

**Holmdel High School PTSO**  
**December 10, 2012 Meeting Notes**

Mary Lou Moramarco called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. The PTSO meeting took place in the auditorium. Mary Lou pointed out the fire exits and asked everyone to stand for the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence. Darlene Kiss made a motion to accept the November minutes. Tammy Boyle 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

**Presidents Report**

- The new auditorium lighting looks great!
- President's Counsel met last week and were assured that everything happening in the school over the past few weeks is being treated very seriously and handled properly.
- W.R. Satz will be running their clothing drive in January. They did not feel it was right to interfere with the Sandy Relief drives taking place over the past 2 months
- The Fall One Act Plays took place this past weekend and were fantastic.
- Project Graduation meetings have been moved to Tuesdays.
- The November 12 PTSO sponsored event "Demystifying The College Application Process For Parents" proved to be an informative and enlightening experience for all who attended. Special thanks to Darlene Kiss, Darlene Fields and Lisa Lograno and their presenters, Robin Wetmore, Luke Kealy, MaryAnn Blazer and Rich Diekmann.
- Alliance meetings are now noted on the school calendar as HDAA and are meeting every other month.

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

- The meeting for incoming 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents will be rescheduled from January 3 to January 15.
- The College Connection Assembly will be January 4. Last year's seniors will come in and talk to our juniors and seniors about their first year college experience.

**Hurricane Sandy Update**

Powder Puff Game - \$6000 raised for Community Food Bank of Monmouth County.

Benefit Concert – Planned for January 18.

**Winter Concerts**

Chorus and Handbells – Thursday, December 11 (7:30 p.m.)

Symphonic and Jazz Bands – Wednesday, December 19 (7:00 p.m.)

**Parents Conferences**

Conclude tomorrow evening (December 11 – 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.)

Early Dismissal listed on the District Calendar for December 12 is INCORRECT!

Next Year: online scheduling will be available for conferences

**Testing Schedule for Days Leading Into Winter Break**

Dec. 13 - Math / English / World Languages / PE

Dec. 14 – Social Science/ Science/ Electives

Dec. 17 – OPEN (anyone may test)

Dec. 18 – Math / English / World Languages / PE

Dec. 19 – Social Science / Science / Electives

Dec. 20 – OPEN (anyone may test)

Dec. 21 – **No Tests or Quizzes**

**No Lab Day:** Dec 21

**Mid Term and Final Exam Schedules**

Midterms	8:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.	Finals	8:30 a.m. / 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 5	Periods 1 & 4	Thursday, June 20	Periods 8 & 7
Wednesday, Feb. 6	Periods 2 & 5	Friday, June 21	Periods 3 & 6
Thursday, Feb. 7	Periods 3 & 6	Friday, June 24	Periods 2 & 5
Friday, Feb. 8	Periods 8 & 7	Friday, June 25	Periods 1 & 4
		Wednesday, June 26	Last Day / Graduation

**Teacher’s Report** – Cheryl McBride –

Membership: Eleven more teachers have joined the PTSO since the October meeting

Hurricane Relief: The community response to our Holmdel Schools staff members, who were displaced during the storm, was heartwarming. Money, cleaning supplies, toiletries and gift cards were passed on to those in need. Ms. Taylor, on behalf of the all faculty members says thank you, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Advanced Photography: Mr. Mazzeo’s Advanced Photography class went on a field trip to Ocean Grove (pre-hurricane) in October. The students applied their learning from class to take gorgeous and meaningful photographs.

Sociology: The resocialization unit is in full swing with the comrades embracing the Soviet education system in Sociology. It will continue into January.

Intro To Web Design: Students created interactive and well composed PowerPoint presentations in the form of a “Survival Guide for the new freshman student at HHS. “Tips slides” most often offered advice like Don’t fool around freshman year - Get good grades right away so you don’t regret it as a junior – Go to extra help – Make a good impression on your teacher from day one and get to know them. Ms. Swan is currently exploring the possibility of sharing these advice laden presentations with freshman in the future.

Poetry Out Loud: Students in many of our English classes have been preparing for Poetry Out Loud: National Recitation Contest. It is part of a national program that

encourages high school students to learn about great poetry through memorization, performance and competition. The New Jersey champion will advance to the National Finals on April 29-30, 2013 in Washington, DC, where \$50,000 in awards and school stipends will be distributed.

**Officer’s Reports**

**VP Membership** -Victoria Entwistle –Additional 16 members bringing total membership to 154 families and 17% of the HS population. We are off to a slow start most likely due to our “Go Green” effort. We may consider doing a mailing.

