

Holmdel High School PTSO

May 11, 2015

Karen 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 and a moment of silence for our own reflections and the people of Nepal. Cindy Manning made a motion to accept the April minutes. Donna Disko 2nd. All approved.

Presidents Report: Karen Strickland - First thank you to our wonderful hospitality staff for the teacher's lunch and everyone who helped. It was beautifully presented and looked delicious.

Nominating Committee presented slate at last meeting in April and published to all HHS e-mails on file. We will be moving provisional business up right after officers reports so we won't lose anyone before the Slate is voted upon. The first order of business for the new officers will be to fill the rest of the appointed board. We have a number of positions open for next year. Children of hard working people are graduating this year: Emma Butler (hospitality) Deirdre Kane (bake sale) Kristin Echavaria (Drug and Alcohol Alliance) Others?

We need to talk about preparing a paper packet of high school activities and committees to be sent out in August. Generally anyone wanting to put a flyer in the packet should have 1100 copies made before the collating day. If you want to use the high school to make the copies please do so before the 7th as the teachers will be using the copiers after that for exams. Also we need at least one person to attend from each committee. Think about this and we will discuss during new business. If you leave early, give me your opinion on a slip of paper.

Superintendent's Council: Met on April 23. Other schools are wrapping up
HFEE: 5K race around Bell Labs property on May 31
Village School: May 29 Carnival and May 8 Village Idol
Indian Hill: Arbor Day, tree planting
Satz: Getting ready for Graduation and 8th grade party

Gifts Committee: How much to gift - we will see what requests HHS has for us. Vote on next meeting.

Scholarship committee: met and reported names to Sara Malcolm

Chartwell's Food service. I will be meeting with them in a few weeks if you have compliments, concerns, or suggestions.

Next PTSO Meeting is June 8 at the Red Oak Diner. Need someone to collect money and set up the meeting.

Interim Principal's Report – Zina Duerbig –

- It has been a very busy month at the school and Ms. England and I are working very hard to make sure things are running smoothly.
- The PTSO furniture is in and we are working on finding the perfect place for the students to enjoy it.
- The information session sponsored by the Traumatic Loss Coalition and featuring George Scott was very helpful for students and the community
- Congratulations to the Tennis and Girls Track Team for their amazing season.
- We have a great Senior Week Planned and will be doing things a little different. More information to come on this
- This Friday is the Junior Prom and there will be an assembly prior to dismissal.
- We have a half -day session the Friday before Memorial Day weekend.
- The Assistant Principal Interview Committee will meet tomorrow. There are over 180 applicants for this position.
- Regarding the recent swatting incidents at the Village and Satz school: The HS went into a seamless, immediate lockdown and everyone followed appropriate protocol. Police officers secured an outside area and then students were evacuated to that outside area.
- The Holmdel Police Force and State Police are working on the case. They patrol the schools at night and perform walk throughs during the day.
- Each teacher has a (red) emergency folder with rosters It has come to my attention that a few substitute teachers and proctors for AP testing did not receive the folder with emergency procedures during our last lockdown and steps will be taken in the future to prevent this from happening.

Teacher Representative - Sherryl McBride and Kristin Boca- May 11, 2015 – PTSO
Faculty Representative Report

Thank you for the Teachers' Luncheon! Once again it was superb and your generosity and talents are the subject of comment and appreciation among the faculty.

American Computer Science League

Both of our American Computer Science League (ACSL) teams qualified for the All-Star Contest in Orlando, FL held over Memorial Day weekend. This year marks the 14th straight year that Holmdel has sent two teams to this prestigious event. Schools from all over the country (many math/science magnet schools) are joined by several international schools (from Europe and Canada) in an all day (8:00 AM to 5:30 PM) competition on Saturday, 5/23. The students who earned spots on the team with their performance in four regular season contests are: Andrew Li (12), Patricia Shelton (12), Vivian Tsai (12), Hannah Lee (11), Matt Ferreira (12), & Oliver Zheng (12).

New Jersey Science League

In the fourth and final meet of the New Jersey Science League for Area 22 Holmdel won first place in Bio1, Chem1, Chem2, Phys1 and PhysC, and second place in Bio2. The April meet is always the most difficult one since it covers many topics that have not been covered in the kids' respective classes.

The New Jersey Academy of Sciences Symposium

Maya Rukshin entered (at the last minute!) the New Jersey Academy of Sciences symposium. She presented a powerpoint presentation of her paper, **"The Diagnostic Value of the Neutrophil-Lymphocyte Ratio in Stroke Recognition"** and won first place! She did her work all on her own, and aside from the ability to obtain information from local hospitals, did all her work without any help from any other institution! She entered this competition not expecting very much at all due to the intense competition, but her poise and ability to answer the questions won her first place! She is invited to present her paper at a national symposium in the near future.

