

Holmdel High School

PTSO General Meeting January 8, 2020

Call to Order: 9:40am Fire Notice and Pledge

Principal's Report – Brian Schillaci: reviewed Attendance procedures. He will be sending out quarterly emails on topic of attendance. Currently

- **A deduction of 1 point if student is less than 5 minutes late**
- **A deduction of 3 points if student is more than 5 minutes late**
- **A deduction of 3 points if student is absent.**
- **Discussion regarding 5 minutes late and Absentees having the same amount of negative points. This will be reviewed.**
- **Students get 27 points allotted per semester, and/or 54 points (18 days) per year. More than that, the student will lose academic credit**

If a student is getting close to losing credit, letters will be sent (typically mail is sent to both students and parents) and the school will meet with the student. There is a culture within the student population who are viewing these points as “vacation” days and that is what the administration is seeking to alter.

Final furniture selections are being made for the new building.

TV Classes are being held currently in the new TV studio; probable other classes will start there in the 2nd semester i.e. photography and engineering.

School closings coming up: Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Jan. 20th and Friday, January 24th – Faculty day.

January 28th/29th is the end of the marking period.

District committee is meeting regarding vaping next week. Doing research to get out in front of it. Known to be addictive and kids specifically are being targeted by marketing. HHS has had discussions with the students regarding vaping, and there is the belief it is not rampant within the school building itself.

Athletic teams are doing great. Poetry Out Loud being held January 28th.

First ever pizza contest fundraiser for Jack Dowd scholarship 7pm Jan. 30th.

Blue and white for school spirit can/should be worn by students on Fridays.

Parent questioned shorter lunch periods. Lunch was shortened by 6 minutes so class time could be extended. Fifty-five (55) minutes was a long time for all

950 students to be wandering the building; kids finish eating in 20 minutes. Many students have study hall and can eat there as well. Now lunch is 49 minutes, but 57 minutes total to get to/from classes.

School based Therapist introduced – Michelle Reibirch. A licensed clinical social worker here through Rutgers program, she provides the same services as a private therapist, but she can be found within our schools during the school day.

- **Students under 16 need parental consent to meet with her. Over 16 they can consent themselves to their own treatment per Keystone Law.**
- **Referrals can come through guidance counselors or teachers at any of the schools (Indian Hill, Satz, HHS). Teachers and professionals will determine if a student needs Michelle’s services or other sources.**
- **Difference between Ms. Reibirch and Mrs. Kudisc:**

Mrs Kudisch is – walk into her office; I-had-a-hard-day type thing and/or drug and alcohol issues. Whereas Mrs. Reibirch is structured; with weekly appointment times. There is an inherent difference in the functioning of the student. Kids used to be referred outside of the system whereas now Mrs. Reibirch can potentially do the same work as someone in an ER and keep our students within our system.

- **Mindfulness”: rooms Mrs. Kudisch does do that sort of thing; providing a quiet room; handles drug and alcohol counseling. She sees Type A kids mostly; can go to Mrs. Kudisch for non-crisis issues as well.**
- **Contact info is mreibrich@holmdelschools.org ext #2206**
- **Community Discount Cards are sold for \$10 out of Indian Hill and were being sold at this PTSO Meeting. The card is valid for the entire year and can be used repeatedly at same places (i.e. Booskerdoo; McD’s; Jersey Mike’s; Hazlet Pharmacy; Wahoos; Cracked Olive; Cold Stone). Also see Indian Hill website. They are looking to have them available online in the future.**

HFEE Report: still waiting on yearly gift, and Gala sponsorship packages are available now. Gala is on April 25th at Bell Works.

Mini-grant application details are coming out and some could benefit the school building.

Officers Reports: 2nd VP Fundraising – Sarann Jennings. Next PTSO Parking spot coming out in 2-3 weeks. Balloons-for-Seniors Fundraiser coming as well

as Lawn Sign sales (could use an assistant for this: contact Project Grad) and the town-wide Garage Sale is in the Spring.

Linda Fernand from Project Graduation will need volunteers for the night of Proj. Grad for check-in as students arrive and for chaperoning overnight. Parents of Seniors can help if your child is okay with it.

The Garage Sale always needs lots of volunteers. Date was in April and now is pending approval for May 3rd. Will take place in parking lot in front of Satz, as well as at private homes in Holmdel only. The registration fees go back to the PTSO – not a percentage of their sales; fee covers advertising, signs, map of town and homes hosting info. Fees for homeowners is \$30 and at Satz will be \$25 for 1 spot: or 2 spots for \$40. The Garage Sale will be for one (1) day only and it is rain or shine.

Treasurer's Report – Heather Behal: Provided financials for November and December. Bake sales brought in \$105 in December and \$112 in November.

\$100 for Games of Chance; Fall Fling netted \$3200-\$3500. We are at approximately \$2000 for PTSO memberships.

There will be an email going out asking the students what they would really like as PTSO gift i.e. microwave

Class of 2023 (9th): We still need a PTSO Freshman volunteer.

Class of 2021: Donut sale coming up – Krispy Kreme orders have not gone out yet.

Class of 2020: Bake sale next Tuesday the 28th; working on Flag Football; and a winter-themed sweatshirt with the Hornet wearing a hat.

HFEE: COCO Movie Sing-A-Long this Friday (Jan. 10th) at HHS. Starts 5pm-8pm. Includes face painting, crafts, snacks and pizza. The movie is not just for kids. Tickets at www.holmdelcreativeartsassociation.org/winter-movie-night OR at the door.

Talent Show coming up at Indian Hill on Jan. 19th.

February 6th is Paint and Sip at the Senior Center (painting and wine). Attendance will be capped. \$30 to register. Bring food and wine.

New Business: Scholar Committee to be set up. Scholarships are anonymous.

Two food events will be happening in the Spring.

Also in the Spring PTSO and guidance will have a presentation of Class Offerings for 2019-'20.

Ideas for topics for future PTSO meetings email ptscopresidents@gmail.com

Need volunteers for Nominating Committee for next month.

Motion to Adjourn at 10:49am

Next PTSO Meeting is 7pm on February 12, 2020 in the HHS Auditorium