

Holmdel High School PTSO
Jan 12, 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.

President's Report

The big issue for the high school remains the consideration of implementation of the rotating schedule. I hope to have time at the end of the meeting for a discussion of the topic. A complete proposal will be presented to the Board of Education at their January 28 meeting. Parents are urged to attend to understand the final proposal and voice their interests and concerns.

The HCAA had a wonderful karaoke night. I really enjoyed myself.

News from Other Schools: Village had a successful Giving Tree where they filled a truck with donations for needy families. Indian Hill is conducting a food drive for Calico Cat. Anyone wishing to donate food for the food pantry can drop it off at Indian Hill before January 23. All three schools are rallying their communities for the upcoming Battle of the Faculties selling color-coded t-shirts and other paraphernalia. It should be a big deal. I understand Mr. Loughran has tickets to sell to the high school community.

Melissa Mohr made a motion to accept the December minutes. Robin Grossman 2nd. All approved.

Important Dates

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

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 –

Teacher Representative - Sherryl McBride and Kristin Boca-

Officer's Reports

VP Membership –Allyssa Coffaro – Membership levels are very low. Committee brainstormed strategies to attract new members such as:

- Putting requests in the daily announcements posted on the HS website
- Posting a list of all current members on the PTSO webpage
- Offer some kind of incentive like the younger schools do, perhaps discounted tickets to Powder Puff Game or other popular HS events.
- Streamline paying for all four years of membership in one payment.

VP Fundraising – 62 members raised \$5000 for Write a Check Fundraiser. 2nd request letter will go out the end of January.

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

Income (Annual Fundraiser, One Cause, Pathmark Script, Bake Sales, photocopier).....	\$166.60
Expenses (Comedy Night, Charter fee for BS Venturing Crew, State of NJ Annual Report, Biennial renewal Game of Chance Comm.).....	\$101.38
Ending Balance as of Dec 31.....	\$18,033.60
Expenses for gifts to school 2013-2014.....	\$7,700.00
Available Balance	\$10,333.60

Linda Ferdinand made a motion to accept the December Treasurer's Report. Linda Jackman 2nd. All approved.

Corresponding Secretary – Dani Page – When you request items to be sent out to membership, please specify the wording of the email that will accompany it.

Recording Secretary – Michele Shields – No report

Committee Reports

ARISE Liaison – Ana Vander Woude- The Jan 26 meeting is cancelled and will be rescheduled for a later date. Hosting a Span workshop on Feb 26 at the Village School from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in room 137. Span is an organization that advocates for rights in special education.

Bake Sales – Deidre Kane and Jennifer Yan – Raised \$37 from Dec sale.

Dates: The third Tuesday of the month. Upcoming dates are **Jan 20 and Feb 17.**

BOE –Ana Vander Woude – Met on Dec 17; Farewell to Barbara Garrity, Phyllis Pascucci and Victor Disario and recognized the retirement of Peter Mikos. Met on Jan 7; Swore in new membership including Peter Reddy, Denise Kline and John Martinez. Ana Vander Woude was elected President and Dennis Pavlik was elected Vice President. Special meeting will take place on Jan 14 on the topics of personnel and students matters and a portion of the meeting will be closed to the public. The next public meeting will be held on Jan 28.

Booster Liaison – Roseanne Wreidt – No Report

9th Grade Class Liaison – Dina Hamwi - Mr Gurney – Had a successful bake sale last week and will have another sale later in the month. Having a Valentines Day fundraiser where students will be able to purchase flowers and chocolates. Sales will occur the weeks prior to Valentines Day and be distributed on Friday Feb 13.

