

**Holmdel High School PTSO**  
**March 10, 2014**

Mary Lou Moramarco called the meeting to order at 9:35 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. Lucia Van Name made a motion to accept the February minutes. Robin Grossman 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved. The new Assistant Superintendent Dr. Robert McGarry introduced himself at the meeting. He has been in the position for two weeks and said he is already very impressed with the amazing, staff, students, and parents at the high school.

**Presidents Report -**

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

- It is time to start thinking about your positions for next year. Nominations will close this month and the slate will be read at the April meeting to be voted on at the May meeting. I sent out requests for nominations for the PTSO elected board positions to all of the appointed board members, the entire HHS population via the newsletter as well as the PSG newsletter and Mr. Howard send an e-mail with the letter to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents. Please volunteer if you are able.
- There will be a Cyber Crimes presentation by the FBI on March 19 at 7 p.m. at the high school.
- Please support **Project Graduation** and purchase tickets to see the musical Shrek at Count Basie Theatre on May 2.
- **Project Graduation** is also running a Shoprite gift card fundraiser. Purchase Shoprite gifts thru the committee and 5% goes to supporting Project Graduation.
- W.R. Satz School Sports Recycling Event: Drop off gently used sports equipment on March 17 to 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Satz door #26
- Indian Hill School Boardwalk is in need of volunteers to work the booths, serve and help out. The date of the event is Friday March 14 from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. All interested volunteers please contact Darlene Kiss at [deeand68@comcast.net](mailto:deeand68@comcast.net). Students will receive their community service hours letter that same night.
- HFEE is starting to sell tickets to their April 5 fundraiser.
- Village School is holding it's 'Village Idol' on May 2. Read Across America, Hoops for Heart, and Kindergarten registration are currently underway.
- Drug and Alcohol Alliance is holding Sudden Impact on June 6 and is in need of volunteers. They can use college students. The event will run from 8:30 to 11:30a.m.
- **The PTSO COMEDY NIGHT is set for April 26.** It will be a fun filled evening featuring comedy, live music and dinner theater at the Greek Church in Holmdel.
- Karen Strickland met with **Chartwells**, our food vendor. Concerns raised by parents were brought up and confusions were clarified. When students bring their own refillable cups to the beverage bar, they get a \$.15 discount off the cost of a 12 ounce or 16 ounce cup depending on the size of the refillable cup. They will investigate the concern that Styrofoam is still being used to serve pizza. Since the

goal is to increase use of recyclables, it is preferred that some other type of container be used. To address the long lines for sandwiches at the deli, Chartwells is looking into developing some sort of pre-ordering form. While composting is a worthwhile endeavor, it is difficult for a school district to participate in. Compost is not part of Chartwells area of responsibility. The school district is responsible for recycling and waste disposal. The next Chartwells meeting is May 14 at 11 a.m. at the HS. Submit your concerns to either Mary Lou or Karen.

For extra information visit the Parent Groups website at [holmdelparents.org/Holmdel-high-school/](http://holmdelparents.org/Holmdel-high-school/)

Important Dates:

Comedy Night April 26

Next PTSO Meeting: April 9 at 9:30 a.m.

## Principal's Report - 10 March 2014

### Writing Samples for Honors English

Writing sample tasks were given for any student in Grades 9-10-11 currently enrolled in a non-Honors English class and hopeful for an Honors placement next year. **A MAKEUP session is planned for ALL GRADES on Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> after school in Room 150.**

### HTG Presents "Some Enchanted Evening"

The Holmdel Theater Guild (HTG) presents "**Some Enchanted Evening**" featuring the songs of Rodgers and Hammerstein. Performances are scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup> - March 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm in the auditorium. Tickets are available for purchase at the door on the night of the performance - General Admission \$12, Students \$5. We hope to see you there!

### Girls Basketball in Sectional Final

The Girls Basketball team plays TONIGHT for the Central Jersey 2 championship at HOME vs. Manasquan - ranked #3 in NJ. Game time is set for 6:00 pm. Good luck ladies!

