

# HOLMDEL HIGH SCHOOL PTSO – SEPTEMBER 17, 2015

Karen Strickland called the meeting to order at 9:35. The PTSO meeting took place in the High School auditorium.

Karen gave a few announcements:

- We need to appoint audit committee – 2 people, not treasurer:
- Need volunteers for November meeting “Demystifying College..” Darlene Kiss will be happy to work with volunteer.
- Thank you to Linda Fernand for the wonderful breakfast set up.

Linda Fernand said that she was taking care of this month’s breakfast but would like everyone to please sign up for a month. She will take care of the coffee/tea each month.

- Karen introduced Sally Ann Mosey and Renee Schneider (VPs of fundraising). They are planning a fun fundraising event.

## Sally Ann Mosey

- talked about Color Fest which will take place on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> during homecoming weekend. It will be a run, walk, mosey – 1.25 miles starting on track and going behind baseball fields and around Satz and ending behind the little theatre.
- The film department is making a video of Colorfest.
- Tickets are \$25 until September 30<sup>th</sup> and then \$30 after that. Get a t-shirt with sunglasses. There will be DJ & face painting.
- This year they will make a weekend of events:

Friday – 5:30 Alumni Reception/Homecoming Game

Saturday – Colorfest & HCAA karaoke night

Sunday – 1:00-4 Community Open house (chance to give the community a look at Holmdel High School)

## Mr. Loughran

- Introduced 4 class presidents and SAB delegates and they spoke:  
Lauren Haverlin – Senior Class President - Loves the new block schedule and thanked PTSO for the couches and charging stations.  
Jenny Cho – Junior Class President – thanked PTSO

Hamzah Shaikh – Sophomore Class President- Thank you  
Jess D'agostino – Freshman Class President – Transition made easier with block schedule and comfortable lounge – thanked everyone

Introduced Student Council Reps – Ray Burkett and Ryan Dey

### New Administration Faces

1. Shane Fallon – Director of Athletics  
Started July 1<sup>st</sup>  
Stressing competition and allowing coaches to coach  
Coaches to preach fair play/sportsmanship/emphasis on sportsmanship
2. Lisa Marino – Lisa says she is learning like the freshmen – looks forward to a good year.
3. Ms Simonelli – She is excited for her first journey in administration . She has an open door policy.
4. Mrs. McBride – Teacher/rep who is a social science teacher - Kristin Boca who is a world language teacher will be sharing the position.

(see attached report)

- Loughran's "state of the school" will be posted on website  
(see attached report)

- September 25<sup>th</sup> Club and Activity Day
- September 29<sup>th</sup> Back to School Night
- Questions for Loughran
- Extra help is now mandatory during unit lunches on the week of October 5<sup>th</sup> (10:30-11:00am)
- Students make choices about eating – they can grab lunches at different times – no food in classrooms.
- Chorus is now offered in 2 different periods to allow them to be able to get extra help but it is optional
- All 10 & 11 take PSAT – no fall back plan for those who don't want to take it. Scoring doesn't affect school at all
- Extra help does impact science lab days. There will hope to be a pass similar to "easy pass" to allow kids who have lab at lunch time can go to front of line to get something to eat.
- Trying to figure out best way to implement labs and extra help.
- Clubs will meet at 2:15 and Athletics will begin at 2:45 everyday.
- Kids got first choices because of study halls – able to move kids schedules around.
- Idea to have a testing center to make up a test during a study hall – working through bumps.

- The evacuation/lockdown plans in place during lunch/studyhall is to go from hallway to the classroom and open area to the new gym.

