



Naperville North High School Home & School Meeting Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Call to order at 9:02 am by Mary King.

Board Members present: Mary King, Gail Micheau, Aarthi Ramalingam, Debbie Crossett, Patti Schlecht, Raquel Conwell, Donna Zirin, Kim Henderson, Christine Simonson, Diana McClaurin, Cathie Bucek

Administrators present: Stephanie Posey, Jen Baumgartner, Brian LaPorte, Monica Novak.

Executive Board Reports

Secretary Report: Aarthi Ramalingam

- A motion was made to approve the February Minutes by Cathie Bucek and seconded by Diana McClaurin. All in favor. Motion approved.

Treasurer Report: Gail Micheau

- Balance as of end of February 2019 - \$15,768.01 Still have several expenses and wish list requests to be paid off. A motion to approve the December financials was made by Debbie Crossett and seconded by Christine Simonson. All in favor. Motion approved.
- Budget for the year 2019-20 was presented.
 - Directory: Sales down by 150 from two years ago. Last year, after it was included in the fee statement, it was up by 60. DirectorySpot is used by all school and is more handy. Having a separate table during registration might boost sales. A suggestion of donations instead of directory purchase was made. Online registration might make it easier to promote DirectorySpot.
 - Dance: Feedback from the students after the last dance is that they don't need food. Also health permits might be necessary if we provide food. Current food expenses are at about \$500.
 - EKG: Main expense is food for volunteers. With Boosters and administration support, we can keep the costs down. Date for next year yet to be confirmed.
- Senior celebration balance as of 2/28 is \$28,553.41

President Report: Mary King

- Praghna Peterson will not be completing this year as Vice President.
- Thank Yous to Christine Simonson & Rita Woker for Teacher Breakfast, Carrie Meikle for Mailings, Cathie Gentile for Blood Drive and to all donors as well.
- Bylaws were sent out to the chairs. Thanks to those who have responded. We will be voting on them next month.
- April 17th meeting's guest speaker will be Dr. Rakeda Leaks, Executive Director of Diversity and Inclusion.
- **General Home & School:**
 - Online registration for the 2019-20 school year has been piloted. It will be open to all parents soon.
 - NEF Building a Passion breakfast is scheduled for March 20th.

- NEF is also participating in the October 20th marathon. Last year, NEF raised \$26K. Runners and walkers welcome.
- Focus 203 sessions are scheduled for March 13th and March 14th. The topic is Unique Programming in 203.

Administration Reports

Events/ Happenings this week: Jen Baumgartner

- Spring week at Naperville North. Air Band tomorrow night and Spring Dance is on Saturday.
- Senior events begin next week with senior brunch and Senior celebrations in April. Forms have to be turned in and cost goes up for late registration. Cap & gowns will be distributed. Awards Committee will be meeting as well. Any questions, please contact Jen Baumgartner.
- Planning for the next school year has begun. Homecoming is scheduled for October. Cheer & Marching Bands are meeting this week.
- Information on freshman registration & Link crew is available on the website. If you have an eighth grader and are not getting all the information through email, please contact Jen Baumgartner.

Guest presentation: Brian LaPorte & Monica Novak on AP Testing

- AP Testing, administered by the College Board, held annually in May. AP courses and exams same as last year. The cost to register is \$98 per exam.
- Information on whether a class will count for college credit is on the College Board website. Parents can search for AP credit policy on the College Board website. <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/creditandplacement/search-credit-policies>. It usually depends on the grade and the policy of each college. The College Board tool is mostly helpful for seniors who are narrowing down colleges.
- This year's AP testing is from May 6th - May 17th, Monday through Friday. Dates are set by College Board. Exams are either in morning or afternoon.
- Testing will be on-site this year at Naperville North, same as last year. This helps with accommodated testing.
- 33 exams are being given this year. 729 students have registered to take the exams. Latin, Human Geography & Spanish Literature are new.
- Students should have created their free College Board account as freshmen. The same account is used for PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, PSAT and SAT testing. Anyone with account issues can contact Brian LaPorte or Monica Novak.
- AP Bulletin has resources for students and teachers. Joint code has been give in every AP class to students. <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/pdf/ap-student-parent-bulletin-2018-19.pdf>
- Next year, College Board is introducing new online classroom resources for teachers and students. Also fall registration for AP testing is being piloted instead of later in spring. The belief is more students, especially minorities and low income students, will commit and therefore perform better. School districts are against fall registration. College Board has yet to send out the registration tool information. We are working with Naperville Central to get more information.

AP Testing Presentation is available on the Naperville North website at <https://www.naperville203.org/Page/6552>.

Principal Report: Stephanie Posey

- Spring sports starts this week with Indoor Badminton and Water Polo.

- Upcoming presentations: March 12 - The Importance of Failure by Adam Russo, LCSW; March 20th - Stress Less for the Test by Kids Matter, April 9 - Transitioning from High School to College by Harlan Cohen. All are kid-friendly.
- Seniors will be signing Stephanie Posey's gown to wear on graduation.
- Signs of Suicide Program:
 - Juniors have been completed the program.
 - Seniors are next on schedule. It will be different from the questionnaire for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. The focus will be more on how they would handle it outside of school and resources available.
 - Program has exceeded expectations so far. Students are talking and letting know if peers need help. Staff training is better and it has helped them to respond better to any situation. The 15% identified as at-risk are getting help and the other 85% are learning to help their peers.
 - The program will continue next year and will be included in the wellness program, so the message is an ongoing one.

Committee Reports

Nominations: The slate for the 2019-20 NNHS Home & School Executive Board was voted in unani-
mously. After the vote, the new board introduced itself to those present at the meeting.

Family Connections: Opening balance was \$3300 and \$1500 was collected over the year. Senior Buzz
flyers have been sent out. An all-day fundraiser is being held at Buona Beef on April 3rd, where 20% of
the sales will be donated to Family Connections to Support a Senior. The fundraiser will be publicized
through Huskie Howler, Talk 203, and the Home & School Facebook page.

Coffee with Principal: Scheduled for April 17th from 7 pm to 8:30 pm. This is geared towards incom-
ing freshmen.

**A motion to adjourn was made at by Donna Zirin and seconded by Patti Schlecht. All in favor. Mo-
tion approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.**

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 in Room 108

Guest Speaker: Dr. Rakeda Leaks, Executive Director of Diversity and Inclusion.