horrible conditions in the existing clinics. She also voiced a need for a secondary school to be built as there is only one school in the area she visited and it is only open to Muslim students. She is asking for fundraising ideas and support. She is thinking about a pre-holiday jewelry sale as one option.

Darlene Kiss made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lucia Van Name 2nd. All approved and the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

The next PTSO meeting will take place on Oct 15 at 9:30 a.m. in the Holmdel High School Auditorium. This will be a Wednesday meeting due to the holiday on Oct 13. All PTSO members are welcome.