

Holmdel High School PTSO
December 14, 2015
Rough Draft

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. Regina Stefany made a motion to accept the November minutes. Linda Jackman 2nd. All approved.

President's Report – Karen Strickland

Superintendent's Council met. Dr. McGarry presented on the District's status with regards to NJQSAC (NJ Quality Single Accountability Continuum) This is the state's monitoring and evaluation system for public schools. Because Holmdel is considered a "High Performing District" we are eligible to apply for a waiver from the full blown accounting procedure. The district is evaluated according to instruction and program, fiscal management, governance, operations, and personnel.

Bridges Donations:

High school: bring scarves, gloves, mittens and new books to office by Tuesday, 12/15.

Indian Hill School: take new toys and gift cards to front hall by Tuesday, 12/15

Communication: People are reminded to regularly visit the Holmdel District website and click on District Calendar to see the most up to date news on district events, times, and places. Or if one is technologically savvy, the district calendar can be downloaded to a phone and the phone's calendar will be updated regularly. The District calendar now includes the dates and times of varsity sporting events. All community members are encouraged to support the extracurricular activities of our students: academics, arts, and athletics.

Principal's Report – Mr. Loughran -

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HHS Athletic Competition Schedules

We have added the winter sports competition schedules to the District Calendar, which is LIVE on the District Webpage - we hope you will find it useful!

Rotating Schedule – Survey

A 2nd survey will be distributed this week to gather more feedback about the rotating schedule - please look for it and respond at your earliest convenience.

Middle States Update

With the focus on the investigation and ultimate implementation of the rotating schedule , our middle states protocol took a bit of a back seat...look for more information about our 'reboot' in January.

HHS Winter Instrumental Concert

Please join us on **Thursday, Dec. 17th @ 7:00 pm (admission is FREE)** for our annual **Winter Instrumental Concert**, under the direction of Mr. John Koryat - the evening is always a wonderful one, and you will marvel at the collective talents of our students.

Time Schedule for Friday, Dec. 18th (Pep Rally and Lip Dub)

Block	Period	Time	Length
1	2	7:21 - 8:11	50
2	3	8:15 - 9:05	50
3	4	9:09 - 9:59	50
Unit Lunch	NA	9:59 - 10:45	46
4	6	10:45 - 11:35	50
5	7	11:39 - 12:29	50
6	8	12:33 - 1:23	50
Pep Rally	NA	1:25 - 2:10	45
AM Lab		Ends @ 10:20	
PM Lab		Begins @ 10:25	

Time Schedule for Wed., Dec. 23rd (Holiday Concert Assembly)

Block	Period	Time	Length
1	1	7:21 -- 7:56	35
2	2	8:00 -- 8:35	35
3	3	8:39 -- 9:14	35
4	5	9:18 -- 9:53	35
5	6	9:57 -- 10:32	35
6a	7	10:36 - 11:11	35
6b	7	11:18 - 11:53	35

6a

Class (500's - 700's - 900's - Upper Library - PE in Gyms)

Assembly (100's- 300's- 400's- 600's- 800's)

6b

Class (100's - 300's - 400's - 600's- 800's)

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Poetry Out Loud - School Competition

We will hold our annual school competition on **Thursday, Jan. 7th** @ **6:30 pm**. Admission is FREE and the night will feature some fantastic readings of some great poetry. The winner will represent the school at the regional competition in February.

HHS "College Connection Assembly" for Seniors

We will hold our annual "College Connection Assembly" on **Friday, Jan. 8th** - recent HHS graduates will be back to visit and share their reflections and experiences related to the transition to college.

HHS "Meet the Coaches Night"

The Athletic Department will be sponsoring a **"Meet the Coaches**

Night” on Monday, Jan. 11th (7:00 pm - 9:00 pm). This is an opportunity for prospective student-athletes (and their parents) to come and learn about the various athletic offerings in the high school, and the department's vision for the future; additionally, students and parents will have an opportunity to interact with coaches from all of our sports teams!

HHS Open House

We are planning to host an **“Open House” on Wednesday, Jan. 20th (7:00 pm - 9:00 pm)** Encourage your neighbors and their elementary and middle school aged children to come and find out what Holmdel High School is all about!