### **Marin Warner Shines**

Congratulations to Marin Warner, who placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall at last week NJ Meet of Champions in the 1600 meters - she set a school record (4:54.15) and just missed the Monmouth County record (4:53.70).

### **Student Musicians Earn All Shore and All State Recognitions**

Congratulations to the following students for being selected to the **All-Shore Jazz Band**

Segio Buzzerio

Rajeev Erramilli

Erika Kwong

April Licato

Sarah Wain

Additionally, Rajeev Erramilli was selected to the **All-Region Symphonic Band** and the **All-State Symphonic Band!** Way to go!

### **Lucy Wang is a State Finalist**

Good luck to senior **Lucy Wang** who will compete in the STATE FINALS of the "Poetry Out Loud" competition on Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at the NJ Performing Arts Center.

### **Congratulations to HHS Creative Writers!**

Congratulations to the following students for awards in Creative Writing from **Scholastic Magazine**:

Allison Chu - Gold (Personal Memoir)

Lucy Wang - Gold (Poetry)

Vivian Tsai - Silver (Poetry)

Ray Wang - Silver (Humor)

### **HHS Student Earns Community Service Award**

Congratulations to **Tyler Kiss** who recently earned a Presidential Volunteer Service award from the Prudential - Spirit of Community Awards. Way to go!

### **HHS Coaches Honored**

Good news for two HHS coaches:

John Nacarlo (Boys Soccer) - NJSCA Hall of Fame Inductee 2014

Chuck Chelednik (Boys Tennis) - 2013 National Coach of the Year

### **Enrollment (10 March 2014)**

12<sup>th</sup> - 258

10<sup>th</sup> - 259

11<sup>th</sup> - 262

9<sup>th</sup> - 227

Total - 1006

### **March Dates of Interest**

10 - PTSO Mtg. (9:30 am)

11 - Alliance Mtg. (1:00 pm); Project Graduation Mtg. (7:00 pm);  
HFEE Mtg. (7:30 pm)

12 - District Art Show Reception (7:00 pm); BOE Mtg. (8:00 pm)

- 13 - HTG Musical (7:30 pm); District Art Show (Lower Commons)
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- 18 - Winter Sports Awards (7:00 pm)
- 19 - Transitions Mtg. (Pd. 2); Cyber Safety Presentation (7:00 pm)
- 20 - WL International Dinner (6:00 pm)
- 21 - China Night (6:30 pm)
- 25 - District Music Concert (7:00 pm)
- 26 - BOE Mtg. (8:00 pm)
- 27 - Battle of the Faculties (6:30 pm)
- 28 - Early Dismissal for Students (PD for Staff); HHS "Spring Fling" Dance - (7:00 pm)
- 31 - Spring Sports Sportsmanship Mtg. (2:30 pm)

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**Teacher Representative – Sherryl McBride and Ann Raneiri –  
Faculty Report to PTSO**

**Art Show**

Our District Art Show will open Wednesday night at 7:00 p. m. - this is the opening reception and the show will be on exhibition until the following week - thank you very much - Alana Lazar - work is from Village School to the HS

**Congratulations to Individual Students**

- Congratulations to senior Lucy Wang for advancing to the State Finals of the NJ “Poetry Out Loud” competition. Lucy competes at Princeton University this month for the opportunity to advance to the National Finals in Washington, D.C.
- Congratulations to senior Claire Gates - HHS’s winner of the annual Shakespeare spoken word contest. Claire will represent us at the county competition in March.
- Congratulations to senior Rajeev Erramilli whose paper: "Applications of Quantum Annealing in Optimization" has been selected to be presented in the poster session at the Monmouth Junior Science symposium.
- Bilal Shaikh, Anirudh Goyal, Marwa Abdulhai, Yash Shah and Laura Lin will have sequenced clones for publication in the national database, NCBI, the National Center for Biotechnology Information. They are five of ten students in Honors Advanced Research involved in the Waksman Student Scholars Program where we isolate and analyzing segments of the genome from the duckweed, *Landoltia punctata*, whose genome is at present not completely known. This project is under the auspices of Rutgers University Waksman Institute of Microbiology who provides all the equipment and materials. All ten students are in different stages of sequence analyses and have the opportunity to get published. This is a wonderful accomplishment; after all not many 15-17 year old high school student can claim to be published in a national database.

