

Holmdel High School PTSO
Dec 12, 2016

Melissa called the meeting to order at 9:35am. The PTSO meeting took place in the HHS Commons. Melissa pointed out the fire exits and asked everyone to stand for the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence. Linda Jackman made a motion to accept the November minutes. Deb Bergamotto 2nd. All approved.

President's Report – Melissa Mohr – Thank you to everyone for coming to our meeting; we appreciate your support. Thank you to Michelle for leading our demystifying college

Community Dates:

Satz PSG:

Harlem Wizards – Jan 26

Tricky Tray – March 9

Indian Hill PLG:

Guys Night Out – Nov 17

Community Discount Card

Village PSA:

Barnes & Noble Night – Dec 7

Principal's Report – Mr. Loughran –

"The Hive" - Winning Logo

Congratulations to senior Brian DeSousa on his winning logo for "The Hive"



PSAT Scores

PSAT Scores are available via the College Board website. Students should have provided a personal email address at the time they took the test in order to receive their scores.

TV Studio's "Mannequin Challenge"

At our Fall pep rally, the entire school participated in a "mannequin challenge." The link to the finished product is below. Thanks to Mr. DeNovellis for putting it together!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IyJkGRZqISQ>

Holiday Concerts

Choral and Handbell Holiday Concert- Thursday, December 15th (7:30 pm)
Winter Band Concert - Thursday, December 22nd (7:00 pm)

Fall Sport All Stars

Various All-Shore and All-State teams for fall sports should be finalized in the next week - we will be sure to send out notification once we have them all.

Winter Sports Scoreboard

Sport	Record	Result
Boys Basketball	0-0	Season Opener 12/16 vs. Shore Regional
Girls Basketball	0-0	Season Opener 12/16 @ Shore Regional
Ice Hockey (co-op with Marlboro)	2-1-2	tied RBR (2-2) Next Match 12/13 vs. Freehold Twp.
Boys-Girls	0-0	Season Opener

Indoor Track		1/7 @ MC Relays
Boys Swimming	0-1	Next meet: 12/20 vs. RFH
Girls Swimming	0-1	Next meet: 12/13 vs. Trinity Hall
Wrestling	0-0	Season Opener 12/17 @ Ewing Invitational

Dates of Importance

December

12 - PTSO Mtg. (9:30 am) / HHS Open House (7:00 pm)

13 - HFEE Mtg. (7:30 pm)

14 - BOE Mtg. (8:00 pm)

15 - Holiday Choral and Handbell Concert (7:30 pm)

22 - Winter Band Concert (7:00 pm)

23 - Early Dismissal (11:50 am) - Class Assemblies (Holiday Concert)

Current Enrollment

9th - 223

10th - 254

11th - 217

12th - 227

921

Teachers Report -

Key Club is sponsoring a toy drive - all unwrapped toys benefit the " Hope for Children's Foundation" of Monmouth County and we are still collecting food for the Monmouth County Food Bank until today, Dec. 12th. Please be generous and drop off everything to the Art Room, # 306, where Ms. Lazar is based. Thank you!

The Women's Empowerment Club helped Shravya Jasti collect books for a library she is building for impoverished children in India.

A speaker from the Dream On Organization spoke to members of the **AIR (Adoptees, Immigrants, and Refugees) Club** about their efforts to rescue children who are victims of human trafficking in Ghana.

On Wednesday, November 30, the **Chorus, Dance, and Acting classes** took a trip into New York City to attend a musical workshop and then see the Broadway show *Natasha, Pierre and the Great Comet of 1812*.

The **Acting class** presented an Improv show on Tuesday, November 29.

Ms. McDonald reports that **senior Jolie Shave** auditioned and won a part in the upcoming student production of *The Merry Wives of Windsor* at Two River Theater.

There will be an **upcoming trip to China** scheduled for the spring break. The trip is being coordinated through Satz and Mr. Howard and is being directed by the folks who have sponsored the middle school China visits to Satz over the last number of years. They have been trying to make it a mutual exchange of culture and ideas and this year it has come to fruition. Students and staff at the high school were emailed the info and the trip already has a number of middle school students and parents on board. Thus far, there are a number of Satz staff members planning on attending and they will act as chaperones. High school students, families and staff have been encouraged to participate as well. The trip will include quite a bit of sightseeing and will culminate with a couple of days of true cultural immersion where the group will spend time at the Chinese host school and include a stay with a Chinese family to learn about customs and culture. Questions can be addressed to Mr. Dowd or Mr. Howard.

Mrs. Cogger and Mrs. Taylor are offering new dates for their trip to Spain and France. The trip will take place June 23- July 3rd 2017. Upper level French and Spanish students will get first priority but the trip is open to students of all languages and all levels. For more information please contact Mrs. Cogger or Mrs. Taylor.

