

Holmdel High School PTSO
June 11, 2012 Meeting Notes
Rough Draft

Mary Lou Moramarco called the meeting to order at 9:45 am. The PTSO meeting took place in the Red Oak Diner. 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 May minutes. Darlene Kiss 2nd. All approved.

Presidents Report

- I am still looking for some forms for volunteers for next year's appointed board positions. Please volunteer if you are able.
- Thank you to our scholarship committee- we will find out who the lucky recipients are tomorrow night.
- President's council will meet on Thursday.
- The website company is going to turn over the keys. We will have our tech people meet with them on May 22. All four schools want to go paperless. Forms, PayPal Buttons and only one sheet of paper will go home with instructions on how to fill out the forms on-line. Membership in the parent support groups will have its privileges.
- The PTSO would like to have an evening meeting again in November and add a new dimension to the College Experience Presentation that follows our evening meeting. A separate program for boys and girls on how to be "safe not sorry" and protect yourself in college. We need someone to coordinate before we can put it on the calendar.
- The three other schools, the Holmdel Recreation Department and the PBA have all agreed to donate a monetary gift to Project Graduation. Teri Perez will send a formal letter to request these donations.
- We will have approximately \$12,000 to allocate for gifts this year.
- Goodbye to Our Senior Parent's graduating out of the PTSO this year including: Cindy Spalliero, Pam Lynch, Cathy Sorice and Roseanna Searles. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication. You will be missed!

Principal's Report – Mr. Loughran –

- **Senior Prom** The event was well attended with 305 students participating in the fun.
- **The Senior Year Book Signing Party** is tonight in the high school commons from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
- **Senior Awards Night** is Tuesday, June 12 at 6:30 pm in the Auditorium.
- **Locker Clean Out** is Wednesday, June 13.
- **1st Graduation Practice** is Wednesday June 13. This rehearsal is mandatory for all students participating in the graduation ceremony.
- **2nd Graduation Practice** will be held on Tuesday June 19. Tickets and additional form for Project Graduation will be given out to students. There will

be a second permission slip for parent's to sign for Project Graduation from "The Club" itself.

- **Final Graduation Practice** will be held on June 20 at 10:00 am
- Students are expected back at the school by 5:30 pm on Graduation Night and the buses leaves promptly at 6:15 for Commencement Exercises at the Collins Arena at Brookdale Community College. The ceremony will begin at 6:45. There is no bus transportation back to school from Brookdale.
- **Project Graduation** will be held at The Club in Woodbridge. Students will meet in the commons at 9:30 pm. Buses will return to campus at 4:30 am.
- If you have any special seating needs at graduation, please contact Mr Bals directly at kbals@holmdelschools.org with those requests

Vice Principal Report – No report

Teacher's Report – Jackie Peters-

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Recent Happenings:

US History:

Ms. McBride reports that her juniors in AP and regular US history took a field trip to the **Vietnam Memorial & Education Center** here in Holmdel in mid-May and had a wonderful experience. They loved listening to the veterans who gave them tours and exploring the displays in the museum. Several of them indicated that they intend to go back and/or recommend it to others. She was impressed with the students' level of maturity and curiosity! Everyone was interested & focused. Prior to the field trip, each student had to write out 5 questions that they would like to ask a Vietnam veteran: numerous students made opportunities on the field trip to actually pose these questions and I believed gained great insight from it. **Mr. Gelpke** also took this trip with his juniors.

Boys Tennis:

Congratulations to a student for advancing to the quarterfinals of the **NJSIAA Singles Championships** and for two others for advancing to the quarterfinals of the NJSIAA Doubles Championships on Tuesday, June 5. **Mr. Westrol** adds that the boys ' tennis team completed an outstanding season winning the Shore Conference tournament for the 4th year in a row and winning the overall Group 2 State Championship

Sports Tryouts:

Fall sports tryouts were held last week, including cheerleading, Girls Tennis, Girls Soccer, Gymnastics, Boys Cross Country, Football, Boys Soccer, Volleyball, Girls Cross Country, and the Fall Dance Team.

Golf Outing:

Mr. Westrol announced that the Holmdel Athletics Golf Outing will take place on Thursday, June 21. All info is available on the Athletic Website. Please help support Athletics.

Replacement English:

Ms. Bandini reports that in **Replacement English** they have been doing many exciting activities based on Howard Gardener's Multiple Intelligence Theory. For example, they are currently reading a play and have acted out sections. They have also rewritten various scenes into modern language. Another activity was recording various scenes from the play and then playing them back for each other. They illustrated scenes from the play using the internet, magazines, and drawings, too. Finally, they are working on a comic strip.

