

Holmdel High School PTSO
Feb 10, 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. Kristin Echavaria made a motion to accept the January minutes. Colleen Fisher 2nd. All approved.

Presidents Report -

Superintendent's council met on Jan 16 2014

- Happy Valentines Day!
- Wear red this month in honor of "Go Red to Fight Heart Disease in Woman" sponsored by the American Heart Association.
- Opportunities for community service for high school students are available at the Indian Hill Boardwalk on March 14. Adult volunteers are needed as well. Please contact Darlene Kiss if you are interested.
- HFEE is doing well in their fundraising. They are installing a sound system at Indian Hill which will be the same system used at Satz and the High School. This will enable students to proficiently master these systems by the time they reach the high school. They also planning on renovating the Culinary Arts Kitchen, which is in dire need of updating.
- A "Protecting our Children" program is being planned based on the epidemic level of heroin use being seen and increased Internet preying on students.

Important Dates:

- April 26 – Comedy Night

Principal's Report - 10 February 2014

School Security - REVISED Sign-in Procedures for Visitors to Building

Effective immediately, visitors to our building during the school day will need to present **PHOTO ID** in order to receive a **Visitor's Badge** and travel through the building. When leaving the building, please be sure to return the badge and pick up your ID. Thank you.

Snow Days - School Calendar

School will be **OPEN** on Monday, April 14th (4-hour session) and on Friday, May 23rd

(Full Day) Any more days lost to winter weather will be made up during our scheduled Spring Break in this order listed below - please plan accordingly.

Wednesday, April 16

Thursday, April 17

Note: we **will close** on Tuesday, April 15th for Passover

HTEA Blood Drive

The HTEA Blood Drive held on **Thursday, Feb. 6th yielded 78 units** - thanks to all who participated!

2nd MP and Mid-Term Grades

All grades for the 2nd MP and Mid-Term exams will be finalized and available for viewing via the parent portal on **Tuesday, Feb. 11th**.

Early Dismissal on Friday, Feb. 14th

Students will be dismissed at **11:53 am on Friday, Feb. 14th** so that teachers may complete professional development activities. Reminder also: school will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, Feb. 17th** for the Presidents' Day holiday. Please plan accordingly.

2014-2015 Course Registration

Guidance Counselors will be meeting with students next week to begin the process of course selection for next year, according to this schedule:

Current 11th grade - Tuesday, Feb. 18th

Current 10th grade - Wednesday, Feb. 20th

Current 9th grade - Friday, Feb. 21st

Writing Sample - English Department

Students wishing to move from a non-Honors English to an Honors English in 2014-2015 will have to, in addition to earning an "A" in their current English class, complete a **Text-Based Writing Task** - these writing tasks will be administered by grade level during Period 2 on the following dates:

Current 11th grade - Wednesday, Feb. 26th

Current 10th grade - Tuesday, March 4th

Current 9th grade - Thursday, March 6th

A makeup date is planned for after school on Tuesday, March 11th.

Monmouth Cty. Prosecutor's Office - Parent Presentation

The Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office, in conjunction with the Holmdel Police Department and the Holmdel Alliance (HDAA), will be hosting an important presentation for parents on **Tuesday, Feb. 25th @ 7:00 pm in the high school auditorium.** The presentation is entitled, "**Heroin: Are You Talking to Your Kids Yet**"?

Jill McCracken to Receive 9/11 Teaching Award

Congratulations to **Jill McCracken** who will be receiving an award from the 9/11 Tribute Center. This award is being given in recognition of teachers who have made an outstanding effort to discuss the events of September 11th with their students and to create projects that helped students understand their relationship to these events. Jill is one of ten educators who will be recognized at a special ceremony in NYC on **Wednesday, Feb. 26th**, and will also receive a \$500 award from the families of 9/11 victims to use in conjunction with her 9/11 curriculum. Bravo!

Student Enrollment - as of 10 February 2014

12th - 258

10th - 261

11th - 263

9th - 227

Total - 1009

February Dates of Interest

10 - PTSO Mtg. (9:30 pm)

11 - Alliance Mtg. (1:00 pm) / Project Graduation Mtg. (7:00 pm)

12 - BOE Mtg. (8:00 pm)

13 - HCAA Mtg. (9:00 am)

14 - Early Dismissal for Students (Staff PLCs)

17 - School CLOSED

18 - "Sustaining Excellence" - sub-committee meetings (All Day)

21 - "Sustaining Excellence" - sub-committee meetings (All Day)

25 - **Parent Presentation** - Heroin: Are You Talking to Your Kids Yet"? (7:00 pm)

26 - Transitions (Pd. 3); BOE Mtg. (8:00 pm)

27 - NHS Induction Ceremony (7:00 pm)

Teacher Representative – Anna Ranieri and Sherryl McBride –

PTSO February 10, 2014 Faculty Liaison Report

CONGRATULATIONS!

