



# Naperville North High School

## Home & School Meeting

### October 8, 2019

**Call to order at 9:02 am by Christine Simonson**

**Board Members present:** Christine Simonson, Diana McClaurin, Aarthi Ramalingam, Deneen Robert, Cathie Bucek, Patti Schlecht, Raquel Conwell, Donna Zirin, Marni Springer, Jaime Thompson, Dee Dauber, Kelly O'Malley, Pam Biederman, Nicole Rorke, Gail Micheau, Nancy Matambo

**Administrators present:** Stephanie Posey, Jen Baumgartner, Brian LaPorte

## Executive Board Reports

### President Report: Christine Simonson

- Happy National Pierogi Day!
- Thank yous:
  - Homecoming - Co-chairs Laura Cialoni, Naseem Siddique, Bill Itzenhuiser and all the parent volunteers for the refreshments, decorations, coat & student check-ins. The dance was a great success. Thank you also to the husbands (Laura's & Christine's) who helped with the unloading and setting up of the heavy water bottles.
  - DirectorySpot - Tara Rester
- **General Home & School:**
  - District Calendar discussions for 2020-21 and 2021-22 are underway
    - There are 3 main criteria: Semesters to be balanced (no more than 8 days discrepancy between semesters), semester exams before winter break, and to start the school as late as possible.
    - Considering having no school on election day because of security challenges.
    - Considering fall break, around election day.
    - The draft proposal to be presented to the BOE by October 21st and final approval by Thanksgiving in November.
  - Communication process in the event of an emergency and how to keep parents updated.
    - Safety of students is the number one priority.
    - Communication will have to wait till the investigation is completed and depending on circumstances, might have to go through the DA's office, law enforcement. DA/Law Enforcement might have to review the communication.
    - Student confidentiality needs to be protected.
    - As parents, we need to be conscious of what we share on social media.
  - Cheer Squad for NEF for Naperville half marathon/ 5K on Saturday, October 20. Information to register will be available in the Huskie Howler.

### Vice President Report: Diana McClaurin

- Those who wish to volunteer can fill up the Volunteer Survey or contact the Executive Board. The emails are on the website.

### Secretary Report: Aarthi Ramalingam

- A motion was made to approve the end of September Minutes by Patti Schlecht and seconded by Kelly O'Malley. All in favor. Motion approved.
- Policies and Procedures were shared through email. Those Board members who were not at the September H&S meeting were contacted to send an e-signature. The signature sheet will be passed around if any board member who still hasn't signed it.

#### **Treasurer Report: Deneen Robert**

- Balance as of September 30 is \$8042.87 and as of October 8 is \$6100.50.
- Senior Celebration balance as of September 30 is \$36128.71
- A motion was made to approve the financials from April to September by Gail Micheau and seconded by Donna Zirin. All in favor. Motion approved.

## **Committee Reports**

**Directory:** Costs \$15, still available for purchase. If you haven't bought it yet, please do so and encourage friends to do it as well. Directory sales have gone down from 600 to 550 this year, which means our income will be short by \$1300. This amount usually goes to the wish list. Since directory sales is our only fundraiser, we might have to come up with fresh ideas to support the wish list. Please email or contact Christine Simonson or any of the Exec Board members if you have any ideas.

**Family Connections:** \$80 received from the Panda Express fundraiser. Next restaurant fundraiser is on October 10 at Portillos from 5 pm - 8 pm. Bake Sale coming up on November 7th at Racquel Conwell's house, with goodies donated by Betty Chan, a Naperville North parent. This outside fundraiser has been approved by Student Services.

**Coffee with the Principal:** Scheduled for November 5th at 7 pm in the Learning Commons. A Signup Genius request for RSVP will be sent out to plan the event.

**Senior Celebrations:** Sub-committee chair positions yet to be filled. Those interested can contact Dee Dauber. Budget will be finalized by end of October. The meetings are once a month, and the next meeting is on October 14th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in room 184. The next two meetings are on November 19th and December 9th.

**Staff Appreciation:** NNHS Huskie tote bag has been purchased to give to the custodians. Same will be given to all the staff during various staff appreciation days.

## **Partner Reports**

**SFCP:** The Parent-to-Parent College Information panel is scheduled for October 29th from 7 pm to 8:30 pm.

## **Guest speaker - Brian LaPorte on College Information/SchoolLinks**

- College & Career Center is located in the Learning Commons. Ms. Monica Novak is away on leave and Carol Krashen will be the long-term substitute. 200+ unique college visits have been planned during Fall 2019.

- Senior College Parent Information Night was at the beginning of the year. Seniors are currently going through the application process.
- Financial Aid Night was in September, presented by the College of DuPage representative. College reps visit the school, from November through April. Students can drop in during their lunch periods.
- Evening programs with college reps have already started, and other schools(204, Benet, Naperville Central) can attend as well. College Planning Night scheduled for February 2nd.
- Junior week presentations scheduled from April 20 - April 24. It was piloted last year and went very well.
- Naviance was the go-to site for the last 10 years and will be replaced by SchoolLinks. Current Seniors will continue using Naviance. Site will be shutdown during November/December for letters of recommendations/transcripts to be sent out.
- SchoolLinks is aligned with the College Readiness curriculum. Fall school registration will be done through SchoolLinks. Students are already signed on to SchoolLinks. An email with the link will be sent later this week to the parents of freshmen, sophomores, and juniors.
- SchoolLinks will be available for grades 6 through 12. 8th graders will register for high school classes through the website.
- Working on the idea of a Career Carnival using altered schedules so students can listen to speakers without missing classes.
- 2019-20 NNHS School Profile handout gives a snapshot of Naperville North.

## Q&A

- The pros and cons of SchoolLinks vs Naviance is yet to be seen. SchoolLinks portal is still in development and offers more features to align with the College Readiness curriculum.
- The order in which the colleges receive documents does not matter, as long as the deadlines are met.
- Colleges need test scores from College Boards. Students can send in test scores as soon as they know. After October/November, servers can become slower. So it is recommended that students don't wait till the end.
- Recommendation letters depend on the each college requirements. 1 or 2 may be sufficient. Some colleges are specific about requirements and not all colleges ask for one. Counselor recommendations, again, depends on the college.
- Some colleges request self-reporting of test scores. ACT charges \$13 to send in the scores. Some colleges allow self-reporting of scores to stop price gouging. These colleges require official scores to be reported from the ACT once the student has been accepted.
- Some colleges make test scores optional, believing that a 4-hour standardized testing isn't a snapshot of the student's work. Merit scholarships are also offered without test scores.
- Information for each college can be found in Naviance/SchoolLinks. Students need to organize that information. (An excel spreadsheet template will be shared on the website along with the presentation)

2019-20 College & Career Handout: <https://www.naperville203.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=13576&dataid=25245&FileName=2019-HomeAndSchoolHandout.pdf>

2019 College Comparison Spreadsheet: <https://www.naperville203.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=13576&dataid=25248&FileName=2019-CollegeComparison.pdf>

2019-20 NNHS School Profile: <https://www.naperville203.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=13576&dataid=25246&FileName=2019-20-NNHSProfile.pdf>