Acting Showcase:

Congratulations to **Ms. Connelly** and her students on another strong **Acting Showcase** on the evening of June 1st – Bravo!

Merck Science Day:

Dr. Blaha reported that at the end of May, HHS participated in the 2012 **Merck Science Day** competitions, one of the most prestigious science competitions in New Jersey, in which about 120 of the best high schools in the state send in their best students to compete in five categories: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Integrated Science (Bio, Chem and Physics 1) and Advanced Integrated Science (second year Bio Chem and Physics). This year we were able to field complete teams and we won third place in Biology, fourth place in Chemistry, 17th place in Physics, 9th place in Integrated Science and 13th place in Advanced Integrated Science. With our five teams we were able to win fourth place overall in the state of New Jersey. As you can see from this partial list, we are in VERY good company! The top four scorers in each category are the Merck Scholars who were honored at an award ceremony on June 7th. By the way, our two Biology Merck Scholars also happen to be our youngest, having only had Honors Biology!

Computer Science League:

Mr. Lewis reported that six of our top students traveled to West Chester, PA, on Saturday, May 26th, to compete in the national **All-Star Contest of the American Computer Science League**. Our results were very impressive, highlighted by the fact that our Intermediate 3 team placed 3rd in the country. This prestigious contest involves programming and paper-and-pencil test-taking and is attended by the top technology magnet schools in the country (and even internationally). In all, eighty-one teams traveled to the All-Star Contest to compete in five divisions. We sent two 3-person teams who qualified for the contest by virtue of their excellent regular season scores. Five of our six students received individual awards for their strong scores. Our Intermediate 3 team placed 3rd in their division (out of 14 teams). Our Senior 3 team placed 8th in their division (out of 17 teams). These results are truly impressive considering that we are a relatively small public school competing against technology magnet schools from across

the country and the world! Congratulations to all of the students who sacrificed their entire Memorial Day weekend Saturday (5 AM – 8:30 PM) to compete for our school.

World Language Honor Society Inductions:

The five World Language Honor Societies held a joint **induction ceremony** last Wednesday evening. Nearly 100 advanced language students were inducted. Congratulations to all!

AP Spanish:

Ms. Taylor reported about something the AP Spanish students are doing that is pretty cool. They are creating a **digital yearbook** for the AP Spanish class using PowerPoint presentations that **Mr. Baronowski** and she are merging to make into one scrolling slide show with recordings, narrations, and music. All the students had different pages to make with a partner like senior superlatives in Spanish, favorite memories, future aspirations, activities, current events- movies, styles, music etc.--all in Spanish and all about their AP Spanish classmates. Then they made their own personal page with a heartfelt *despedida* (farewell) recorded in Spanish to wish their friends well as they go their separate ways. She hopes this this will be an AP tradition and the presentations get better with the years! Each student will get the entire slide show with all the students work compiled with the supporting media on a CD to keep as an AP Spanish memento.

Upcoming Events:

Senior-Faculty Softball Game:

Mr. Loughran announced a revival of another tradition – the **Senior-Faculty Softball Game!** It will be a game between the faculty and the senior baseball and softball players - - a friendly game. The event is scheduled on Friday, June 15th, at 2:00 pm. Don't miss it - -- Mr. Loughran will be pitching!

Final Exam Schedule

It's almost summer vacation! But first we need to have our final exams:

Date	Exam 1 (8:30 am - 10:30 am)	Exam 2 (11:15 am - 1:15 pm)
Thursday, June 14th	NA	Period 1
Friday, June 15th	Period 2	Period 6
Monday, June 18th	Period 3	Period 7
Tuesday, June 19th	Period 8	Period 4
Wednesday, June 20th	Period 5	Makeups

Last Day of School	(7:30 am - 9:30 am)	(10:00 am - 12:00 pm)
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Dates of Interest “Down the Stretch” (Courtesy of Mr. Loughran)

- 12 – Senior Awards (6:30 pm)
- 13 – Locker Cleanout (8:00 am)
- 14 – Final Exams (Review Periods and Pd. 1)
- 15 – Final Exams (Pds. 2 and 6); Senior/Faculty Softball Game (2:00 pm)
- 18 – Final Exams (Pds. 3 and 7)
- 19 – Final Exams (Pds. 8 and 4)
- 20 – Final Exams (Pd. 5 and Makeups); Last Day for Students/Staff; Graduation (6:45 pm)
- 21 – All grades entered into system no later than 12:00 pm.

