

Holmdel High School PTSO
September 13, 2010 Meeting Notes

Mary Lou Moramarco called the meeting to order at 9:40 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.

Presidents Report

- Mary Lou and Francine Campus will be co-presidents.
- The 2010 executive board was introduced:
 - * 1st VP Membership: Victoria Entwistle
 - * 2nd VP Fundraising: Roseanne Wriedt and Teri Perez
 - * Treasurer: Karin Swan
 - * Recording Secretary: Michele Shields
 - * Corresponding Secretary: Cindy Spalliero
- Finding volunteers to put together the back to school packets was very difficult this summer. Mary Lou suggests putting them together in the spring before everyone leaves for summer vacation.
- New Student Orientation was well attended and very informative on September 1.
- The PTSO Teacher’s tea will be held at 1:50 on September 22. We need volunteers to work at the tea as well as to donate items.
- Senior Parent with Guidance Department - September 14.
- Project Graduation Meeting will be held on September 20 at 7 p.m.
- Alliance Meeting will be held on September 21 at 1 p.m. in the HHS Library.
- HHS Under classmen picture day is scheduled for September 24.
- If anyone would like to help out at the back-to-school night PTSO table, please come to the table during your lunch break time.

Officer’s Reports

VP Membership -Victoria Entwistle - \$1,100 collected in membership dues.

VP’s Fundraising – Roseanne Wriedt and Teri Perez –Annual Fundraising campaign sheet went out in back-to-school packets this year. Hoping for a better return in doing so. \$1,800 collected to date.

Treasurer’s Report – Francine Campis- Francine read her June July and August report.

Income (Bake sales, fundraiser, specialized fundraising, photocopier income and bank interest).....\$1167.70

Expense (Gifts, annual filing fee, scholarship awards,and hospitality).....\$16,185.30

Bank Balance as of 8/31/2010.....\$2,648.21

- The audit of the books will be done the week of September 16 by Susan Cort and her Committee.
- The new treasurer for this year is Karin Swan.

Lisa Lograno made a motion to accept the June Treasurer’s Report. Teri Perez 2nd. All approved.

Lisa Lograno made a motion to accept the July Treasurer’s Report. Kathy Sorice 2nd. All approved.

Karin Swan made a motion to accept the August Treasurer’s Report. Cindy Spalliero 2nd. All approved.

Francine presented the PTSO Fiscal Budget for year ending 2011.

Total Income.....	\$22,150.00
Total Expense	\$13,800.00
Revenue Over Expenses	\$8350.00

The budget was reduced by \$1,000 from the year prior.

Tami Boyle made a motion to accept the Budget. Roseanne Wriedt 2nd. All accepted.

Corresponding Secretary – Cindy Spalliero- Cindy read thank you cards from both PTSO Service Award recipients Daniel Zimmerman and Angela Pento. She also read thank-you cards from the 2009/2010 Freshman class and teachers who attended the teacher’s luncheon.

Principal’s Report

- Mr. Loughran introduced himself and reported a smooth opening to the school year.
- Handbooks were handed out on September 10 and 13.
- Lab days start on Sept 13.
- Assistant Principals Kevin Bals and Richard Katz were introduced. Mr. Katz will be in charge of grades 9 and 12. Mr. Bals will be in charge of grades 10 and 11.
- New staff was welcomed including Harry Anderson and Colin Hart to the Physical Education department; Jennifer Ferreira and Laurence Cogger to the World Languages department; Kaitlyn Mulhern and Elizabeth Kenny-Foggin to the Special Education department; George Mazzeo to the Technology department and Marissa Semler to the Language Arts department.
- 2010 HSPA scores were received. 98% of HHS students passed Language Arts and Literacy. 94% passed Math.
- Average SAT scores for HHS – Top 5 in New Jersey