The **Spanish Honor Society** is collecting new winter hats, gloves and scarves to be donated through Bridges At The Shore. All donations can be placed in the box in room 903, main office or the lower commons at will be collected December 14th.

The **Spanish Honor Society and Sra. Taylor's Spanish classes** are excited to purchase gifts for 19 children "adopted" through the Bridges at the Shore. The students formed groups of 3-5 students and are purchasing a clothing item and a toy for each child. They will meet Dec. 14th to wrap the gifts, write an uplifting note in Spanish and in English and make goody bags for the children.

Some of the **Spanish Honor Society** students will choose to volunteer to sort donations on Dec 15th, some will choose to go to Red Bank and distribute gifts, toiletries, donated clothing including the winter accessories we collect as well as toys and books to families in need. Another group will also accompany Sra. Taylor to a small venue in Red Bank where they will meet the 19 children and some parents and workers and can open the goody bags and speak with the children for a little bit. Last year, the families brought a typical Mexican sweet bread , Las conchas, and drink, atole for the students to try. Everyone is extremely appreciative and kind to the students and we all enjoy the visit with the children. It's a wonderful opportunity to taste a little culture, practice Spanish, and most importantly show kindness and generosity to those around us.

Officers' Reports

VP Membership – Alicia Baylock – We have 786 families at HHS and 251 have joined bringing membership to 32% up from 25% at this time last year. We have more from the teachers – up to 38% so thank you! It is not too late to sign up! We would love all families to join and help support our students. You can sign up on the PTSO website or contact Alicia directly.

Treasurer's Report – Linda Lautenberg- Linda not present but presented by Melissa today. Linda approved. Leslie Constantino 2nd the motion.

Books from last year were audited and all were approved. Committee included:

Regina

Alicia Baylock

Robin Grossman

VP's Fundraising – Sallyann Walier and Susan Gordon – not present but Melissa said that discussions are happening for a possible knockerball tournament in the spring. There is an initiative to build an outdoor seating area, pending board approval. We would probably do a separate fundraiser for that, possibly buying a brick. More to follow.

Corresponding Secretary – Robin Andersen – No report

Recording Secretaries – Michele Shields and Colleen Fischer – No report

Committee Reports

Arise – Ana Vander Woude- Arise serves as the support group for the families of children with special needs in all four schools in the district. – no report

Bake Sales – Ivette Yu – \$100 raised in November. Next sale is 12/20 at 12 p.m. Need Volunteers to bake! Please contact Ivette if you can help and leave the food in the office and label PTSO bake sale.

Dates: The 3rd Tuesday of the month; 1/17; 2/21; 2/21; 4/18; 5/16

BOE — Chiung-Yin Cheng Liu – No report

Booster Liaison – Susan Gordon– No report

9th Grade Class Liaison – Gita Movva / Kimberly Herthel –

- Future Bake Sales coming and donations are always greatly appreciated. Texas Road House Fundraiser 12/9.

10th Grade Class Liaison — Sarah Abbas/ Geraldine Semenza – No report

11th Grade Class Liaison — Dina Hamwi / Melinda Brenner – No report

12th Grade Class Liaison – Lisa Cronon / Alana Lazar –

\$1200 made on the candy sale

\$1700 made from Powderpuff

Facebook – Robin Andersen – Email your PTSO event pictures to Robin

HCAA –Cindy Manning – No report

HDAA – Andria Wojtunik – No report

HFEE – Chiung-Yin Liu – No report

Hospitality – Linda Fernand – No report

Newcomers – Colleen Fischer – No report

Photocopier –Cindy Manning– No report

Programs – Karen Strickland –No report

Project Graduation – Linda Jackman and Debbie Bergamotto – Meetings 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7p.m in the library (*unless otherwise noted*)

- Made a \$3600 profit. We are now half way there at \$11,000 trying to get to \$21,000
- January 16th is Chiptle fundraiser (kids off for Martin Luther King day)
- April 21st hypnotist day for families (kids ages 10 +)
- Thinking about an online auction
- Kidstuff Books are still available for purchase

Publicity – Joanne Carella – 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 - No Report

Student Directory –Susan Gordon and Michelle Barker – No report

Sunshine – Colleen Fischer – No report

Website – Amy Lem – No report

Provisional Business –

New Business –

- Talking about a “hangout night” - kids don’t want a “dance” so this might be a good option
- Mr. Loughran wants to start a new tradition – he is working on a spring semi-formal for 9th and 10th graders

Leslie Constantino made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Linda Jackman 2nd. All approved. The next PTSO meeting will take place on Jan 9th at 9:30 a.m. in the Holmdel High School Auditorium.