



# Naperville North High School

## Home & School Meeting

### February 11, 2020

**Call to order at 9:05 am by Christine Simonson**

**Board Members present:** Christine Simonson, Diana McClaurin, Aarthi Ramalingam, Deneen Robert, Debbie Crossett, Tara Rester, Cathie Bucek, Patti Schlecht, Donna Zirin, Carrie Meikle, Marni Springer, Kim Henderson, Pam Biederman, Lourdes Chew, Nicole Rorke, Anu Raju, Nancy Matambo

**Administrators present:** Stephanie Posey, Jen Baumgartner, Jennifer Hervey, Jessica Freed, Heather Schild

**Guests present:** Denise Arenz, Young Hearts 4 Life

## Executive Board Reports

**President Report: Christine Simonson**

- Thank you to Pam Biederman and Kelly O'Malley for Staff Appreciation, and Kim Henderson for Nominations. Thanks to all the chairs, continuing as well as those with graduating seniors. Thanks to the parent who donated \$100, after seeing the Huskie Howler plea.
- IL science assessment changed to March 10th because of EKG testing. March 19th is the makeup date.
- The April H&S meeting is at 11:00 am, with the guest speaker presentation by Rakeda Leaks, Executive Director for Diversity and Inclusion at 11:30 am. The H&S Board appreciation luncheon will be at 12:30 pm.
- We have enough funds in the current budget for the H&S activities, but we have less for the Teachers' Wish List compared to last year. Current options: 1) 100 copies of Parent Guide printed for Freshman Jamboree. Hard copy available for \$5 nominal donation 2) Restaurant Fundraiser at Front Street Cantina in March, with 10% of gross sales being donated to H&S. 3) see if any nearby gas stations will donate a portion of their sale, (Naperville Central gets a donation of a cent per gallon sold at the nearby Shell station), 4) The raffle idea for preferred seating/parking during graduation has been tabled for another time.
- Bylaws need to be reviewed this year, in tune with the General Home & School's policies. Two changes will be made. 1) The bylaws mention that they will be reviewed in the odd years. Since we are reviewing it now in an even year, that phrasing will be removed. 2) The committee job descriptions in the bylaws currently refer to the website. The website information is only a broad overview. Since the detailed information is in the Google Drive and not the website, the bylaws will be modified to reflect that.
- **General Home & School:**
  - NEF Breakfast fundraiser is at Embassy Suites on March 19, 2020 from 7 am to 9 am. All the money raised by NEF goes back to the students. For more information, contact Kim Henderson.
  - Parent-teacher conferences sign up will go live on Feb 21st.
  - Annual online update for registration will close in early May. If you don't update online registration, proof of residency may be required.

**Vice President Report: Diana McClaurin**

- Volunteer lists have been updated.

**Secretary Report: Aarthi Ramalingam**

- A motion was made to approve the end of January Minutes by Anu Raju and seconded by Patti Schlecht. All in favor. Motion approved.

**Treasurer Report: Deneen Robert**

- Balance as of January 31st is \$13,361.30
- Senior Celebration balance as of January 31st is \$36,114.07
- A motion was made to approve the January financials by Cathie Bucek and seconded by Donna Zirin. All in favor. Motion approved.

## Committee Reports

**Nominations:** Thanks to all the chairs who responded about next year's commitments. Currently, we have the following open positions: Dance Co-chairs (one for coat check and one for refreshments), Staff Appreciation co-chair, Senior Celebration co-chair, two Hospitality co-chairs, Mailings co-chair, and EKG co-chair for 2022. We have 2 candidates for the Secretary position. The Nominations committee will meet next week to choose the candidate. The slate will be shared next month. After the 30-day notice, slate will be voted in April.

**EKG Screening:** Scheduled for Thursday, March 12, 2020. Volunteer sign up is now open at the following link <https://signup.com/go/LUMpDsu>.

We will need over 200 volunteers to make this screening possible. There are morning and afternoon shifts. Details in the link. Lunch will be provided for volunteers who work all day. Volunteer training is required and will occur on the evening of March 11, 2020. Please sign up to help out! Volunteers need not have prior medical training. Only adults can volunteer, but they need not be a current parent. Retired friends and neighbors are welcome to help out. Volunteers have to attend a refresher course, if they haven't taken the training within the last two years.