- 90% of HHS students earned passing scores on AP Exams; 44% earned perfect “5” scores.
- 14 National Semi-Finalists in the Merit Scholarship Program.
- NJ Monthly rates us as #1 in Monmouth County and top twenty in New Jersey.
- Newsweek listed us as one of the best schools in America.
- The PTSO \$12,000 gift of white board laminates and projection screens was acknowledged and have been installed in the classrooms.
- Mr. Lougran thanked the HFEE for the new World Language lab. It will be located in room 145. The room has been converted to a 30- station computer lab for grades 7 to 12. Opening ceremonies will be scheduled for early October.
- A **Senior Option** has been offered at the school this year where students can opt to take one less class period during the day. 145 out of 270 seniors elected to take the option and can either use period 1 as a study hall or they may opt to come in to the school at the beginning of period two.
- The school budget for this year was defeated. The impact at the HHS will be:
 - * 5:30 after school bus is cancelled.
 - * School Resource Officer will no longer be in the building on a regular basis
 - * Reduction of Habitat for Humanity, Politics and Mock Trial clubs.
- An Academic Integrity program was introduced by Mr. Katz. There is a new policy on plagiarism and it can be viewed on-line in the 2010-2011 District Handbook. Teachers and students can submit their papers to a website entitled “**Turn It In**” to find out what percentage of their work is original.
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- Collaborative Team Teaching is a point of emphasis this year; an in service workshop for affected staff is planned for October.
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- A Public Portal will be available in October where you can log on to your teachers grade books and see your child’s progress.
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Teacher Representative Report

- David Gurney of the Social Science department participated in a birthright program and traveled to Israel this summer. He visited ancient sites learning about the extensive history and culture of this country. He is looking forward to bringing these insights and experiences to his World Civilization class this year.
- Two of our Teacher Representative, Jill McCracken’s lesson plans from the new NJ State Curriculum on Terrorism and 9/11 were selected for inclusion in the 9/11 Day of National Service Program lesson plans. One lesson plan is based on an

interview with a fire fighter who happens to be Ms. McCracken's brother. All of the lessons may be found at <http://www.911dayofservice.org/911-lesson-plans>.

Committee Reports

BOE – Barbara Daly- District goals were approved. BOE info is available on the Holmdel Schools website

Bake Sales – Debbie Bohny- Sales will be held after school the third Tuesday of the month. Bakers are needed, please contact Debbie with your name and preferred month(s) to bake.

Booster Liason – Karen Mansuri – 1st meeting will be held on Monday September 13. Cost for booster membership is \$15 for a regular membership and \$100 for platinum. Platinum membership includes free passes to the football games.

Holmdel Alliance – Need Volunteers. Most members have graduated.

Holmdel Creative Arts Association (HCAA) – Meetings will be held the first Monday of the month at 9 a.m.

HFEE – Chris Hazel – HFEE is proud to announce that they have been successful in their fundraising effort to bring the World Language Lab to the district. The special dedication ceremony and ribbon cutting will be held at HHS Oct 12 at 6:30 p.m. The first fundraising event of this school year will be a D'Vine Affair which will be held October 6 from 7:30 to 10:30 at the Wine Bar in the Atlantic Highlands.

Hospitality – Chris Hazel and Emma Butler – Wednesday Sept 22 is the Teacher's tea. Volunteers and donations of food are needed.

Newcomers – Dominique Vitello -No Report

Operation Get out the Vote - We need to fill this position.

Project Graduation – Debbie Lynch – Meeting Sept 21 at 7 p.m. in the HS Library. This year's event is booked at the Atlantic club in Wall township. It will be an alcohol and drug free all-night party on graduation night. Member and volunteers are needed.

Special Projects – Emma Butler- will secure the table for Community Day.

Student Directory – Theresa Slade – Flyers were sent home with easy directions on how to enter your information on-line.

Sunshine – Ms Pharo had a baby girl

Website – Tammy Boyle- Contact her for any updates to the website.

Provisional Business – Francine Campis- Auditors will review the PTSO books by September 19.

New Business – None

Teri Perez made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mary Pomarico 2nd. All approved and the meeting was adjourned by 11:00

The next PTSO meeting will be Oct 13 at 9:30 a.m. in the high school auditorium