



Naperville North High School Home & School Meeting Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Call to order at 9:03 am by Mary King.

Board Members present: Mary King, Praghna Peterson, Gail Micheau, Aarthi Ramalingam, Debbie Crossett, Toya O'Connor, Patti Schlecht, Racquel Conwell, Donna Zirin, Deneen Robert, Kim Henderson, Jaime Thompson, Christine Simonson

Administrators present: Stephanie Posey, Jen Baumgartner, Jaci Fabian.

Executive Board Reports

Vice President: Praghna Peterson

- Holiday Potluck is on December 11, from 11:30 am to 1pm. Invites will be sent out soon. Home & School board members will be requested to bring a dish to pass around. Culinary students will be catering the Holiday Luncheon and Agriscience students will be doing the decorations.
- Bylaws are up for review this year. For the committee, volunteers are needed from each junior high feeder school. Those interested to contact Praghna Peterson.

Secretary Report: Aarthi Ramalingam

- A motion was made to approve the October 2018 Minutes by Jaime Thompson and seconded by Kim Anderson. All in favor. Motion approved.

Treasurer Report: Gail Micheau

- Balance as of end of October 2018 - \$16,874.38. The grant was paid, so we had \$1000 extra. Directory Spot came in a bit short, but better than last year.
- A motion to approve the October financials was made by Donna Zirin and seconded by Patti Schlect. All in favor. Motion approved.
- Tax-Exempt Form currently valid till end September. New form for the current year is available in the Home & School folder. Check request forms are available in the Home & School folder.

President Report: Mary King

- Thanks to Directory Spot chair Tara Rester. If you already had Directory Spot, no new emails will be sent.
- Thanks to Coffee with the Principal chair Debbie and Supriya Desai. We had a good turnout and an interactive session with Stephanie Posey. The next event will be in spring.
- Thanks to Vision and Hearing chair Cathie Bucek. Nearly 750 students availed of the service.
- Thanks to Cathy Gentile for managing the Blood Drive and to those who volunteered. Volunteers only handled the paperwork.
- On the social media front, Facebook page is live and information on Home & School events and volunteers are being posted. The website has been updated.

- The Blue Ribbon celebration reception will probably be held after the new year. If anyone has any ideas for format, please contact Mary King.
- General Home & School:
 - 3 seats open. 2 current board members are running again. 1 board member is retiring. Contact Donna Wandtke if interested in running. 2 board meetings a month; lots of reading; budget curriculum, student discipline; four year term.
 - Enrollment update; increasing at lower grades; low enrollment bubble currently in junior high & high school.
 - Standards-based grading pilot continues at junior highs.
 - Summer school promoted as part of regular school year, especially to stop the summer slide.
 - IASB resolution; 3 resolutions. District will vote No to arming teachers. 2 Eighth graders gave statement at the BOE meeting. Feedback from parents has been overwhelmingly against arming them.
 - We have a new Executive Director of Diversity & Inclusion, Rakeda Leaks.
 - We also have a new Director for Safety & Security, Commander Lou Cammisso, retired from NPD.
 - Focus 203 – Every Student Achieves – Every Student Grows: System of Supports
 - Wednesday November 14, 7:00-9:00pm NCHS Large Café
 - Thursday, November 15, 9:00-11:00am, Compass Church, 1551 E. Hobson Road
 - The Self-Driven Child – presentation at Kennedy Junior High on Thursday, November 15 at 1:00pm or Anderson’s Bookshop at 7:00pm.
 - Holiday Giving program begins on November 16 at 9:00am.

Committee Reports

Family Connections: Supports families that have short-term emergency situations till the District sets them up for long-term help. Walmart or Meijer gift cards are needed. On November 27th, there will be a fundraiser through Portillo’s. If we don’t have enough, then money from the reserves will be used. Jeff Farson will retweet the Portillo’s fundraiser and information will be shared on the Home & School Facebook page.

School Store: Various goodies are available including Christmas ornaments and stuffed Huskie toys.

Staff Appreciation: Principal’s Day with Wendy Adcock and Jill.

Senior Celebration: Sharlene Hammond

- Last year balance - little over \$30,000.
- 65% of students have already registered.
- It will be the same time as last year because the students were able to get back home on time.
- First meeting will be on 9/24 in Room 184.
- Volunteers needed to help with decorations, run committees, or to get donations.
- Being a drug/alcohol free environment, it’s a safe and fun way for students to celebrate.

Administration Reports

Principal Report: Stephanie Posey

- Blue Ribbon flag and plaque were received. A celebration will be held in the new year.
- Girls cross country & Boys' soccer won the championships for the third time. It is not just about academics or sports, but we as the school support giving back to the community as well.

Events/ Happenings this week: Jen Baumgartner

- Veteran's Day assembly was a beautiful celebration. It was telecast live. We had a 3-star general address the nearly 3000-strong crowd. The band and the chorus performed at the event.
- The student-run production of Winnie the Pooh will be performed at the NPAC.
- The auditions are on for the winter assembly.
- The flags outside are part of Veterans' Day celebrations.

Guest presentation: Jaci Fabian on No Limits

- The vision for No Limits was created by the students who believed First Class was more regimented. No Limits is supposed to be more organic and stress-free. No topic is off limits.
- The executive board includes 2 Juniors and the rest are seniors. Teachers facilitate the process, but otherwise take a backseat.
- The website <https://sites.google.com/naperville203.org/nolimits/> and the presentation was created almost exclusively by the students.
- The website addresses various topics including Lessons of the Month, relaxation techniques, social media and specific concerns for the Seniors.
- Overwhelmingly positive feedback received on the topic of De-stigmatizing Mental Health.
- The 3rd session for the year will be on November 14th.
- Still figuring out how to handle bigger classes like PE when the No Limits sessions are conducted.
- The feedback from teachers have been positive as well.

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