

**Holmdel High School PTSO**  
**November 9, 2015**

Karen called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The PTSO meeting took place in the auditorium. Karen pointed out the fire exits and asked everyone to stand for the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence. Debbie Bergamotto made a motion to accept the October minutes. Dani Page 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

**President's Report**

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- Thank you to Sally Ann Walier and Renee Schneider for making Colorfest a success. Thank you to Linda Fenand, our hospitality coordinator, for the lovely alumni reception and for tonight's inviting spread. Thank you also to the PTSO volunteers who came out in full force to help with Colorfest. I expect we will hear a report this evening as to the outcome of this major fundraising event.
- Chartwell's Food Service: We had a productive meeting and them. The ability to pre order sandwiches is now available. Students or parents are encouraged to go online to the Holmdel School website and find the icon to pre-order sandwiches. The payment will be taken out of your account and the sandwiches will be available for pick up at the beginning of lunch.
- HFEE: Battle of the Faculties was held on March 26 and I heard it was a fun time for all.
- District News:
  - Village School: Coat drive for Bridges, buy new coats and leave in front entrance any time. PJ Drive, look for e-mails to purchase plaid pajamas
  - Indian Hill : Guys Night Out, Nov 19, "Games for Games"
  - Satz: Terracycle- Send in empty beauty product containers, Drop off Box in front hall of Satz. Fall Clothing drive Nov 16. Clean out closets and deliver bags beside door 26 in back of Satz.
  - HFEE: 2015-16 pending major project—1:1 Chrombook at Indian Hill School (joint effort with Indian Hill PLG)  
HFEE Event dates:  
On Going: Annual Giving – Write A Check  
Feb 5: Poker Night  
March 16: Battle of the Faculties  
Apr 9: Spring Gala  
Jun 5: 5K Fun Run

**Principal's Report** – Mr. Loughran -

**1<sup>st</sup> Marking Period**

The first marking period will end on **Monday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>**; this is so that the Rotation Cycle can be completed (Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> is a "D" Day). **Report Cards** will be issued on **Monday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Details will follow from Central Office later in the week.

### Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place on **Thursday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> (6:00 pm - 8:00 pm)**, **Friday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> (12:40 pm - 2:10 pm)**, and **Tuesday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> (6:00 pm - 8:00 pm)**. We will, once again, be using an online signup system (Pick-a-Time). Information about how to sign up for a conference will be emailed next week, and signups will begin on **Monday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 8:00 pm** (following the issuing of Report Cards).

### HHS Open House

We will be hosting an "Open House" on **Sunday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>**, **beginning at 1:00 pm**. It is open to everyone in the community, as well as surrounding communities, and is especially geared for 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents. Our commitment to academics, athletics and the arts will be on display.

### Enrollment (9 November 2015)

12<sup>th</sup> - 257

10<sup>th</sup> - 215

11<sup>th</sup> - 226

9<sup>th</sup> - 245

Total - 943

## Dates of Importance

### November

- 9 - PTSO Mtg. (7:00 pm)
- 10 - Alliance Mtg. (1:00 pm); Project Graduation Mtg. (7:00 pm);
- 11 - School CLOSED (Veterans' Day)
- 16 - End of MP 1
- 17 - HFEE Mtg. (7:30 pm)
- 18 - BOE Mtg. (7:30 pm)
- 19-25 - Spirit Week
- 20 - HTG Fall Play ("Our Town" - 7:30 pm)
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- 22 - HHS Open House (1:00 pm)
- 23 - Report Cards Issued; Parent-Teacher Conference Signups Begin (8:00 pm)
- 24 - Powder Puff (6:00 pm); Bonfire (7:30 pm)
- 25 - Pep Rally (11:00 am); Early Dismissal (11:55 am)
- 26 - Football vs. Raritan (Thanksgiving - 10:00 am)
- 30 - Fall Sports Awards (7:00 pm)

### Teacher Representative - Sherryl McBride and Kristin Boca- 2015-11-09 – PTSO Faculty Representative Report

The **HHS Dance Team**, with Lisa Sorg, the new dance teacher and dance team coach, participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk Sunday, Oct 18 in Point Pleasant. They raised \$3250! Out of 700 teams, they ranked 36th for contributions raised.

