

Holmdel High School PTSO December 12, 2011 Meeting Notes

Mary Lou Moramarco called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The PTSO meeting took place in the HS 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 November minutes. Robin Grossman 2nd. All approved. **Presidents Report**

- “How to Demystify the College Process” presentation given after the November PTSO meeting was well received by all attending parents. Special thanks to our speakers, Mary Mykityshyn, Luke Kealy, Cathy Weber, Linda Greco and to the organizer of the event Roseanna Searles
- BOE moved to the old kindergarten wing in the Village School.
- Village School is pairing up with Indian Hill School and sponsoring the 2011 Holiday Vendor and Craft Sale on Friday, December 16 from 5p.m. to 9p.m. in the High School Commons.
- Every Thursday Holmdel Cold Stone Creamery will take 10% off of your ice cream purchase and donate it to Project Graduation.
- HFEE Dinner Dance is March 10 at Trump International Golf Course. The cost is \$150 per person.
- High School musical is moved to March 15, 16 and 17.
- Project Graduation sponsored Skylar on November 30. The event was as always, well attended.

Principal's Report

- Happy Holidays to all.
- Mrs. Lepore will be on maternity leave after the winter break. Mr. Gelpke will take over as senior class advisor in her absence.
- Parent teacher conference times will go back to 8 minutes long as the increased time this year presented no improvement.
- Mr. Katz will be retiring in the spring. Advertisements for an interim replacement for May and June as well as a permanent replacement for next year have been posted. The goal is to have candidates for both positions chosen by February 1.
- Surveys were sent out regarding midterms and finals. The surveys were sent out to gather data on perceived effectiveness of our current policies. Data is based on the current sophomore, junior and senior class. 250 parents and 250 students participated. Data was also obtained from 30 area high schools. Results have determined that no changes will be made to the midterm and final policy. Grading systems may be the issue instead. Further research is needed to determine if our grading system is fair in assessing and presenting grades.
- Extracurricular activities and code of conduct surveys will be sent out soon.
- Chorus and Hand Bell Concert is December 15.
- Winter Instrumental Concert is December 21
- Thank you for the PTSO gift of stainless steel benches. They have been installed in the front of the school by the flag- pole and look great.

- Eighth grade parent night is January 5 at 7p.m.
- College Connection Assembly is January 6 at 8:30 a.m. A guest panel of current college seniors will answer questions from HS seniors regarding college life. Please contact Ms. Kostka if you know of any college seniors willing to participate.
- The Fall Sports season was outstanding and the Fall Awards Assembly on December 6 went well paying tribute to our successful athletes and coaches. Over 350 athletes participated in fall sports programs, including 56 seniors who were honored that evening. 18 athletes were recognized as All Shore Athletes. Sean McCafferty was awarded Boys XC Monmouth County Shore Conference “Coach of the Year”. John Nacarlo was awarded Boys Soccer Monmouth County Shore Conference and New Jersey State “Coach of the Year”. Congratulations to all!
- Poetry Out Loud Competition will take place on January 6 at 6:30. Students will compete for the title of school champion. Chef Harkness will provide a coffee bar. Mr. Koryat’s jazz band as well as two dance teams will perform. The competition is being sponsored by the administration and the HTEA.

Teacher Representative Report- - Jackie Peters –

- Three successful days of parent-teacher conferences took place on November 29, December 1, and December 2.
- Spirit week took place featuring the Powder Puff Football Game, fall pep rally homecoming court elections and the homecoming football game. Congratulations to our seniors for winning the Powder Puff game as well as the 2011 homecoming court.
- Several Instant Decision Days were held at HHS including Fairleigh-Dickinson (11/3) and St. Johns University (12/6). Seniors had the option of meeting with a representative from these schools and receiving an instant decision.
- Ms. Bandini reported that her freshman/sophomore replacement class was reading *The Red Badge of Courage*. The parent of one of her students is a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the army and came to the school to discuss the life of a soldier. Additionally, the older brother of one of her students came in to talk about the 9/11 Memorial in NY and the war.

Officer’s Reports**VP Membership** -Victoria Entwistle – 5 more families have joined bringing membership up to 45%.

VP’s Fundraising – Roseanne Wriedt and Teri Perez- No report

Treasurer’s Report – Karin Swan- Karin read the November report.