#### Alicia Blaylock – VP Membership

- Goal is 100% participation (\$10/parent)
- \$4,000 scholarships last year
- Teachers need to join too
- Thinking of incentives for membership
- Kathryn Spada won a Rachel Ray bag – we will draw a new member name each month
- If you donate \$50 or more you are eligible to win two tickets to see Chew – drawing will be held at October 15 PTSO meeting
- Some commented that on Paypal, they didn't see the option to donate more than the \$10.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT – Robin (report attached)

Leslie Constantino and Andrea Wojtunik approved Treasurer's reports  
 Audit Committee - Selected Regina Stefany and Alicia Blaylock  
 Gifting Committee – have \$5,000 to spend  
 Lucia Van Name  
 Sue Gordon  
 Alicia Blaylock  
 Pat Geller  
 Melissa Mohr

#### MINUTES

- Dani Page to send out new updated list
- Michelle Shields and Colleen Fischer: Corresponding Secretaries
- Motion to accept June minutes – Sally Ann Mosey and Cindy Manning seconds the motion – all approve

#### PROJECT GRADUATION

- Fundraising for overnite graduation party
- Will get money from Kidstuff books (\$25) and 50/50 raffle
- November 9<sup>th</sup> drawing for raffle

#### ARISE

- Information on children with special needs
- Ana Vander Woude said there are 2 events:

- October 27 at 6:30 /workshop on how positive behavior supports kids with challenges
- December 3<sup>rd</sup> – IEP Goal writing – 10am at Village (SPAN rep to help the workshop)

### STUDENT DIRECTORY

- Sue Gordon
- Register by Sep 30
- Holmdel Student Directory.co.nr
- Hope to get books out by Halloween

### BAKE SALES

- Jennifer Yan – looking for help from one other mom
- 2:15 bake sales
- Third Tuesday of the month starting in October

### CLASS LIAISONS

- 9<sup>th</sup> grade liaison: Tara Brenner
- 10<sup>th</sup> grade liaison: Dina Hamwi – Gurney (advisor)

10<sup>th</sup> grade meeting today

Need funds to purchase spiritwear – samples at back to school night  
 Haunted Halloween bake sale

Big event is the concession stand at Powder Puff

- 11<sup>th</sup> grade liaison – Lisa Cronin
- 12<sup>th</sup> grade Liaison – Lucia Van Name
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### HCAA

- Looking for volunteers
- Membership papers are online at holmdelparents.org
- Selling photo calendars as a fundraiser (\$15)
- Karaoke night is October 24<sup>th</sup> Celebrate Holmdel during Homecoming weekend
- Follow up with more info in October – Gifted over \$10,000 last year – all new art tables, photo and film equipment, theatre equipment to stage crew, ceramic supplies, hand bells, etc
- Will be adding Photo contest winners to the lounge
- Take a seat campaign (plaques in auditorium)
- Meetings are first Monday at 9:00

Thank you to Vicki Entwistle who updates our Facebook page and Jennifer Yen for her website!

### HOLMDEL ALLIANCE

- Supports Heroes and Cool kids programs
- Supports Safe Driving Initiative on Prom Day
- Red Ribbon Week
- Great American Smokeout - Cathy Moran-Kudisch- a school counselor - runs it
- Sponsors speak on problems with addiction
- Meeting every other month – next one is November 10<sup>th</sup>
- They're going to be adding a new club to try to help prevent teen suicide
- Watch out for new secret apps on google
- Pamphlets found at racks in town hall, library, police department
- Look into drugfree.org

#### BOOSTER CLUB

- Lucia is selling “ We Are Holmdel” Shirts - \$10 each
- First meeting is Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 in the high school library
- Selling breast cancer shirts - \$10-\$15 shirt with profits going to breast cancer

SUNSHINE - No report

#### CATALYST SAT

- They approached us to have a SAT bootcamp at our school
- Will be offered after due diligence
- If we use them, we get \$500 back as fundraiser
- 9-1pm and \$180/day to rent the space
- Cindy Manning motion to accept – Alicia Blaylock seconded the motion
- Ana asked Bill if introduction to new SAT will be covered

Thank you to Jen Lee who created a Parents Go Guide for high school which will be posted on the website.

Motion to adjourn: Debbie Bergamotto and seconded by Linda Jackman.