### **Congratulations to Academic Teams**

- Congratulations to our Science Leaguers who swept February’s meet, earning first place for Area 22 in ALL categories, Bio1, Bio2, Chem1, Chem2, Phys1 and Phys2. Congratulations to everyone, and to their teachers!
- Holmdel's math team placed second behind High Tech in the Shore Math League this year. The countywide Shore Math League is comprised of six regular season contests. The last contest was at Middletown North HS on 2/24/14. The top five teams with their final league scores are as follows:
  - High Tech (311)
  - Holmdel (286)
  - Freehold Boro (272)
  - CBA (271)
  - Manalapan (256)

### **Congratulations to Faculty Members**

- Steve Touma has won the Bayshore Educator of the Year Award from Caesarea Lodge 64 Keyport. He was selected for his outstanding commitment to students and freely giving his time and talents to them beyond the requirements of his position. He is now in contention for round #2- the District (regional) Award.
- Jill McCracken reports that she received her award from the 911 Tribute Center in NYC last week for creating a curriculum and course unit in International Relations that addresses Terrorism and 9/11. Student Claire Gates and her mother, who are members of the Families of 9/11, joined Mr. Loughran and Jill McCracken. They also toured the 9/11 memorial on the anniversary of the 1st bombing of the WT on 2/26/1993. She describes it as very moving and very powerful.

**VP Membership** – Alyssa Cofarro – The winners of our raffle for two tickets to Comedy Night were notified via e-mail. Our current membership is 267 families, which represents 32% of enrolled families. Please note I made an error in my report for January, where I stated that we had 313 enrolled families. This report reflects the correct amount of membership.

**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 February Report  
**Income ( Pathmark Script).....23.80**  
**Expenses .....0.00**  
**Ending Balance as Feb 28.....\$10,552.26**  
 Linda Jackman made a motion to accept the February Treasurer’s Report. 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

**Corresponding Secretary** – Dani Page – No report

**Committee Reports**

**ARISE Liaison** – Darlene Kiss- No report

**Bake Sales** – Deidre Kane and Jennifer Yan – \$52 raised last month. They will be soliciting bakers for the next sale.

**BOE** – Abbi Finch – Robert McGarry has taken over the position of assistant superintendent.

**Booster Liaison** – Roseanne Wreidt – No report

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Liaison** – Lisa Cronin – No Report  
**10<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Liaison** – Mary Lou Moramarco –No report  
**11<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Liaison** – Donna Disko – No report.  
**12<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Liaison** – Lucia Van Name – There will be a milkshake sale on March 17 and a beanbag toe touch fundraiser on April 10.

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

**HCAA** – Julie Stolker – HCAA is considering doing a Sing next year, which is a student produced show featuring competition among the grades.

**HDAA** – Kristin Echavaria – The next meeting is March 11 at 1:00 p.m.

**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 – No Report

**Newcomers** – Colleen Fischer –No Report.

**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 – They need to sell a few more tickets to Shrek in order to break even. A sign up sheet was sent around for volunteers to work the night of Project Graduation.

**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 – Congratulations to Frank Papalia for getting married and to Jennifer Cibelli and her new baby.

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

**Provisional Business** – Mr. Loughran was asked “What percentage of the school district needs to be present for a day to be counted as part of the school year?” Mr. Loughran was not sure about the percentage, but was not worried about their being enough students present during Spring Break to make those days viable.

**New Business** –

Lucia Van Name made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Melissa Mohr 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved and the meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m. The next PTSO meeting will take place on Wednesday April 9, at 9:30 a.m. in the Holmdel High School Auditorium.