



Naperville North High School

Home & School Meeting

September 10, 2019

Call to order at 9:02 am by Christine Simonson

Board Members present: Christine Simonson, Aarthi Ramalingam, Cathie Bucek, Laura Cialoni, Patti Schlecht, Donna Zirin, Marni Springer, Jaime Thompson, Dee Dauber, Kelly O'Malley, Pam Biederman, Nicole Rorke, Anu Raju, Gail Micheau, Nancy Matambo, Kim Henderson

Administrators present: Stephanie Posey, Jen Baumgartner, Brian LaPorte, Judy McCormack

Executive Board Reports

President Report: Christine Simonson

- Welcome back to chairs serving another year, new chairs and the guests.
- Introductions were made by going round the room, for board members as well as guests.
- Vice President, Diana McClaurin and Treasurer, Deneen Robert are not present due to family emergencies. Treasurer balance will be available next month.
- Thank you to all the chairs for volunteering your time. We look forward to a successful school year.
 - Mailing - Chairs Carrie Meikle and Marni Springer, and all the parent volunteers
 - Publications - Amy Looi for helping with Online Parent guide and Lourdes Chew for Parent brochure
 - Registration - Chairs Nicole Rorke, Anu Raju, and Jinny Kim, and all the parent volunteers
 - DirectorySpot - Tara Rester
 - DeEtta's for the goodies
- **General Home & School:**
 - Website changes happening across 203. Naperville North website would change as well.
 - Cheer Squad for NEF for Naperville half marathon/ 5K on Saturday, October 20.
 - Scam phishing continuing from last year. Emails made to look like they are from H&S presidents asking to purchase gift cards. Please call to confirm.
 - Kristin Fitzgerald, Naperville North parent and BOE President, shared the Board stance on opt in/opt out. While school boards don't usually comment on city issues, all school boards were asked to weigh in on this matter. Based on feedback from parent leadership, school leadership, HURRAH volunteers and providers, the Board unanimously opposed the recreation marijuana sales and shared it with the city of Naperville. The city has now decided to opt-out with the option of a referendum at a later date.

Secretary Report: Aarthi Ramalingam

- A motion was made to approve the end of March Minutes by Gail Micheau and seconded by Donna Zirin. All in favor. Motion approved.

- Policies and Procedures were shared through email. A signature sheet was passed around that confirmed H&S Board Members have read and agreed with the Policies and Procedures. Those who were not at the meeting will be contacted for e-signature.

Administration Reports

Principal Report: Stephanie Posey

- All administrators could not be present for introductions because of the SOS screening. No new staff. Jessica Freed is taking on a new role as Assistant Principal - Student Services. There has been a realignment of student services with an added Instructional Coordinator of Counseling.
- Vaping numbers are on the rise overall compared to other substance abuse problems. But they have gone down at Naperville North after strict implementation of student discipline policies.
- SOS screening has started again this year and more students are willing to talk about friends struggling.
- We won against Naperville Central in soccer. Girls cross-country and tennis are underway.
- SFCP events planned for the year and dates to be finalized.
 - Schulyer Bailar, transgender athlete from Harvard, will address select students on September 20.
 - Clint Pulver - motivational speaker will address freshmen/sophomore first and then juniors and seniors.
 - October: Parent-to-Parent Night for Junior parents on College Planning.
 - November: SFCP will coordinate with SUCCESS to bring in Matt Quinn to address the topic of vaping.
 - December: Screenagers movie will be shown again, with a student panel available for after-movie discussion.
 - January: Parent-to-Parent talk for incoming Freshman parents.
 - March: Adam Russo on Resiliency.
 - April: Harlan Cohen talk to seniors on college transition.

Events/ Happenings: Jen Baumgartner

- Great start to school year. Homecoming Week is Sep 30 - Oct 5. 1700 kids will attend Homecoming. Parent volunteers are needed to provide refreshments and help with check-in & checkout. There will be 2 assemblies along with Club fairs, theme days, spirit week
- Sep 27th Jostens (Cap, ring and gown vendor) will be at school.
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Committee Reports

Directory: Huskie Howler information will be sent to all regarding DirectorySpot.

Family Connections: Support families in need that identified through administration.

Two restaurant nights have been planned with NNHS receiving 20% of the proceeds. 1) September 18 at Panda Express on Ogden Ave from 4 pm - 8 pm. 2) October 10 at Portillos from 5 pm - 8 pm.

Senior Celebrations: 300 parents have volunteered and most co-chair positions have been filled. The meetings are once a month with the first meeting on September 17th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. This year's date is Saturday, April 19, 2020 from 8 pm to 1:30 am, with student check-in starting at 7 pm.

Teacher Breakfast: Pancake Breakfast has been planned during the fall conferences. A Signup Genius request will be sent soon.

School Store: Volunteers are needed on an on-going basis. The timings are Mornings, 7:00 am - 7:45 am and during Lunch from 10 am - 1:30 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Tours: Volunteers needed on an on-going basis. Those interested, contact Diana McClaurin.

Guest speaker - Brian LaPorte and Judy McCormack on AP Testing

- Administered by college board during the first 2 weeks in May. Dates are pre-determined by college board. 2020 AP dates are on the website and cannot be change unless the student has two exams at the same time.
- Exam is optional but it offers students the option of potential college credit. Colleges decide whether AP credits will be offered. Students can look up AP credit policy search on the College Board website, and can decide depending on college policy.
- 2020 AP exam will again be held on-site at NNHS, same as the last 2 years. Students will be notified of their specific testing locations later.
- The cost is \$98 per exam.
- AP test registration moved to Fall. Registration period for 1st semester and all year exams August 15th - November 7th registration. Spring registration in only for semester 2 courses.
- Late fees and cancellation fees are \$40 per exam.
- 2019 quick facts: 32 AP exams were offered. 717 students registered to take one or more exams, resulting in a total of more than 1500 exams administered. Largest exam was AP with 208 students and the smallest was AP Human Geography with one student.

Q&A

- All teachers were given codes for registration to be shared with the students. If the student doesn't have one, they can stop by main office or register.
- AP Physics C has 2 exams with \$98 each, but student can take one or the other.
- Colleges are moving away from SAT & ACT because of economic reasons, preparation & testing site availability. 4 years of proven track record is more reliable.
- Junior Parent Information Night - September 24th.
- More information available on the website.

2019-20 AP Presentation is available on the NNHS website at <https://www.naperville203.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=13576&dataid=23678&FileName=2019-20-APT-Test-IngPresentation.pdf>

A motion to adjourn was made at by Jaime Thompson and seconded by Nicole Rorke. All in favor. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Next Home & School Meeting on Tuesday, October 8, 2019. Guest Speaker Topic: College Information/ School Links.

Upcoming Events: Homecoming Dance - October 5

Teacher Breakfast - October 10

Vision & Hearing Screening - October 29