

Holmdel High School PTSO
January 14, 2013 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 December minutes. Marianne Valentin 2nd. All approved.

Presidents Report

- Happy New Year!
- Due to the Marley Drinks issue, the superintendent requested an investigation be performed. Food Services director Jim Gillespe is here today and will be filling us in on the details of the investigation and resulting changes.
- W.R. Satz is running their clothing drive from January 21- 26. Drop off will be around the back of the school, follow the signs to the correct door.
- Project Graduation meetings have been moved to Tuesdays. Next one is tomorrow night. Please attend.
- Alliance meetings are now noted on the school calendar as HDAA and are meeting every other month.

Principal's Report – Mr. Loughran –
Welcome Back – Happy New Year!

New Supervisor of Humanities

Ms. Marilyn Bellis

College Connection Assembly

Approximately twenty-five recent HHS graduates met with the Class of 2013 to discuss the transition to college. We plan to “pilot” a similar assembly in the spring with Grade 12 students speaking to Grade 11 students about the College Application Process.

Financial Aid Night

Was held on Tuesday, Jan. 8th -- approximately fifty parents in attendance. Featured a presentation by representative from Rider University who took parents through the FAFSA process.

Poetry Out Loud

Congrats to 10th grade student **Julia Shapiro**, who won Friday night's school competition; she will represent HHS at the Regional competition (Two Rivers Theatre) in February. Thanks to HTEA and English Dept. for sponsoring the event, and special thanks to Margaret McDonald for coordinating it.

All-Shore Chorus

Congrats to the seventeen members of the HHS Concert Chorus who were accepted into All-Shore – they will perform in the 50th anniversary concert on Saturday, Feb. 2nd @ Neptune HS.

Class Meetings

Class meetings were held with each class last week, and we discussed the following:

- Review of Security Procedures
- Mid Term Exams
- Attendance – Parent Portal
- National Honor Society – Service Hours
- Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) – new school club to start in February

8th Grade Parent Meeting with HHS Administration

Will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 15th @ 7:00 in auditorium. It is a chance to “faces to names” and hear about the many things we offer here at HHS.

National Honor Society

Ceremony to be held on Wednesday, Jan. 16th, @ 7:00 pm in auditorium. Eighty-six new members will be inducted; along with the new members, thirty-nine mentor teachers will also be recognized.

Acting Showcase

Friday, Jan. 25th @ 6:30 pm in auditorium. This is the “Final Exam” for Ms. Connelly’s Acting Classes – approximately 40 students will perform. Free to the public.

Department Testing Schedule

The following schedule will be used for the **closing days of Marking Period 2** so that students will not be overly-burdened with too many tests on any given day:

- Jan. 28 – OPEN (anyone may test)
- Jan. 29 – Social Science / Science / Electives
- Jan. 30 – Math / English / World Languages / PE
- Jan. 31 – Social Science / Science / Electives
- Feb. 1 – Math / English / World Languages / PE
- Feb. 4 – **No Tests or Quizzes** (except for individual makeups)

Mid Term Exams

Date	Exam 1 (8:30 am –	Exam 2 (11:00 am –
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	10:30 am)	1:00 pm)
Tuesday, Feb. 5 th	Period 1	Period 4
Wednesday, Feb. 6 th	Period 2	Period 5
Thursday, Feb. 7 th	Period 3	Period 6
Friday, Feb. 8 th	Period 8	Period 7

Teacher's Report – Cheryl McBride –

Student Accomplishments

Science Teacher Suzanne Michaud reports that Matthew Ameduri, a sophomore, earned his Eagle Scout badge and was recognized in a ceremony on January 5th.

ECO Club

The ECO Club had guest speakers Dr. Wilson of the Holmdel Green Team and her husband, Dr. Wilson, a Nobel Prize winner in Physics, present on the township's new Single Stream Recycling. They brought some videos for the Club to watch, told of their personal visits to some Single Stream Recycling plants, and explained how Single Stream Recycling is more labor intensive, because the plants must manually separate the materials that we do not separate in our own homes. All in all, the talk went well and was very informative.