I would like to thank the PTSO for the opportunity to serve as the Holmdel High School representative for the past year. It has been a privilege to work with you all. I also thank you all for your service to our school district.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Peters
HHS PTSO Rep.

Officer’s Reports

VP Membership -Victoria Entwistle – No Report

VP Fundraising –Teri Perez, Roseanne Wriedt - \$350 collected from Stop & Shop

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

Income (Write A Check Fundraiser, bake sales, Comedy Night proceeds).....\$484.76

Expense (final payment for food at Comedy Night, scholarship awards and hospitality).....\$6,570.24

Bank Balance as of 5/31/2012\$18,213.17

The PTSO raised more than \$29,000 this year and is on target to allocate approximately 78% of those funds for the direct benefit of the school community.

Agnes King made a motion to accept the May report. Colleen Fisher 2nd. All approved.

Corresponding Secretary – Cindy Spalliero –Please sign in.

Committee Reports

ARISE Liaison – Darlene Kiss –No report

Bake Sales – Debbie Bohny – No report

BOE – Barbara Daly – No report

Booster Liaison – Karen Mansuri – No report

9th Grade Class Liaison – Donna Disko – No report

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

11th Grade Class Liaison – Deb Bohny –

12th Grade Class Liaison – Pam Lynch – Senior Prom was a success.

HFEE – Roseanne Wriedt –No report

Historian – Lisa Ching- No report- May eliminate this position next year.

Holmdel Alliance – Kristin Echavaria – Sudden Impact presentation went well with 15 parent volunteers helping to make it a success.

Holmdel Creative Arts Association (HCAA) – No report

Hospitality – Chris Hazel, Emma Butler – No report

Newcomers – Colleen Fisher – No report

OneCause Fundraising – Beth Ruda - No report

Photocopier – Vicky Mazzei – No report

Programs – Roseanna Searles – No report

Project Graduation – Deb Lynch and Teri Perez –Volunteers are needed to sign in students at the event at 9 p.m.(All HHS parents welcome). **Chaperones** for the evening (No Senior parents allowed) are **desperately** needed from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Please contact Deb or Teri if you can help.

Publicity – Joanne Colella – No report-

Special Projects – No report

Student Directory –Theresa Slade – No report

Sunshine – Laurie Fontana- No report

Website – Tammy Boyle- Please send all forms for the “Back To School Packet” in Word Document form. Please do not send scanned items.

Provisional Business – Mr. Loughran presented the HS gift requests for this year.

Canon Large Format color Printer (1)	Approx.	\$4,000
Logitech Wireless Keyboard (60)	Approx.	\$3000
Single Height Portable Stage and Riser (4)	Approx.	\$2000
Epperson Scantron Machine (1)	Approx.	\$ 900
Georgetown 8 ft Bench (1)	Approx.	\$ 750
Sousvide Supreme Water Oven and related items	Approx.	\$ 600

Teri made a motion to approve the gifts presented by Mr. Loughran. Donna Disko 2nd. All approved.

New Business – Karin Swan suggested that we need an additional publicity chair who can send information out to the other papers that Joanne is unable to cover.

Cindy Spalliero made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vicky Entwistle 2nd. All approved and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am

The next PTSO meeting will be on Monday, September 10, at 9:30 am in the HS auditorium. All are welcome.

Have a safe and restful summer and see you in September.

Tentative dates for next year:

Tentative School Year 2012-2013

September 10, 9:30 a.m. Meeting - HS Auditorium

September 19, 1:50 p.m. Teacher's Tea – HS Commons

October 10, 9:30 a.m. Meeting – HS Auditorium (this is the only Wednesday meeting and we may do the night meeting this month)

November 12, 7:00 p.m. Meeting followed by Parent's College Night at 8 p.m. – HS Auditorium

December 10, 9:30 a.m. Meeting - HS Auditorium

January 14, 9:30 a.m. Meeting – HS Auditorium

February 11, 9:30 a.m. Meeting- HS Auditorium

March 11, 9:30 a.m. Meeting – HS Auditorium

April 8, 9:30 a.m. Meeting – HS Auditorium

April 20, Tentative Comedy Night TBA

May 13, 9:30 a.m. Meeting HS- Auditorium

May 8, 1:50 p.m. Teacher's Luncheon- HS Commons
June 10, 9:30 a.m. Breakfast Meeting