

Holmdel High School PTSO
April 16, 2012 Meeting Notes
Rough Draft

Mary Lou Moramarco called the meeting to order at 9:35 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. Donna Disko made a motion to accept the March minutes. Lucia Van Name 2nd. All approved.

Presidents Report

- Community Day table is all set to go. The parent support group banner was found and will be displayed. There will be give-aways and we will promote the PTSO website.
- Every Thursday Holmdel Cold Stone Creamery will take 10% off of your ice cream purchase and donate it to Project Graduation.
- Comedy Night is April 21 featuring Mike Marino. Dinner and show is \$50. Bring your own beverages.
- “Tickborne Diseases and The Family”, a presentation with an emphasis on neuropsychiatric symptoms in children will be held on April 26 from 7p.m. to 9p.m.
- Vicki Entwistle attended the Chartwell’s school food meeting. She reports that there is no pink slime in the district and one vendor was changed in order to achieve this. They are reinvesting profits back into the school by purchasing 2 new pizza ovens, hot lamps, a walk-in-refrigerator and a new smoothie machine.

Principal’s Report

- Holmdel Relays are scheduled for April 21 at HHS. They will run throughout the day.
- The English Department will be celebrating Shakespeare’s birthday through out this week with special projects and presentations.
- “Holmdel’s Got Talent Show” is scheduled for Wednesday April 18.
- “China Night” is scheduled for Friday April 20.
- The new Assistant Principal has been appointed. Dr. Owen Bonner who currently works at Central Regional High School will begin work at H.H.S. on July 1.
- H.H.S will be celebrating Pinkdel Day on Friday May 11 in honor of the township sponsored Pink Fund event.
- Sudden Impact event has been rescheduled to June 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. It is the same day as the Senior Prom and students can be signed out immediately following the presentation.
- No printing of report cards this marking period. Grades can be viewed via the powerschools student portal. Teachers are advised to have 3rd marking period grades in by Thursday, April 19.
- Class elections have been rescheduled to May 15 following AP Exams.
- Sad Goodbye to Mr. Katz as this will be the last meeting he will attend before he retires.

- Mr. Loughran will be meeting with Senior English classes tomorrow to talk about the importance of keeping grades up. He will share a story from last year about a college rescinding their offer of admission based on poor senior year grades.

Vice Principal Report – Mr. Katz- Holmdel is a great district to work in. The parent-staff relationship is excellent and the children are fantastic. The PTSO support is greatly appreciated. Looking forward to attending the graduation ceremonies.

Teacher Representative Report- Jackie Peters –

PTSO Report for Holmdel High School April, 2012

"Time is flying, never to return" - Virgil

Here we are in the fourth marking period already. Holmdel is a busy place, as you will see from this report.

First off, some wonderful news!!!!!! Congratulations to **Kathy Dougherty**, who was recognized by the **Freemasons** of New Jersey as their 2012 "**State Teacher of the Year**"! Kathy was a guest of honor at their annual banquet in Atlantic City. Well-deserved!

Next fantastic news: **Mr. Lewis** proudly shared that our school scored the fourth place in the statewide **Math League** Competition. What an awesome achievement!

Dr. Blaha reports that we had two students whose posters were among the 61 selected to compete today at the **Monmouth Junior Science Symposium**. **Tanvi Goyal's** paper is entitled: "Using Serum Bio-markers for Breast Cancer Prediction: A Comparative Evaluation of Serum Bio-markers for Constructing a prognostic Model for Breast Cancer Prediction" (in layman's language, a safer and less invasive method to detect breast cancer). **Daway Chou-Ren's** paper is entitled: "Identifying Heat Induced Failure Mechanisms in Yttria-stabilized Zirconia Thermal Barrier Coatings" (in everyday speak: what happens to refractory materials when these are subject to extremely high temperatures? as in airplane engines). Daway and Tanvi went through the judging with flying colors, and Daway won the blue ribbon, First Place in the Engineering and Physical Science Category! His paper was one of many from such research powered high schools such as High Tech HS and Bergen County Academy and won first place! Congratulations to Daway and to Tanvi!