Sports News

Competing in County Relays for winter track, **Kelly McKay** set a new school record in the pole vault (8' 0")!

Science League

HHS opened their 2013 Science League season with a meet at Marlboro High School. We fielded five teams, Bio I, Bio II, Chem I, Phys I and Phys II. HHS won first place in Chem I, Phys I and Phys II, second in Bio I, and fifth in Bio II. Special congratulations to Ray Wang who scored a perfect score in Chem II!

Officer's Reports

VP Membership -Victoria Entwistle – A couple of new families have joined.

VP Fundraising –Teri Perez, Roseanne Wriedt – \$525 collected this month.

Updating new request letter for Write-A-Check and sending out. Please sign up for the following fundraising programs we have running with local supermarkets. They are at no cost to you and directly benefit the PTSO: Stop & Shop A+ program at www.stopandshop.com/aplus; Pathmark Escrip Program at www.escrip.com/pathmark
HHS # 6516232.

Treasurer's Report – Debbie Bohny- Debbie was unable to make the meeting today and will present her reports next month. She did note that if we don't start getting checks in we will have a difficult time funding our regular events and scholarships.

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.

9th Grade Class Liaison – Mary Lou Moramaro – No report

10th Grade Class Liaison – Donna Disko – No report

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

12th Grade Class Liaison – Debbie Bohny – No report

HCAA – Sheika Dombek – No report

HDAA – Kristin Echavaria –No report

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 – No report

Photocopier – Vicky Mazzei – No report

Programs – Darlene Kiss, Darlene Field and Lisa Lograno – No report

Project Graduation – Elaine Killough – No report

Publicity – Joanne Colella – No report

Special Projects –Emma Butler – No report

Student Directory –Theresa Slade – Directories were delivered.

Sunshine – Laurie Fontana – No report

Website – Tammy Boyle- If you need to post anything on the parent website please send to her at theresem1010@aol.com

Provisional Business – None

New Business –

- The mayor announced at the Tuesday night meeting at town hall that Holmdel has partnered with Keansburg in an effort to help their residents return home. The program is entitled Holmdel Helps and the Lakeside Manor has donated facilities and catering for a fundraising event to be held on March 1 from 6 to 10p.m. 100% of the proceeds will be used to directly purchase core building materials to help rebuild the homes of Keansburg. The parent support groups will help coordinate items for the silent auction.
- Ms. Moramarco introduced the representatives from Chartwells and thanked the superintendant and Central Office for the quick response to the Marley Drinks situation and the communication to the parents and community. Executive director Jim Gillespie of Chartwells explained that the food service director, Laura Blasucci, made an independent and unfortunate decision to purchase the Marley Drinks from a vendor and sell them. She violated several policies, rules and procedures put forth by Chartwells and the district. When Chartwells was made aware of the situation they reacted immediately to remove the product and conduct an investigation.

All Products are supposed to be brought before the district manager for approval and then he, in turn, is supposed to take the products before the Board of Ed for approval. None of these policies were followed and Ms Blasucci was let go because of it. She is now replaced by Craig Lanzer.

The company that makes Marley Drinks is very upset about the whole incident and say the product is not intended for children and was never supposed to be distributed to schools. It was the particular distributor who disregarded that fact. From this point on this distributor will not be allowed in the district.

The original batch of Marley Drinks (which we had) are the only ones that do not have the warning labels on them which explains why staff was not immediately alerted to the fact that it was not intended for children. Chartwells has put provisions in place that would prevent this kind of incident from reoccurring. They also made restitution for all expenses incurred by the families of the Satz students who purchased and drank the Marley products. They are also in the process of identifying High School students who purchased the drink and will make restitution.

Barbara Duncan and Mr. Loughran both shared that they were horrified by the event and have taken immediate action to insure this never happens again.

Dani Page made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Teri Perez 2nd. All approved and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The next PTSO meeting will take place on February 11 at 9:30 a.m. in the auditorium.