10th Grade Class Liaison – Lisa Cronin – Alana Lazar –The class of 2017 profited \$1152 from their fall candy sale and \$1137 from the Powder Puff snack stand. Thank you to all of the parents who donated and helped with the snack stand, it was extremely successful. A special thank you to Mrs. Disco, Mrs. Sardo and Mrs. Wriedt who ran the entire event that night. Left over snacks were donated to the Monmouth County Food Bank. There will be another chocolate sale in the spring

11th Grade Class Liaison – Mary Lou Moramarco – Lauren Lepore – No Report

12th Grade Class Liaison – Donna Disko – Sean Dowd – Only had a total of 50 orders for Class of 2015 shirts. They arrived yesterday and will be distributed this week. Will net roughly \$300 from this sale. If every senior had purchased one we could have added roughly \$1,200 to the prom fund. Mr. Dowd said he has seen this “apathy” and “lack of follow through” quite a bit over the last year and a half. The officers are very committed and enthusiastic but there is an overall lack of school spirit reflected in many canceled fundraisers as well.

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

HCAA –Cindy Manning– Karaoke Night went very well, many of you were there! Thinking about making it an annual or biannual event. Teachers’ Talent Show is set for Feb 5 at 7 p.m. at HHS. Tickets are on sale starting Jan 14 and will be available in the main offices of all schools. Please visit the updated HCAA website at holmdelparents.org and join their Facebook page. The Take a Seat Campaign is underway, please contact Cindy Manning for more information. The Acting Showcase will take place on Jan 22 at the HS. The Indian Hill Talent show is set for this Thursday, Jan 15. The Indian Hill Band/Chorus Winter Concert will take place on Jan 27 and Jan 29. The Satz play “Shrek” will be performed On Jan 30 and 31.

HDAA – Kristin Echavaria – No report

HFEE –Tom Minerva– Planning a poker Night, Jan 30 at the Red Oak Diner. Battle of the Faculties is planned for March 26. There will be a 5K race around Bell Labs property May 31. HFEE is encouraging people to use their Matching Gifts benefits to donate to HFEE – Do that for PTSO too!

Hospitality – Emma Butler – Thank you for a wonderful spread. Emma needs a volunteer to pick up bagels the morning of our meetings. Thank you to Melissa Mohr for volunteering.

Newcomers – Colleen Fischer – No Report

OneCause Fundraising – Kim Jeanos – No Report

Photocopier –Cindy Manning–Collected \$4.35 in Nov and Dec and total of \$7.45 year to date.

Programs – Darlene Kiss and Darlene Field – No report

Project Graduation – Linda Jackman and Debbie Bergamotto –Selling foam fingers for Battle of the Faculties and each school will have their own color. Graduation lawn sign will be sold this spring. Sending out a donation request letter to senior parents. Next meeting is tomorrow Jan 13 at 7 p.m. in the HS conference room.

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 – No report

Website – Jennifer Yan - Thank you for updating the website

Provisional Business – The audit committee is still in the process of reviewing the treasurer’s books and will report back next month.

Several parents who participated in the rotating schedule HS observations commended Mr Loughran for setting up these very informative visits. A few more parents were kind enough to share their experiences:

Dani Page – “ I was able to visit the West Morris Central HS and was very impressed.”
“What I imagined to be so complicated was no problem at all.”

Dina Hamwi – “Was able to visit Livingston HS and all of my expectations went beyond what I thought.” Such a happy environment; teachers and students all loved the rotating schedule. “This is a large school with 1900 plus students and it was extremely organized and NO One was eating on the floor.” “Teachers and students both commented on having extra time for Q and A at the end of class, something students don’t always have time for at HHS.”

Pat Geller – “Thank you for the great opportunity to visit Livingston HS.” “Lunch was a very organized chaos.” Everyone is very happy with the rotating schedule.” “It is better academically for the students because it creates less stress for kids who are already under a lot of stress.” “It gives them time to get extra help during the day and not only after school.” “The rotating schedule is a wonderful idea and I totally support it.” “It is time for a much- needed cultural change at HHS; one of less stress.

New Business – Lucia Van Name asked Mr. Loughran if there was any way to post Deans List recipients of HHS alumni to motivate current students attract incoming students. There is a lot of competition for high schools in our area. Discussed having 11th and 12th grade students talk to incoming 8th graders to recruit more students into HHS. A suggestion was made that Karen include a reminder to parents to check the daily announcements on a daily basis to stay on top of all the activities at the high school at the bottom of any correspondence she sends.

Alyssa Coffaro 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 Feb 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the Holmdel High School Auditorium.