**VP Fundraising** –Teri Perez, Roseanne Wriedt – Write a check has raised \$4000 and is down more than half from last year. This again we believe is due to our “Go Green” initiative and we need to be more visible at all upcoming events so that we can sign up more families for both membership and fundraising. We will man tables at all upcoming parent-teacher conferences and consider doing a mailing.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Debbie Bohny- Debbie read the revised October report.

Income (Membership, Write A Check, Scrip Rebate, Interest).....\$5571.58  
Expenses (White board wrap, Executive Board supplies, Community Day, bank fee, Teacher’s Luncheon, meeting expenses),.....\$2323.61  
Bank Balance as of 10/31/2012 .....\$6975.07

Debbie read the November report.

Income (Teacher’s Luncheon Donations, Bake Sale, Scrip Rebate, Interest).. \$180.70  
Expense (Student Directory, Bank fee).....\$820.00  
Bank Balance as of 11/30/2012 .....\$6335.77

Lisa Lograno made a motion to accept the revised October and November report. Kristin Echavaria 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

**Corresponding Secretary** – Dani Page – No report

**Committee Reports**

**ARISE Liaison** – Darlene Kiss- No report

**Bake Sales** – Deidre Kane and Jennifer Yan – The next bake sale is tomorrow.

**BOE** – Barbara Daly – No report

**Booster Liaison** – Roseanne Wreidt - Booster club is struggling. It supports all HS sports. They need a president, treasurer and new members.

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Liaison** – Mary Lou Moramaro – Yankee Candle fundraiser underway

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Liaison** – Donna Disko – Powder Puff Game went well. All funds raised went to Hurricane Sandy relief.

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Liaison** – Lucia Van Name – Working on a new fundraiser and theme for the prom.

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Liaison** – Debbie Bohny – No report

**HCAA** – Sheika Dombek – One Act Plays took place last week and went well. The Wizard Of Oz is the next scheduled play.

**HDAA** – Kristin Echavaria – Youth Alliance is active at the HS with over 200 members focusing on social awareness. Hero's and Cool Kids program is back on! Synthetic Marijuana is now illegal in NJ. New drug of choice is heroin. NJ is the heroin capitol of the U.S. with a large majority of it coming from Camden.

**HFEE** – Chris Hazel – **New TD-Bank Affinity Program:** If you have an account at TD, you can support the HFEE through no cost to you, by enrolling in this program. Ask the bank to link your count to HFEE. **SCRIP Gift Card Program** proceeds will go to Bridges this year to help out with Hurricane Sandy.

**Hospitality** – Chris Hazel – No report

**Newcomers** – Colleen Fischer – No report

**OneCause Fundraising** – Louise Dassaro [LDasaroDuncan@gmail.com](mailto:LDasaroDuncan@gmail.com) or Beth Ruda – This job may be suited for a working parent who is familiar with the Internet. We need Internet savvy volunteers! Robin Grossman has volunteered to take over this committee.

**Photocopier** – Vicky Mazzei – No report

**Programs** – Darlene Kiss, Darlene Field and Lisa Lograno – Event was a success! Committee chairs will run this event next year.

**Project Graduation** – Elaine Killough - Skylar event took place on Nov 28 to a packed house. Event was a huge success. Skylar will be retiring next year but has assured us that he has a new talented replacement for next years show.

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**Publicity** – Joanne Colella – No report-

**Special Projects** –Emma Butler- Holmdel Day in April this year

**Student Directory** –Theresa Slade – Directories were delivered.

**Sunshine** – Laurie Fontana – Mr. Griesbach will be retiring at the end of the year after 40 years. He was one of the original teachers here at HHS opened the school.

**Website** – Tammy Boyle- If you need to post anything on the parent website please send to her at [theresem1010@aol.com](mailto:theresem1010@aol.com)

**Provisional Business** – None

**New Business** – Amy Stark (HCAA President) announced that the winner of the Cover of the Ad-Journal Contest was HHS student Maria Ruggeri. She presented Maria with a \$50 Barnes & Noble gift card and her artwork will be on the cover of the ad-journal as well. She also informed us that last year's HCAA gift, a much needed Indian Hill Sound System, will be installed shortly.

Mr. Loughran suggested that membership and fundraising do a group mailing with the Booster Club and other organizations making it much more cost effective. Amy Stark reported that HCAA just did a mailing and covered the cost of the mailing and raised considerable funds as well.

Chris Hazel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marianne Valentin 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The next PTSO meeting will take place on January 14 at 9:30 a.m. in the auditorium.