NJ All-State Chorus

The following students were accepted into the NJ All-State Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Goetke:

Mixed Chorus:

Jaspreet Behl
Jake Brancati
Samantha Kao
Max Yeh

Women's Chorus: Emma Shapiro

HHS Film Festival Recap

On Friday, April 23, the HHS Television and Film Festival took place Friday. The HCAA, Mr. DeNovelis, Mr. Mester and crew, and all of the students who worked so hard to create and submit their films helped make the night a success!

The Winners:

1st Place: "*Why Do We Wonder*" Directed by **Harry Donovan**

2nd Place: "*Lost*" Directed by Veronica Chneider

3rd Place: "*The Evil Within*" Directed by **Jonathan Arocho** and **Daryl Goins**

The People's Choice Award: "*The Wendigo Project*" Directed by **Jacob Snodgrass**, **Zach Wolf** and **Yanis Amirat**

The Roger Benedict Award (Awarded for excellence in overall filmmaking and cinematography): **Lolia Briggs**

The National French Contest/Le Grand Concours

In March, 14 HHS Students participated in the National French Contest/Le Grand Concours, an annual competition sponsored by the [American Association of Teachers of French](#). Over 90,000 students from all over the United States took the exam. This year, thirteen out of the fourteen students from HHS received the following honors:

Gold Medal (95th National percentile): Jenny Charalambous (Level 4), Carla Kandalraft (level 4) and Aleksandra Kostic (level 5)

Silver Medal (90th National percentile): Aisha Jitan and Daniel Gulko (level 3)

Bronze Medal (80th National percentile): Emily Nesson (level 2)

Honors mention: Abbey Flynn, Kailey Flynn, Jessica Kuleshov and Kathryn Rebele (level 2), Danyal Malik and Shikha Vinodanandan (level 3) and Ian Lovoulos (level 5)

Officer’s Reports

VP Membership –Allyssa Coffaro – 3 new teachers and 10 new family members. Membership is now at 37%. Collecting \$10 per person for the June PTSO Breakfast meeting at the Red Oak Diner. All are welcome.

VP Fundraising – Barnes and Noble Fundraiser coming up. Buy your summer books at this special event and a percentage goes to the PTSO.

Treasurer’s Report – Robin Grossman- Robin read the April Report.

Income (Annual Fundraiser, Pathmark Script, Bake Sales, Membership).....	\$943.65
Expenses (Junior Prom, General Gifts to Each Class, Hospitality, Gifts to School 2013-2014, PayPal fee).....	\$4527.57
Ending Balance as of April 31.....	\$16,109.62
Expenses for gifts to school 2013-2014.....	\$5,385.00
Available Balance	\$10,724.62

Melissa Mohr made a motion to accept the April Treasurer’s Report. Allyssa Coffaro 2nd. All approved.

Corresponding Secretary – Dani Page – No report

Recording Secretary – Michele Shields – No report

Committee Reports

ARISE Liaison – Ana Vander Woude- May 28 is the next meeting at 7p.m. in the upper library. It may change to a day meeting because of low attendance at evening meetings

Bake Sales – Deidre Kane and Jennifer Yan – Next bake sale is May 20 (3rd Tuesday of the month)

BOE –Ana Vander Woude –

- April 22, 29 : Public hearing on budget; budget was presented. The entire presentation is online at <http://www.holmdel.k12.nj.us/boe/board.shtm>
- New items in the budget pertaining directly to HHS include a rotating schedule, a part-time math teacher and a part time dance teacher.
- This week we vote formally on the budget
- District Goals will be presented at the June 24 meeting and are available on the above BOE website
- The retirement of custodian William Wyber was accepted

Booster Liaison – Roseanne Wreidt – No Report

9th Grade Class Liaison – Dina Hamwi - Mr Gurney – Thank you to all who participated in the car wash it was a great team effort. The event did so well that the SAB approved another one for June 6 10a.m. to 3p.m. The Mothers Day Plant Sale was a success. Thank you to everyone who participated or purchased plants.

Upcoming events:

- **Graduation DVD Sales** – June 5 (VIP Illusions will be taping the graduation ceremony and they will be available for purchase) Mary Lou made a suggestion that perhaps a student organization should be videotaping this event.
- **Dairy Queen Flying Saucer Sale-** June 10 and 11 (\$1each)
- **Spirit Wear** (Finalizing this...coming in the fall)

10th Grade Class Liaison – Lisa Cronin – Alana Lazar –No report

11th Grade Class Liaison – Mary Lou Moramarco – Lauren Lepore – Junior Prom is Friday. Volunteers are needed to help distribute graduation balloons. Please contact Mary Lou if you can help.

