

**Holmdel High School PTSO**  
**May 12, 2014**

Mary Lou Moramarco called the meeting to order at 9:45 p.m. The PTSO meeting took place in the lower commons. 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 April minutes. Teri Perez 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

**Presidents Report -**

Happy Mother's Day

- Thank you to our wonderful hospitality staff for the teacher's luncheon and to everyone who helped.
- Comedy Night was a lot of fun and thank you to all of the volunteers who worked to make the evening a success.
- We are still looking for forms for volunteers for next year's appointed board positions. Please volunteer if you are able.
- The nominating committee presented the slate at the last meeting and was published to all HHS e-mails on file. It will be voted on later in the meeting.
- We have decided to send a paper packet out in August and the date we will be collating is June 11 at 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the lower commons. Anyone wanting to put a flyer in the packet should have 1000 copies made before June 11 and be sure to remember your color from last year. If you wish to use the HS to make the copies, please do so by June 6, as the teachers will be using the copiers after that for exams. We need at least one person to attend from each committee.
- The gifting committee will have approximately \$8500 to gift this year. Mr. Loughran is looking into what requests the HS has this year.
- The Scholarship Committee will be meeting right after this meeting today. Senior Awards Day is June 10 and the scholarships will be presented on that date.
- President's Council will meet on May 22
- The next Chartwell's food meeting is on May 14. Please contact Karen with any food issues. Next year we may add a board position for food issues with Chartwells.

## **Principal's Report - 12 May 2014**

### **Traffic Pattern Entering Into Satz**

My understanding is that an attempt to make the situation at Satz safer in the morning has had unintended consequences on the HS drop off in the morning. I was outside this morning

to monitor the drop off and will continue to observe this week - I will also be speaking with Buildings and Grounds to see if any "tweaking" can be done.

## "Fridays - o Fun"

Beginning this morning, we have six (6) school weeks left (28 days) - the Friday of each week features an important event:

May 16<sup>th</sup> - Junior Prom (Doolan's in Spring Lake - 7:00 pm)

May 23<sup>rd</sup> - Early Dismissal (Color Wars - 11:00 am)

May 30<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "HHS Lip Dub (1:20 pm)

June 6<sup>th</sup> - Sudden Impact / Senior Prom (Jumping Brook in Neptune - 7:00 pm)

June 13<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Final Exams

## Final Exams

Date	1 <sup>st</sup> exam (8:30 - 10:30)	2 <sup>nd</sup> exam (11:15 - 1:15)
Friday, June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Period 8	Period 7
Monday, June 16 <sup>th</sup>	Period 3	Period 6
Tuesday, June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Period 2	Period 5
Wednesday, June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Period 1	Period 4

## Enrollment (12 May 2014)

12<sup>th</sup> - 258

10<sup>th</sup> - 259

11<sup>th</sup> - 261

9<sup>th</sup> - 227

Total - 1005

## May Dates of Interest

12th-16th	AP Exams - Week 2
12	PTSO Mtg. (9:30 am)
13	Alliance Mtg. (1:00 pm)
14	BOE Meeting (Satz - 8:00 pm)
16 pm)	Junior Prom (Doolan's in Spring Lake - 6:30
20 & 21	Biology Competency Test (NJBCT)
20 pm)	WL Honor Society Induction Ceremony (7:00
23	Early Dismissal (Color Wars - 11:00 am)
26	No School - Memorial Day
28	BOE Meeting (7:00 pm - HHS Commons)
29 Elections)	Class Meetings (Pd. 2 - All Grades - Class
29 pm)	HHS Choral and Bells Spring Concert (7:30