Enrollment (14 December 2015)

12th - 256

10th - 215

11th - 226

9th - 246

Total - 943

Dates of Importance

14 - PTSO Mtg. (9:30 am)

16 - Transitions Mtg. (1:30 pm);

16 - BOE Mtg. (7:30 pm)

17 - HHS Winter Instrumental Concert (7:00 pm)

18 - Winter Sports Pep Rally - HS Musical Lip Dub (1:25 pm)

23 - Student Assembly - Holiday Concert (10:35 am); Early Dismissal (11:55 am)

27-28-30 - Bayshore Holiday Girls Basketball Tournament

29 - Holmdel Holiday Wrestling Tournament

January

4 - School Re-Opens

7 - "Poetry Out Loud" - School Competition

8 - HHS "College Connection Assembly" for Seniors

11 - HHS Athletics - "Meet the Coaches Night" (7:00 pm)

20 - HHS "Open House" (7:00 pm)

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Teacher Representative - Sherryl McBride and Kristin Boca- 2015-11-09 – PTSO Faculty Representative Report

Mr. Ambrose's Honors Algebra II

In order to convey the value of trying one's best and of succeeding on one's own terms, Mr. Ambrose hosted an evening showing of "Rocky" to his Honors Algebra II students in the Auditorium shortly before Thanksgiving. He was shocked to learn that almost none of my students had seen it before. The students brought snacks, Mr. Loughran attended, and all had a great time.

Student Journalist

Senior Marwa Abdulhai has been writing for MuslimGirl.net about various topics, such as her summer visit on behalf of Indian Muslim Relief and Charities (IMRC). Recently, she wrote an article and was published in *Fortune Magazine*. The link to the article is <http://fortune.com/author/muslimgirl/>

ASPCA Club

The Holmdel High School ASPCA club collected over \$85 to help homeless and defenseless animals in its recent collection. Animal-loving students solicited donations at the recent Powder Puff game and are busy planning the next activity: a pet food collection.

Math League

Holmdel's Math League has been competing. In the Shore Math League after 3 of 6 contests, Holmdel is in 4th place, out of 19 teams. In the statewide competition, after 2 of 6 contests, Holmdel is tied for 3rd in the county and is in 28th in the state.

Spanish Honor Society

The students in the Spanish Honor Society have donated and wrapped toys for children at a local church in Redbank. We will be meeting at the church to distribute the gifts to the children and practice their Spanish later this weekend. We have also implemented a new tutoring system within the society based off the National Honor Society's tutoring system. Students requesting assistance are to fill out a [Google Form](#) with their information and availability, and they are then paired with an Honor Society student who has the same availability. So far it has been very well received by many of the students and we are seeing more students able to get the extra help that they need.

Officer's Reports

VP Membership –Alicia Baylock – 203 families have joined bringing us to 25% of all 798 HHS families. All families who are members of the PTSO are entered into a monthly raffle and a lucky student from one of these families will receive a prize. This month's winner of a \$20 StarBucks gift card is Michael Lupo. Congratulations! You can sign up for a \$10 family membership on the PTSO website.

VP Fundraising –Sallyann Walier and Renee Schneider – \$2,000 was raised in Write-A-Check fundraiser

Colorfest was a great success and thank you to all of our volunteers. Total profits from the event are \$15,356.77. Upcoming events: Possible Knockerball Tournament and Career night

Treasurer's Report – Robin Grossman- Robin read the November Report.

Income (Membership, Colorfest, Pathmark Script, Raffle-Project Graduation, Write-A-Check).....\$17,949.06

Expenses (Colorfest, State annual fee and gaming registration, Hospitality, PayPal fee, Raffle, Gifts 2014/2015 – frames,).....\$8204.26

Ending Balance as of Nov 31.....\$32,114.29

Expenses for gifts to school 2014-2015.....\$7740.26

Available Balance	\$24,374.03
Project Graduation	\$11,885.52
Raffle fundraising.....	\$5,970.00
Total	\$17,855.52

Linda Fernand made a motion to accept the November Treasurer’s Report. Amy Lem 2nd. All approved.

Corresponding Secretary – Dani Page – No report
Recording Secretary – Michele Shields – No report

Committee Reports

ARISE Liaison – Ana Vander Woude- Hosted a SPAN presentation on Challenging Behaviors on Oct 27. The Power Points from the presentation are posted on the ARISE website accessible from the Holmdel School’s website. In honor of International Persons with Disability Day on Dec 3, Arise is hosting a workshop on the IEP, presented by SPAN, at the Village School at 10 a.m.

Bake Sales – Jennifer Yan – Need Volunteers to bake! Please go to the website to sign up. Raised \$61.96 in Nov.
 Dates: The third Tuesday of the month.
 Dec 15 Jan 19 Feb 16 Mar 15 Apr 19 May 17

BOE — Chiung-Yin Cheng Liu – PARCC presentation will be this Wed.