12th Grade Class Liaison – Donna Disko – Sean Dowd – Seniors never took their packets at the senior meeting, but Mr. Dowd made sure to email one to every senior. Forms need to be filled out and checks are due by this Friday.

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

HCAA –Cindy Manning– Scholarships were sent to Sara Malcolm. The Photo contest ended with 94 amazing entries. Winners will be announced this week. Photo entries will be featured in a HCAA calendar for next year. It will be available in September and will include many of the dates listed on the district calendar.

Note...There will be no district calendars printed or distributed next year, so this will come in handy.

Upcoming Events:

WRS Choral/ Bells Concert – May 26 at 6:30 p.m.

HHS Choral/Bells Concert – May 28 at 7:30 p.m.

HTG One Acts in “The Barn” – May 29 and 30 (Fri, Sat evening; Sat matinee)

HCAA meeting – June 1 at 9 a.m.

HDAA – Kristin Echavaria – **Sudden Impact** starts with a breakfast for the seniors and presentations and activities to follow on June 5 (The day of the Senior Prom). The senior class will be receiving a keychain with their school name and graduation date on it and on the back will be a message from the alliance. Volunteers are needed for this event, need at least 12. Please contact Kristin if you can help. Volunteers will meet at 8 a.m. in the lower commons area and can enjoy breakfast and the speakers or come at 9:30 and meet in the back of the auditorium to help with outdoor activities.

The Alliance will continue to sponsor and fund the Heroes & Cool Kids program for next year along with sponsoring the HHS Youth Alliance with shirts, refreshments and supplies.

This committee position will be open next year.

HFEE –Tom Minerva –The HFEE 5K Run/Walk is set for May 31 at the Bell Works Property. This years event will be in honor of Satz beloved teacher Senor Eric Hausser. A suggestion was made to send flyers advertising the event to HHS students because all of Senor’s former students are in high school now.

Hospitality – Emma Butler – Thank you to everyone for volunteering and helping out with the luncheon.

Newcomers – Colleen Fischer – No Report

OneCause Fundraising – Kim Jeanos – No Report

Photocopier –Cindy Manning – Photocopier still not working

Programs – Darlene Kiss and Darlene Field – No report

Project Graduation – Linda Jackman and Debbie Bergamotto – We need 8 to 10 more chaperones for check in and for the actual event. You will be back by 4:30 a.m. We also need more dessert donations. Please drop off your desserts to the main office

during school hours on June 17 and 18. We are still selling KidStuff Books and Shoprite gift cards. Contact Linda or Debbie for more details.

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 and Alisha Baylock – No report

Sunshine – Alyssa Coffaro – Condolence card sent out to the Madden family.

Website – Jennifer Yan - Thank you for updating the website

Provisional Business –

Lucia read the Executive Board Slate for 2015-2016

Co-President – Melissa Mohr

Co-President – Karen Strickland

Vice President Membership – Alicia Baylock

Vice President Fundraising – Sally Ann Mosey

Vice President Fundraising – Open (We need another volunteer who can attend meetings and work with Sally Ann)

Treasurer – Robin Grossman

Corresponding Secretary – Dani Page

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Leslie Costantino made a motion to accept the Executive Board Slate for 2015-2016.

Linda Jackman 2nd. All approved.

New Business –

- In response to the principal's report on the swatting incident; parents commented that some teachers were not keeping order in the classrooms. Apparently some students were frightened that the noise coming from their classrooms would make them a target in a true emergency situation.. Ms. Duerbig said these problems were addressed immediately. Active drills are done monthly to prepare for emergency situations and the HS is prepared. Another parent suggested putting together Emergency Go To Boxes for each classroom, like we do in the younger schools. Things like water, snacks, suntan lotion, etc. A parent commented that this was put into the Indian Hill Budget and perhaps the HS should look into doing the same.
- HHS will be going wireless next September and all school forms and information will be sent out via the portal. We need to decide if we should do same. Dina Hamwi made a motion to send our back to school packet via the portal next year, Mary Lou 2nd. All approved. We will follow up on how well this goes next year and assess if a subsequent mailing is necessary.

- Should we continue to host a separate Administrative Breakfast because the administrators all come to the Teacher's Luncheon. We currently pay \$90 for a continental breakfast for admin.

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

The next PTSO meeting will take place on June 8 at 9:30 a.m. at the Red Oak Diner. Contact Alyssa Cofarro if you would like to attend.