The screening is free, but students do need to be signed up by their parents. Students who are already 18 years of age can sign themselves up. John Fiore has a list of students who have signed up. If a student can't attend, they can contact Young Hearts 4 Life and can get it tested for \$35.

Edward-Elmhurst covering the cost of testing. 250,000 students screened so far in Chicagoland with 3000 identified with potential issues. In 2020, 29 students have been diagnosed with issues. In 2018, 1980 students were screened. Hoping for the number to go up to 2,000 this year. Results are sent to whoever signs up.

**Coffee with the Principal:** The next one is on April 16th. Sign up Genius will be sent next month.

**SFCP:** A second parent-to-parent freshman panel is scheduled on April 21st at 7 pm. For more details, contact Lourdes Chew.

**Guest speakers - S.O.S by Jennifer Hervey/ Jessica Freed**

- Elyssa's Mission - The main message is acknowledge/ care/ tell.
- Video and discussions by trained teachers and counselors. A 7-question survey is given to the students.
- Freshman and sophomores have been screened. Out of 684 freshmen screened, 53 were identified with suicide ideation or depression. The numbers for sophomore was 58 out of the 696 screened. This is not a diagnosis.
- Juniors will be screened in the second half of February during PE/Wellness class. About 40 students, with a mix of juniors and seniors, will watch the video together. Senior videos will focus more on transition to college and where to access the different support services.
- Gatekeeping training has been offered to teachers with information on whom to contact, what to do or not do.
- Parents can go to the portal, take the screener themselves if they are worried about their students. Tips will be provided to the parents, along with information on pre-test and post-test myths on suicide. This can help alleviate parental worries.
- There has been an increase in the number of students coming to Student Services to talk about themselves as well as their friends.
- Students identified as high risk, a hospital assessment is suggested. For others, the families are contacted. Support is available during the school day. If there is imminent risk, the school can interfere. Else the school needs to go with the student's wish. Student safety is always the priority.

Presentation available at <https://www.naperville203.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=13576&dataid=26381&FileName=2019-20-SOSPresentation.pdf>

## **Guest speaker - Summer Schedule by Heather Schild**

- Registration begins on March 4th on the website. [naperville203.org/summerschool](http://naperville203.org/summerschool). In person registration is on March 7th, April 18th, and May 16th at the PSAC from 8:30 am - 11:30 am.
- For high school, the classes will be at Naperville Central
- The dates from June 2nd to July 10th, with July 3rd being a holiday.
- Online courses have been added - US History, American Government and Consumer Economics. No ELo courses this year.
- Classes for each session in person will be for 6 weeks, 2 1/2 hours each. Online would be 3 weeks. Online students will be required to check in every day. It is suggested that students spend about 3 hours each day, studying for the class. Students who take US History will be allowed to complete 1 semester online and the second, in the school.
- Each session will cost \$210 and 2 sessions will be \$420. Driver's Ed cost is \$400 and SAT prep \$310. Transportation cost is up by \$5 and will be \$30 per semester. For students availing the Free and Reduced lunch, transportation and the summer school will be of no charge.
- Last date for Registration for classes is May 22nd and for transportation, May 16th.

## **Administration Reports**

### **Events/ Happenings: Jen Baumgartner**

- Senior letters being mailed on Feb 20th. Senior week and prom is coming up soon.
- Show choir competition this weekend; Robotics & Chess are preparing to go to state as well.
- Beauty & the Beast is the spring musical; performances in April
- The play Diary of Anne Frank was on Jan 31st - Feb 2nd and the students did a great job.
- Science Bowl won state last weekend. 2nd in Esports in the country.
- Airband tryouts are next week.

**Principal Report: Stephanie Posey**

- Please take the 5E survey so we are over the threshold. 92% of the students, 22% of the parents and 100% of the teachers have taken it.
- SOS for Juniors is next week.
- Parent-teacher conferences are in March. They will be in the individual classrooms, not arena style as in the fall.
- As part of the Speaker Series, SFCP will have Justin Wolfe present on the effects of vaping.

**A motion to adjourn was made at by Debbie Crossett and seconded by Donna Zirin. All in favor. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.**

**Next Home & School Meeting: March 10, 2020 at 9 am, Room 108**  
**Guest Speaker Topic: School Improvement Plan by Stephanie Posey**  
**SchoolLinks by Brian LaPorte**  
**Registration update by Jay Wachtel**

**Upcoming Events: EKG Screening - March 12**  
**Spring Dance - March 21**