Income (membership dues, write-a-check campaign, bake sales and student directory)..... \$4662.64Expense (student directory and renewal of Charitable Org. status).....\$963.00

Bank Balance as of 11/30/2011\$15,516.99

Darlene Kiss made a motion to accept the November report. Debbie Bohny 2nd. All approved. **Corresponding Secretary** – Cindy Spalliero – Please sign in. Last year the monthly meeting minutes were sent out via email to the PTSO distribution list. Would members like to continue receiving them via email or would they prefer to read them on the parent website instead. Parent, Beth Ruda sent a note explaining that she is unable to attend Monday meetings but would like to help out with any committee that she can devote time to on Wednesdays or Fridays.

Committee Reports BOE – Barbara Daly- BOE meeting on December 14. Math and Science Supervisor interviews have been conducted. Results should be out shortly.

Bake Sales – Debbie Bohny- Next bake sale is December 13. Emails will be sent out to remind volunteers to bake.

Booster Liaison – Karen Mansuri –No report

9th Grade Class Liaison – Donna Disko – No report

10th Grade Class Liaison – Lucia Van Name – An after school candy and Gatorade sale has been planned to use the excess items left over from the Powder Puff game.

11th Grade Class Liaison – Deb Bohny – The Junior Prom will be held on May 18 at Doolans in Spring Lake.

12th Grade Class Liaison – Pam Lynch- The senior class recently raffled off a parking space in a prime location in the parking lot as a fundraiser. We have secured a DJ and photographer for the senior prom. Chili's restaurant night is scheduled for December 15. Discussing a Valentine's Day fundraiser as well as the Old Monmouth candy fundraiser for the spring.

Historian – Lisa Ching- No report

Holmdel Alliance – Kristin Echavaria- No Report

Holmdel Creative Arts Association (HCAA) – Tammy Stanziale, Veronica Weber – Auditions were held for the W.R. Satz play Alice in Wonderland and the H.S. play Once Upon a Mattress.

HFEE – Roseanne Wriedt – Save the date forms have been sent out for the annual HFEE Dinner Dance at the Trump International on March 10, 2012. There is still time to return the forms to Chris Hazel and be entered into a drawing for two free tickets to the event. Volunteers and donations are needed. If you would like to donate an auction item please contact Chris Hazel at 732-772-1780. A specially prepared meal by Chef Harkness is one of the exciting auction prizes this year.

Hospitality – Chris Hazel- no report

Newcomers – Colleen Fisher – No Report. **Operation Get out the Vote** - We need a liaison for this committee.

OneCause Fundraising – We need a liaison for this committee – Please sign up and holiday shop online. It is easy to use and we receive an automatic donation every time you shop.

Photocopier - Cathy Sorice- No Report

Programs – Roseanna Searles- Thanks again for a great “College Process Presentation”

Project Graduation – Look for an upcoming “Cash for Gold” event, “Movie Night” and gift basket raffles.

Special Projects - Emma Butler will register for a table at community day.

Student Directory –Theresa Slade- Directories are out. Trying to merge with the school form so you can automatically be in the directory without signing up.

Sunshine – Laurie Fontana- No Report

Website – Tammy Boyle- Pay Pal information will go out in the H.S. newsletter.

Provisional Business –.

New Business – Teri Perez made a plea on behalf of Bayshore Hospital. It is refurbishing its Pediatric E.R. Unit and is looking for donations to help cover the \$150,000 cost. The unit is scheduled to open in March. If you would like to make a donation please contact Teri Perez. Lucia Van Name asked if there was any way to change the way that parent-teacher conferences are set up as the slots fill up very quickly and the set up was a bit confusing. Mr. Loughran explained that by contract teachers are only supposed to come for conferences for two nights and those times unfortunately, do fill up quickly. She suggested having the secretaries set up conference times like they do at W.R. Satz . Mr. Loughran explained that there are too many students and teachers in the high school to do it the same way. Mr. Loughran did encourage parents to feel free to contact teachers via email or phone if they have any concerns or questions at any time during the year.

Debbie Bohny made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Darlene Kiss 2nd. All approved and the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.The next PTSO meeting will be Monday, January 9 at 9:30 a.m