Jill McCracken was selected as the recipient of the 9/11 Tribute Center's 2014 Teacher Awards regarding the personal and meaningful manner in which she has engaged her students in exploring the history and lessons of September 11th. In addition to her Certificate of Merit, she earned a \$500 gift for Holmdel High School. The financial gift is donated by a September 11th Family Member foundation that is dedicated to education

Theater Guild

The Holmdel Theatre Guild this year is going in a little different direction with the March musical. We are doing a musical revue called Some Enchanted Evening, The Songs of Rodgers and Hammerstein. It will feature songs from The King and I, South Pacific, Sound of Music, Oklahoma, Carousel and many more; close to 40 songs! Rehearsals are well under way and the kids sound great! The show runs March 13 through 15 at 7:30pm in the high school auditorium. Tickets are \$12, \$5 for students and seniors. Thanks.

AP French

The AP French students started this week-end their phone conversations with the AP French students of Madame Berg in Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School.

Students will be able, until the exam, to discuss many subjects covered in the exam, from senioritis to world challenges! They will also occasionally get to speak with surprise guests, French natives as well as French speaking nationals from Switzerland, Québec and Haiti. Voila !!!!

VP Membership – Alyssa Cofarro – 5 new families have joined. The membership raffle winner, Navya Ravi, was chosen at the meeting. Congratulations to Navya for winning two tickets to Comedy Night!

VP Fundraising –Teri Perez, Roseanne Wriedt – Everything is set for Comedy Night on April 26. Volunteers are needed to help out that day and evening. Demarco’s is catering a delicious buffet dinner. We will be selling water and soda for those who do not BYOB. Anyone who would like to bring a dessert is welcome to. Ads will be put into local magazines and journals to promote the event. A few more checks have come in for the Write A Check Fundraiser via PayPal. A second request will be sent out for the Write A Check fundraiser for those who forgot or were unable to donate in the fall.

Treasurer’s Report – Robin Grossman- Robin read the January Report
Income (Annual Fundraiser, Pathmark Script, Photocopier, Bake Sales)
Membership Dues, Let’s Yo Fundraiser).....\$609.16
Expenses (Comedy Night, hospitality, bank fee).....\$2,565.00
Ending Balance as of Jan 31.....\$10,528.46
 Teri Perez made a motion to accept the January Treasurer’s Report. Linda Jackman 2nd. All approved.

Corresponding Secretary – Dani Page – No report

Committee Reports

ARISE Liaison – Darlene Kiss- No report

Bake Sales – Deidre Kane and Jennifer Yan – \$51 raised last month. Next bake sale is Feb 11.

BOE – Abbi Finch – This is Mary Beth Curry’s last month here. A new assistant superintendent has been hired, Robert McGarry.

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

j

Facebook – Vicky Entwistle - Thank you for regular updates. Our social media team is on top of things.

HCAA – Julie Stolker – The next meeting is Feb 13. The play will be presented on March 13, 14, and 15.

HDAA – Kristin Echavaria –Barbara Hilliard is looking for grant money for HDAA programs. The Youth Alliance is working on a project. Be sure to mark your calendars for this Feb 25 event.

HFEE – Tom Minerva – Sold out Poker Night and raised over \$4000. The Battle Of The Faculties event is set for March 27, flyer to follow. The annual HFEE Gala is set for April 5 at the Navesink Country Club. Gifting this year will include putting in a sound system at Indian Hill and a new Culinary Arts Center at the High School. More gifts will be determined. Thank you for your support.

Hospitality – Emma Butler – Thank you for all of the donations for the Teacher’s Tea.

Newcomers – Colleen Fischer – Will reach out to new freshman.

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 – Went to NY Sports Club to look at facility. Will need a lot of help this year and will accept senior parents as volunteers. Two fundraisers are planned: Shrek tickets at the Count Basie Theatre and ShopRite gift cards. Next meeting is tomorrow Feb 11 at 7 p.m.

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 – Books have all been distributed.

Sunshine – Laurie Fontana – No report

Website – Jennifer Yan and Kim Jeanos – Doing a great job of keeping the site up to date.

Provisional Business – The following committees were elected:

Nominating

- Roseanne Wreidt
- Colleen Fischer
- Darlene Kiss
- Teri Perez
- Kristin Echavaria

Alternate 1. Laurie Tascione Alternate 2. Melissa Mohr

Scholarship

- Darlene Kiss
- Karen Strickland
- Roseanne Wreidt
- Laurie Tascione
- Phyllis Ameduri

Gift

- Mary Lou
- Robin Grossman
- Teri Perez
- Roseanne Wreidt
- Colleen Fischer (12th)
- Phyllis Ameduri (11th)
- Jennifer Yan (10th)
- Melissa Mohr (9th)

New Business –

Teri Perez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alyssa Coffaro 2nd. All approved and the meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m. The next PTSO meeting will take place on March 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the Holmdel High School Auditorium.