The classroom leg of the **Poetry Out Loud competition** will be completed by mid-December and the school competition is scheduled for January 7th. The Poetry Out Loud Recitation Contest is supported by The National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation and U.S. state arts agencies to encourage the nation's youth to learn about great poetry through memorization and recitation. This program helps students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about their literary heritage. It uses a pyramid structure that starts at the classroom level. Winners advance to a school-wide competition, then to a regional and/or state competition, and ultimately to the National Finals.

**AP Environmental Science Class performed a day of field research at Sandy Hook and Holmdel Park.** They sampled aquatic and terrestrial plants and animals at both locations and collected data they later used spreadsheets to analyze and examine. The idea was to have students learn how different environmental conditions create different responses in the organisms that live there and has a huge effect on the biodiversity of the area.

The Marine Science classes also went on a field trip to Shark River Inlet in Belmar. Students learned about the unique conditions that create an estuary and how the plants and animals respond to those conditions. The day ended with students collecting fish with seine nets. The fish were brought back and placed in aquariums so students could use them for a later assignment. Over the next couple days students used dichotomous keys to identify the various fish they had collected.

**In Dr. Blaha's Honors Advanced Research course, students are conducting original research.** Projects include:

- converting chopsticks to biofuel using cellulase and yeast fermentation.
- extracting biofuel from used coffee grounds and from used Christmas trees
- purification of water by electrolysis
- purification of water using cilantro
- building a contraption that will not allow a person (teenager) to start a car unless his/her cell phone is disabled
- use of a chemotherapy drug to stabilize brain cells in Alzheimer patients and
- 18 students are involved in the DNA extraction and sequencing of the genome for *Landoltia punctata*; an organism whose genome is unknown.

**Elizabeth Kenny-Foggins attended the International Dyslexia Conference** held in Texas at the end of October. World renown researchers presented on the neuroscience of learning and literacy skills and how they apply to content areas, cognitive impact of processing, attentional challenges and the anxiety in learning for students across the grade levels and into adulthood. She has already begun sharing her newly acquired information with colleagues, parents, and administrators. Her next step is creating a PowerPoint presentation related to the critical need to instruct individuals to write in cursive for increased and enhanced comprehension. Additional discussion in the presentation will include the benefits of manuscript writing for improved spelling and writing composition.

**Italian teacher Elizabeth Malolepszy** just received a \$3000 grant from the Italian American Committee on Education. The money will be used for students enrolled in the Italian AP course, who will benefit from truly excellent online materials.

## Officer's Reports

**VP Membership** –Alicia Baylock – 200 families have joined bringing us to 25% of all HHS families. All families who are members of the PTSO are entered into a monthly raffle and a lucky student from one of these families will receive a prize. This month's winner of a \$20 Salerno's gift card is Alexander Durkin. Congrats! You can sign up for membership on the PTSO website.

**VP Fundraising** –Sallyann Mosey and Renee Snyder – Colorfest was a great success and thank you to all of our volunteers. Total profits from the event are \$15,356.77. Upcoming events: Possible Knockerball Tournament and Career night

**Treasurer's Report** – Robin Grossman- Robin read the October Report.

### HHS PTSO Treasurer's Report October 2015

|   |          |                    |
|---|----------|--------------------|
| Opening Balance                                       |          | \$22,373.93        |
| <u>Income</u>   |          |                    |
| Membership  | 690.00   |                    |
| Raffle - project graduation                           | 4,000.00 |                    |
| Event - Colorfest                                     | 3,580.25 |                    |
| Specialized fundraising - Bake sales                  |          |                    |
| Write-A-Check   | 584.00   |                    |
| Total Income  |          | 8,854.25           |
| <u>Expenses</u>                                       |          |                    |
| Event - Colorfest                                     | 5,948.23 |                    |
| Hospitality   |          |                    |
| Membership  | 20.00    |                    |
| PayPal fees   | 4.16     |                    |
| Gifts 2013-2014- sound system partial                 | 1,487.86 |                    |
| Gifts 2014-2015- sound system balance                 | 1,398.44 |                    |
| Total Expenses  |          | 8,858.69           |
| Ending Balance  |          | <u>\$22,369.49</u> |
| expense for gifts to school 2013-2014                 |          | \$0.00             |
| expense for gifts to school 2014-2015                 |          | \$3,601.56         |
| Raffle - project graduation expenses and raffle prize |          | \$8,000.00         |
| Available balance                                     |          | <u>\$10,767.93</u> |

Dina Sardo made a motion to accept the October Treasurer's Report. Alicia Baylock 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

**Corresponding Secretary** – Dani Page – No report  
**Recording Secretary** – Michele Shields – No report

## Committee Reports

**ARISE Liaison** – Ana Vander Woude- Hosted a SPAN presentation on Challenging Behaviors on Oct 27. The Power Points from the presentation are posted on the ARISE website accessible from the Holmdel School's website. In honor of International Persons with Disability Day on Dec 3, Arise is hosting a workshop on the IEP, presented by SPAN, at the Village School at 10 a.m.