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## June Dates of Interest

- 2-6 PARCC Pilot Testing (End of Course Assessments)
- 2 HCAA Mtg. (9:00 am - Off Campus)
- 2 Spring Sports Awards (7:00 pm)
- 4 "Sports Expo" (Cross Farms); HTG Awards Dinner (6:30 pm)
- 5 HHS Spring Instrumental Concert (7:00 pm)
- 6 "Sudden Impact" (Seniors Only); Senior Prom (Jumping Brook - 7:00 pm)
- 9 PTSO Mtg. (9:30 am - Off Campus)
- 9 Yearbook Signing Party (Srs. Only - 5:00 pm); Music Dept. Awards (6:30 pm)
- 10 Senior Awards (6:30 pm)
- 11 NAHS Induction Ceremony (6:30 pm)
- 11 BOE Mtg. (7:00 pm - Indian Hill)
- 12 "Locker Cleanout" (8:00 am); Acting Showcase (6:30 pm)
- 13 Final Exams (Periods 8 and 7)

- 16 Final Exams (Periods 3 and 6)
- 17 Final Exams (Periods 2 and 5); Graduation Practice (1:30 pm)
- 18 Final Exams (Periods 1 and 4);
- 19 Last Day of School (Early Dismissal for Students); Graduation (6:45 pm)
- 25 BOE Mtg. (8:00 pm - Satz)
- 27 Report Cards mailed home

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

**Thanks!**

- Thank you for the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon! Everything was delicious and your generosity, as always made us feel so good. Thank you for all of your efforts in and school and for recognizing our contributions.
- Thanks to an HFEE grant, the 9th graders enjoyed a performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* presented by the Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey on Tuesday, May 6th.

**Congratulations to Students:**

- **Photography student, Alexa Semler**, won the \$100.00 first place prize in a nature photography contest sponsored by “Citizens for Informed Land Use”, a local Holmdel group. **Chloe Chang** was awarded an Honorable mention in second place.
- In the **statewide NJ Math League (six after-school contests)**, Holmdel finished 10th in the state and 2nd in the county. High Tech was actually the number one school in the state in this league (for the first time). **Alan Tong** was one of the top seven students in the state in NJ Math League

- In the **national American Computer Science League (ACSL)**, our two computer science teams finished 6th and 9th in the country in their respective divisions. The top three students on both teams will be traveling to Denver over Memorial Day weekend to compete in the prestigious ACSL All-Star Contest on Saturday, May 24th. The "Senior 3" team consists of Jeffrey Lu, Alan Tong, and Ray Wang. The "Intermediate 3" team consists of Patricia Shelton, Andrew Li, and Grant Li.

**Congratulations to Faculty:**

- **Teacher of the Year:** Congratulations to **Suzanne Michaud** – Holmdel High School Teacher of the Year!
- Congratulations to **Steve Touma** who is recognized by the **Masonic Lodge** as the **State Educator of the Year!**
- **Dave Gurney – NEH scholarship recipient**  
 Recently David Gurney earned a scholarship and will be participating in a summer workshop of collaborative seminars, field work and individual research as part of the National Endowment for the Humanities summer program. He will be among forty teachers from around the country that will study at the Hanford Nuclear Site in Richland, Washington. Hanford is a largely decommissioned nuclear facility, as well as the first full-scale nuclear production plant to manufacture plutonium for use in American nuclear weapons and technology. The plutonium manufactured at the site was part of the Manhattan Project and used in the Fat Man bomb detonated over Nagasaki, as well as the Trinity Test in New Mexico. Today, the site is the most contaminated nuclear site in the United States and constitutes a large percentage of our Department of Energy's environmental clean-up budget. Mr. Gurney is excited to be able to bring newfound knowledge, understanding and learning materials into the classroom when discussing the United States, the Cold War, environmental concerns and nuclear technology.

**Executive Board Reports:**

**VP Membership** – Alyssa Cofarro – 1 new member, A collection was made for the breakfast meeting at the Red Oak Diner in June.

**VP Fundraising** –Teri Perez, Roseanne Wriedt – Write A Check second request took in \$2000. Discussed moving the date of this fundraiser next year to October.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Robin Grossman- Robin read the April Report

<b>Income ( Pathmark Script, Comedy Night, Write A Check)</b> .....	<b>\$6,448.10</b>
<b>Expenses (Comedy Night, Hospitality)</b> .....	<b>\$1,756.34</b>
<b>Ending Balance as April 31</b> .....	<b>\$17,420.44</b>

Andrea Wojtunik made a motion to accept the April Treasurer’s Report. Roseanne Wriedt 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

**Corresponding Secretary** – Dani Page – Karen Strickland read thank you letters from the Class of 2017 and Suzanne Michaud.