Here is some more good news about **Daway Chou-Ren**...he will be a published author in *Materials Letters*! His paper, "Chemical diffusion increases thermal expansion gradients enhancing compressive stress cracking at the TGO interface," was also a Siemens Semi-finalist. In layman's language, Daway studied the effects of extreme conditions on the integrity of thermally grown oxides, materials which are, for example, used in the manufacturing of airplanes. He did this work at Princeton last summer, and got to play with epitaxial growth reactors and scanning electron microscopy! Congratulations again!

Dr. Blaha also reports that the **Open Exam** (first level) of the 2012 United States Chemistry Olympiad was held recently for Monmouth County at Brookdale Community College. Sixteen of our AP Chemistry students went to this competition and took three out of the five top scores! Congratulations to everyone who went (after studying up a storm!). Two of our students will take the second test- a very difficult three hour exam which includes a lab practical component. This is the qualifying round for the top twenty finalists in the whole country, from which, the four students who will represent the United States in the International Chemistry Olympiad will be chosen.

A final bit of science news from **Dr. Blaha**: the March **Science League** meet for area 22 was held last month at Marlboro High School. Holmdel took first in Biology 1, Chemistry 1, Chemistry 2, and Physics 2; and second in Biology 2 and Physics 1. Great job!

In World Language news, the **World Language Honor Societies** held their annual **International Dinner** on March 22nd. The evening began with wonderful food selections from around the world, all courtesy of society members. After that, each society presented part of the evening's entertainment. There was singing, dancing, a yo-yo demo, and a skit. It was a delightful evening celebrating cultures from around the world.

Mr. Weisfeld is proud to report that the **Holmdel Robotics Team Singularity** (team number 4128) performed wonderfully in their second competition this past weekend at Lenape FIRST Robotics District Competition! The team came home with the **Rookie All-Star Award**! This is the highest award for a rookie team to earn and automatically sends them to the Philadelphia Regional Competition in two weeks and gives the team a

one in five chance to qualify for WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS. The judges were blown away by their innovative design and practical use of recycled wood, cardboard, and duct tape! They adopted the quote, "Dreams are made of duck tape!"

Tennis Coach **Chelednick** was recently inducted in the **NJSIAA Coaches Hall of Fame** for his long, illustrious, and ongoing work with both Boys and Girls Tennis at Holmdel.

Upcoming Events:

The **English Department** will be celebrating **Shakespeare's Birthday** (early, because the auditorium wasn't available on his actual birthday) by sharing scenes, monologues and other presentations during the school day on **Friday, April 20th**.

Chinese language classes are going to have **China Night** that same evening (Friday, April 20th) from 6 PM to 8:45 PM. There will be dinner and a talent show.

17 - Alliance Mtg. (1:00 pm)

18 - Transitions Meetings; **Owen Bonner visits**

20 - Shakespeare Day and China Night

21 - Holmdel Relays; PTSO Comedy Night (6:30 PM)

24 - **Al Longo visits**; Art and Music Honor Society Inductions (7:00 pm)

26 - PTSO - Lyme's Disease Awareness Presentation (7:00 pm)

27 - Holmdel Film Festival (7:00 pm)

30 - **Rich Katz's LAST DAY!**

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Peters

PTSO representative

Officer's Reports

VP Membership -Victoria Entwistle – No report.

VP Fundraising – Teri Perez and Roseanne Wriedt – Write-A-Check has raised \$11,480. 2nd mailing went out and \$175 has been collected in response to it.

Comedy night is April 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Greek Church. Tickets are \$50. The

evening will include a dinner buffet, live band and comedian Mike Marino. Bring your own beverage of choice. You can purchase your tickets by check via Roseanne or Teri or PAYPAL on the PTSO website. Buy your prom dress from the boutique Emilia, located at 28 Monmouth Street in Red Bank and they will donate 10% back to the PTSO.