**Bake Sales** – Jennifer Yan – Need Volunteers to bake!

**Dates:** The third Tuesday of the month.

**Nov 17   Dec 15   Jan 19   Feb 16   Mar 15   Apr 19   May 17**

**BOE** — Need a new liaison for this committee position.

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

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Liaison** – Tara Brunner/ Mr. Dowd – No report

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Liaison** –Dina Hamwi / Mr. Gurney– Soph class was the winner of the PTSO Colorfest Give Away Award of \$300 for having the highest student participation in the race. Holiday Pie Sale is underway, forms are due Nov 16 in the main office. Dearborne pies will be delivered to the HS lounge area for pick up. Spirit Wear sales are going strong featuring Holmdel and Hornets flannels, hoodies, caps etc.. Powder Puff game is set for Tuesday Nov 24 at 6 p.m. and sophomore class runs the concession stand. Please consider donating your time or food.

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Liaison** —Lisa Cronin / Ms. Lazar – No report

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Liaison** – Mary Lou Moramarco / Ms. Lepore – Senior Girls looking forward to Powder Puff especially because they won last years game. Yankee Candle sale is still going on and the form is available on the website or just ask a senior for information.

**Facebook** – Vicky Entwistle – Big Thank you for keeping up on it.

**HCAA** –Cindy Manning -

- The HTG Fall play is “Our Town” and will be presented on Nov 20 and 21. Please come out to the show.
- Selling “Got Inspired?” T-shirts
- Haunted High School was a great success and even featured a show this year.
- HTG raised \$\$ for Broadway Cares and our HS students work alongside them. HTG is very supportive of the HS theatre students and they are the reason we are one of very few HS’s in NJ where students are involved in 3 plays per year.
- All State Chorus Concert at NJ PAC is coming up soon.

**HDAA** – Andrea Wojtunik – Meeting Tomorrow

**HFEE** –Chiung-Yin Liu– See President’s report

**Hospitality** – Linda Fernand – No report

**Newcomers** – Colleen Fischer – No Report

**OneCause Fundraising** – Kim Jeanos – No Report

**Photocopier** –Cindy Manning– No report

**Programs** – Marie Watkins – Demystifying The College Application Process Presentation will immediately follow our meeting this evening.

**Project Graduation** – Linda Jackman and Debbie Bergamotto –

- Have 12 **Kidstuff** books left for sale
- Dec 2 at 7 p.m. : Jason Christopher/Hypnotist (replacing Skylar). Admission is \$10. The event is open to HHS students ONLY. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
- The PG raffle winner was drawn at the meeting and the winner of \$11,940 was Roseanne Hallinell of Aberdeen. Congrats!

**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!

**SEPAG** – Charles Hancock and Vicki Flynn - No report

**Special Projects** - No Report

**Student Directory** –Susan Gordon and Michelle Barker – Delivery took place today. There is an issue with the artist’s name on the front cover, which is being addressed. Same amount of families in the directory this year.

**Sunshine** – Alyssa Coffaro – No report

**Website** – Jennifer Yan - Thank you for updating the website

**Provisional Business** – The audit report of the treasurer's books is complete and Alisha Baylock reports that all of the books are approved and in good order.

**New Business** – The 2015/2016 Gift Committee was selected:

- Chair: Melissa Mohr
- Robin Grossman
- SallyAnn Mosey
- Alicia Baylock
- Karen Strickland
- Mary Lou Moramarco
- Renee Snyder
- Dina Hamwi
- Susan Gordon

A new gift certificate donated by D & M Hair and Nail Salon in Hazlet will be raffled off in the monthly Membership Raffle during the student's lunch period. You must be a member of the PTSO for your student's to be entered into it.

We need a new BOE representative. Anna Vander Woude commented that the previous PTSO BOE report was incorrect and parents were at a meeting expecting a vote on something they were not voting on. Discussion about how to prevent such errors in the future took place.

Mary Lou Moramarco made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jennifer Yan 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The next PTSO meeting will take place on Dec 14 at 9:30 a.m. in the Holmdel High School Auditorium.