Booster Liaison – Roseanne Wreidt – No report

9th Grade Class Liaison – Sara Abbas/ Mr. Dowd – No report

10th Grade Class Liaison –Dina Hamwi / Mr. Gurney–
THANKSGIVING PIE SALE - Thank you for participating in the pie sale.
 Everyone was very happy with their pies.

POWDERPUFF - Was a successful evening for our class. Thank you again for your donations. A special thank you to all the parents who came out in the cold to help set-up & work the concession stand. You guys were non-stop the entire time.

SPIRITWEAR APPAREL - Merchandise should be arriving shortly. Any questions or concerns regarding your order, please contact Mr. Gurney.

HOLIDAY BAKE SALE - is this Thursday 12/17 after school in the Commons. Our class is seeking donations of cookies, cake pops & hot chocolate/cups (ready to serve). Please drop off to Main office labeled Class of 2018 Bake Sale. Thank you!

One more thing.....I know it's not Class news but I wanted to let you know that the ECO club is collecting BEAUTY items for Terracycle (shampoo bottles, make-up, cream bottles...etc). There is a white pail located near the Main entrance (flyer attached). They are also collecting Energy wrappers & those bins are located in the Commons.

11th Grade Class Liaison —Lisa Cronin / Ms. Lazar – No report

12th Grade Class Liaison – Mary Lou Moramarco / Ms. Lepore – Senior Girls are disappointed they lost the Powder Puff game but they had their glory winning the previous year. All are studying and waiting on college responses. Some have been accepted to Ivy league Institutions.

Facebook – Vicky Entwistle – Big Thank you for keeping up on it.

HCAA –Cindy Manning – Auditions start this Thursday for Godspell. The show is in March. The Choral Concert went great last night and the Band Concert is set for this Thursday. Art Work will be displayed in all of the charging stations in the commons. HCAA encompasses all of the arts in the school including theatre, band, T.V. Production, photography, band, chorus, fine arts etc... Please join us in our efforts to support the arts.

HDAA – Andria Wojtunik – The Youth Alliance went to the Satz School in honor of “The Great American Smoke-Out”, to make a presentation on smoking prevention. Dec is Drugged and Drunk Driving Month. Hero’s and Cool Kids program is up and running. Dec 2 there was a county-wide Narcon training program set up for the community and free kits were distributed. Working on limiting access to over-the-counter cough medicines for children and teens. Next meeting is Jan 12 at 1 p.m.

HFEE –Chiung-Yin Liu – Poker Night is set for Feb 5, tickets go on sale in Jan. Presale tickets are currently available for the Spring Gala. Annual giving campaign is still underway.

Hospitality – Linda Fernand – No report

Newcomers – Colleen Fischer – No Report

OneCause Fundraising – Kim Jeanos – No Report

Photocopier –Cindy Manning– No report

Programs – Marie Watkins –No report

Project Graduation – Linda Jackman and Debbie Bergamotto –
Looking for another hypnotist for event. Need \$20,000 to pay for the whole PG event,
currently at \$17, 855.52.

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!

SEPAG – Charles Hancock and Vicki Flynn - No report

Special Projects - No Report

Student Directory –Susan Gordon and Michelle Barker – No report

Sunshine – Alyssa Coffaro – No report

Website – Jennifer Yan - Thank you for updating the website

Provisional Business – The Gifting Committee met and they are throwing around
ideas and need to meet with Mr. Loughran to get his ideas and input. One possible
gift is to provide more outdoor seating. This could alleviate difficulty with finding a
seat during lunch. Students are permitted to go outside and eat, just not a lot of
places outside to sit...weather permitting of course.

New Business –

- MaryLou Moramarco volunteered as PTSO liaison for the Boy Scout Sponsored Venture Crew that meets at the HS. Robin Grossman made a motion for the PTSO to charter the Venture Club. Alisha Baylock 2nd. All approved.
- Looking into sponsoring a “You Cannot Be Replaced Assembly” on suicide prevention for our students. Will follow up with Ms. Kudish. Perhaps this can be in conjunction with HDAA.
- Melissa Mohr won the raffle for a free gel manicure courtesy of Compliments Hair and Nail Salon, just for attending the meeting.

Mary Lou Moramarco made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Linda Jackman 2nd. All approved and the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

The next PTSO meeting will take place on Jan 11 at 9:30 a.m. in the Holmdel High School Auditorium.