



NNHS Home & School Meeting

Tuesday, October 9, 2018

Call to order at 9:00 am by Mary King.

Board Members present: Mary King, Praghna Peterson, Gail Micheau, Aarthi Ramalingam, Wendy Adcock, Cathie Bucek, Toya O'Connor, Debbie Crossett, Diana McClaurin, Carrie Meikle, Patti Schlecht, Christine Simonson, Rita Woker, Donna Zirin.

Administrators present: Stephanie Posey, Jeff Farson, Brian LaPorte

Executive Board Reports:

Secretary Report: Aarthi Ramalingam

- A motion was made to approve the September 2018 Minutes by Wendy Adcock and seconded by Christine Simonson. All in favor. Motion approved.
- NNHS Home & School is now on social media with a Facebook page. (<https://www.facebook.com/NapervilleNorthHomeandSchool>)

Treasurer Report: Gail Micheau

- Financials are not available yet.
- New Tax-exempt form for the current year and the check request forms are available online in the Home & School folder.

Vice President: Praghna Peterson

- Those interested in volunteering can go to the sign-up page on the website at <https://www.naperville203.org/Page/6341>
- Holiday Potluck is on December 11, from 11:30 am to 1pm. Culinary students will be catering the Holiday Luncheon and Agriscience students will be doing the decorations. Home & School board members will be requested to bring a dish to pass around.

President: Mary King

- April H&S meeting will be held on the 17th in Room 108. The meeting will begin at 9:30 am since it's a late start Wednesday.
- Thanks to Toya O'Connor and Jackie for the Homecoming dance success. Nearly 2000 students attended the dance on a hot day. Thanks to all the volunteers who donated time and refreshments.
- Thanks to Christine and Rita for Teacher Breakfast.
- Thanks to Tara for Directory Spot going live on October 1st. If a parent had the DirectorySpot app last year and purchased it this year, no emails would be sent. Parents who do not have it can still purchase the directory.
- Looking for ideas to celebrate Naperville North winning the Blue Ribbon award.
- As a part of capital improvements project, the baseball field in Naperville North is to be updated.
- The Board meeting on October 18th will discuss the new grading practices in the junior high schools and summer school.

- ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Escalate) is being implemented as the new emergency response procedure. Staff has been training this semester on ALICE and the students will be trained next semester.
- Conference signups had a lot of issues. The software systems provider was overseas and our conferences coincided with their Jewish holidays. So they had skeletal staff to manage the issues.
- Focus 203 meeting is being held on November 14th evening at Naperville Central, and November 15th morning at Compass Church. Topic will be announced soon.
- The Board of Education budget was passed last week.
- 51 students, including 28 from Naperville North, were recognized as National Merit semifinalists.
- Plans are underway to offer Cybersecurity and Introduction to Technology as CTE courses.
- Board member Terry Fielden is retiring. And there are two more open positions in the Board.
- Illinois Association of School Boards' proposal on gun safety was discussed by the Board. A 203 board representative will vote on the proposal in October.

Committee Reports

Coffee with the Principal: Debbie Crossett

Scheduled for October 11th at 7 pm in the Learning Commons. It is limited to 30, but more can come. Aarthi to share the Signup Genius link on Facebook.

Vision & Hearing Screening: Cathie Bucek

Scheduled on October 19th, October 22nd, and November 2nd. Volunteers are needed on November 2nd. Signup Genius link has already been sent out.

Blood Drive: Scheduled for October 6th

Family Connections: A fundraiser at Panda Express on October 17th, from 4pm -8 pm.

SFCP Meeting will be at 7 pm at the Learning Commons later this evening.

Principal Report: Stephanie Posey

- Over 2000 students attended the Homecoming. Great feedback from Student Government, especially for the DJ.
- NNHS was awarded the National Blue Ribbon Award.
- Wednesday is not a late start day.
- Sophomores will be screened for SOS next week.

Guest presentation: Jeff Farson/ Brian LaPorte

Counseling:

- School profile is posted online and sent to universities as well, so students can be seen in context.
- School counseling is undergoing a overhaul this year. ASCA (American School Counselors Association) has outlined standards for three domains - Academic, SEL, and College & Career.
- The task this year is to implement the 9th grade curriculum. Counselors are meeting students during LINK over a period of 5 weeks.

College Info:

- Different programming and opportunities are available for students.

- Senior college week & Senior Parent Night is during the last week of August. In every English class, students watched videos and got questions answered.
- 251 unique visits have been signed up from September 4th to the week prior to finals. There will be no visits during the 2nd semesters.
- On Job Shadow day (day of parent-teacher conferences), students can shadow from 9 am to 3 pm to figure out if it is the job they are looking for.
- Parent Naviance accounts have been rolled out so parents can see what students see.
- Career Carnival is from November 13th to 16th. On Tuesday & Wednesday, there will be a presentation of soft skills, digital etiquette, resume writing and interviewing. On Thursday & Friday, students can sign up for a panel based on a career pathway.
- There will be 2 Naviance shutdowns during Thanksgiving and the holidays when students cannot request recommendations. Communication will be sent to parents and students on the shutdown.
- Last year, 50-60 college visited in the 2nd semester but only 2 students came for the visits. Since students are not taking advantage of the visits, instead they will be offered soft skills training.
- About 700 students joined 161 institutions last year. In the class of 2019, 58 have been commended, 28 were National Merit semifinalists and 7 were recognized as Hispanic scholars. They will be recognized in a ceremony in November.

Q&A:

- Boys need to register for selective service to be considered for financial aid. If they are younger than 18 years of age, they can still register.
- During career week, undecided students can do the career exploration in Naviance during the first 2 days and then attend the panel discussions in the last 2 days.
- 35% - 40% of the students change their major in the first few years.
- While some school may be fine with an undecided, others may require direct admission.
- Best fit for the student is more important than the college rankings.
- The top 2 destinations for Naperville North students are College of DuPage (111) followed by U of I (82).
- Parents can attend college visits in the evenings while daytime visits are scheduled only for students because of space.

A motion to adjourn was made by Patti Schlecht and seconded by Carrie Meikle. All in favor. Motion approved.

Next Home & School Meeting: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 9 am in Room 108.
Guest Speaker: Jaci Fabian on Social Emotional Learning.