**Recording Secretary** – Michele Shields –

**Committee Reports**

**ARISE Liaison** – Darlene Kiss- Anna Vander Woude will take her position next year.

**Bake Sales** – Deidre Kane and Jennifer Yan – Next bake sale is May 20. They will solicit bakers.

**BOE** – Abbi Finch – We discussed the need of having a representative present at both the BOE meetings and the PTSO meetings to keep us informed of what is relevant to and may affect high school students and parents.

**Booster Liaison** – Roseanne Wreidt – Need volunteers to work in concession stand on May 15 and May 27 about 5:30 p.m. Question was asked why didn't students work in the stand, but Mr. Loughran said he preferred to keep it adults only. There are fewer problems and liability when only parents run the concession stand.

**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 – She will coordinate the selling and distribution of graduation balloons. A suggestion was made that the letter sent out to senior parents should encourage families to purchase more than one balloon as it is a fundraiser for the PTSO and a bouquet of balloons draws more attention. Mr. Loughran said he would remember to revise the letter for next year.

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Liaison** – Lucia Van Name – She will coordinate Grab and Go snacks for exams. Parent volunteers are needed to distribute the snacks on exam days.

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

**HCAA** – Julie Stolker – One Acts performed May 8, 9 and 10. They were very funny and scary. Mr. Clores son wrote one of the plays.

**HDAA** – Kristin Echavaria – The heroin presentation was well attended. HDAA is in need of volunteers to work at Sudden Impact the morning of June 6 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Volunteers are to meet in the Commons. If you would like to see the presentation be in the auditorium at 8:30 a.m.

**HFEE** – Tom Minerva – Waiting to hear the Gala results.

**Hospitality** – Emma Butler – Thank you for the teacher luncheon. It was a hoe-down theme and the teachers loved it.

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

**OneCause Fundraising** – Kim Jeanos – No report

**Photocopier** – Vicky Mazzei – There was a problem with the copier and there was no money in the till. A Repair person will give us an estimate for repairs. Perhaps this is the time to remove it since many students don't use the technology anymore.

**Programs** – Darlene Kiss, Darlene Field and Lisa Lograno – No Report

**Project Graduation** – Linda Jackman - Debbie Lynch – Lots of fundraising news.

**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 – The Student Directory Team met March 19 in the Satz library to discuss the 2014/15 Edition.

**Sunshine** – Laurie Fontana – No Report

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

**Provisional Business** – Report from the Nominating Committee: Teri Perez read the 2014/ 2015 Slate of Officers:

President: Karen Strickland

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (Membership): Alyssa Coffaro

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (Fundraising): Roseanne Wriedt and Robin Anderson

Treasurer: Robin Grossman

Recording Secretary: Michele Shields

Corresponding Secretary: Dani Page

Teri Perez made a motion to accept the Slate of Officers. All approved.

**New Business** – We are thinking of creating a new appointed board position to sit in on the food meetings. Mary Lou would like to thank all of you for your help and support over the past four years. “Serving as your co-president with Francine Campis and then as your president for two years and then again as your co-president has been a lot of fun for me.” “But it is time now for me to step aside and to let someone else have some fun.” “I hope that I have provided some entertainment as we have done such great work for the students and faculty of HHS”. “I say this without having to say good-bye and I will miss you all.” “Since I have a current sophomore, I will still be around for another two years.”



“It’s actually anti-climactic!” “I feel very happy grateful to be able to leave you with a PTSO in healthy standing with a full slate of officers enabling you to hit the ground running in September.” “Karen & I will be at the next meeting, which is our breakfast meeting, but since this is the last meeting at the HS I wanted to make sure I could extend my thanks at the place where it matters most.”

Lucia Van Name made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Teri Perez 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved and the meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m. The next PTSO meeting will take place on Monday, June 5 at 9:30 a.m. at the Red Oak Diner.