Treasurer's Report – Karin Swan- Karin read the March report. We will be placing a \$300 PTSO ad in the addendum insert to th yearbook.

Income (membership dues, bake sales, Write A Check Fundraiser, Comedy Night, Emillia's prom dress sale proceeds, photocopier profits, and interest income)
..... \$642.14

Expense (deposit for Mike Marino, gift to Project Graduation of \$1000, and a transfer of proceeds from Cash for Gold fundraiser to Project Graduation for \$560.....\$3,060.00

Bank Balance as of 3/31/2012\$16,504.18

Agnes King made a motion to accept the March report. Darlene Kiss 2nd. All approved.

Corresponding Secretary – Cindy Spalliero –As we near end of school year, please send me an e-mail to remove your name off of our PTSO member list if you have a graduating Senior and no longer have anyone in the high school. This will help update list for the following year.

Committee Reports

Bake Sales – Debbie Bohny - \$44.50 collected in March. Next bake sale is April 18. We need a new liaison for this committee next year.

BOE – Barbara Daly – No report

Booster Liaison – Karen Mansuri –Relays begin April 21; volunteers needed.

9th Grade Class Liaison – Donna Disko – Car wash is in the planning stages.

10th Grade Class Liaison – Lucia Van Name – No report.

11th Grade Class Liaison – Deb Bohny – Donations of snack items for Holmdel's Got Talent are needed. Please drop off labeled items in the main office. Junior Prom is May 18

12th Grade Class Liaison – Pam Lynch – No report.

Historian – Lisa Ching- No report

Holmdel Alliance – Kristin Echavaria – No report.

Holmdel Creative Arts Association (HCAA) – Tammy Stanziale, Veronica Weber– One Act Play Festival May 10, 11, and 12. Student performers in the One Act Plays will be donating their time and performing at the Village School carnival.

HFEE – Roseanne Wriedt – No report.

Hospitality – Chris Hazel- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon is May 9 from 10a.m. to 2 p.m. Donations are needed please contact Chris for more information.

Newcomers – Colleen Fisher – No report

OneCause Fundraising – Beth Ruda has volunteered for this position.

Photocopier - Cathy Sorice- No report.

Programs – Roseanna Searles- We need someone to step up and take over this very important board position for next year.

Project Graduation – Deb Lynch and Teri Perez -. Annual donation request letter is about to go out. Don't forget to visit Cold Stone every Thursday, 10% of your purchase goes back to project graduation.

Publicity – Joanne Colella – No report.

Special Projects - Emma Butler- Holmdel day is April 21. The table is all set to go. Mary Lou found the banner displaying all four parent support groups. It will be a busy day along with Holmdel Relays, HYAA Baseball Parade and Comedy Night.

Student Directory –Theresa Slade – Volunteered for 2012/2013

Sunshine – Laurie Fontana- No report.

Website – Tammy Boyle- You can use PayPal to purchase your tickets for Comedy Night.

Provisional Business –Provisional Business – Cindy Spalliero read the the 2012-2013 Executive Slate:

President –Mary Lou Moramarco

Vice President Membership –Vicki Entwistle

Vice Presidents Fundraising – Teri Perez

Roseanne Wriedt

Treasurer – Debbie Bohny

Corresponding Secretary: Dani Page

Recording Secretary: Michele Shields

Mary Lou asked for nominations from the floor - there were none. Slate will remain open for a month and then we will vote on it at the May meeting.

The Project Graduation committee was originally formed under the Recreation Committee of the township. Mary Lou has been speaking with Andy Katz to see what the logical placement is of this committee.

New Business – We are looking into ‘going green’ with our school mailings this fall. We may send out a notice with the regular HS mailing directing families to our webpage with a checklist of all the things you need to do on one page. We will check with Village School since they successfully had all of their forms filled out on-line this year.

Debbie Bohny made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cindy Spalliero 2nd. All approved and the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

The next PTSO meeting will be Monday, May 14 at 9:30 a.m.