



Naperville North High School

Home & School Meeting

March 10, 2020

Call to order at 9:09 am by Christine Simonson

Board Members present: Christine Simonson, Diana McClaurin, Aarthi Ramalingam, Deneen Robert, Cathie Bucek, Carrie Meikle, Jaime Thompson, Pam Biederman, Marni Springer

Administrators present: Stephanie Posey, Jen Baumgartner, Jay Wachtel

Guests present: Diane McAroy, Alive Center

Executive Board Reports

President Report: Christine Simonson

- Thank you to the following board members: Cathy Gentile for Blood Drive; to Carrie Meikle and Marni Springer for Senior Celebration Mailings; to Gail Micheau and Rita Woker for Teacher Breakfast; Kim Henderson for Nominations; for Diana McClaurin & Debbie Crossett for their help with contacting the BP gas station.
- Our next H&S meeting is on Tuesday, April 21, at 11:00 am. The guest speaker presentation by Rakeda Leaks, Executive Director for Diversity and Inclusion is at 11:30 am. The H&S Board appreciation luncheon will be at 12:30 pm.
- Fundraiser update: We would like to increase our wish list funding. Parent Guide for 2020 is being updated. We are planning to try and sell advanced copies during Freshman Jamboree. Front Street Cantina will support us during Taco Tuesdays. We have contacted the BP gas station at Washington & Ogden to see if they will support us with a spirit pump, where a certain percentage of sales from that pump will be given to North. We expect to hear back sometime in mid-April.
- Two changes have been made in the Bylaws. 1) The bylaws no longer mention that they will be reviewed in the odd years. Since we are reviewing it now in an even year, that phrasing is removed. 2) The committee job descriptions in the bylaws will no longer refer to the website. Instead it will refer to the NNHS Home and School Google Drive. The updated version was sent to all board members for review. A motion was made to approve the updated bylaws by Carrie Meikle and seconded by Diana McClaurin. All in favor. Motion approved.
- Executive Board slate was presented at the meeting and will be shared by mail to all. The slate will voted in April. Marni Springer, who is the Secretary nominee, was introduced to the Home & School Board. Voting for the General Home & School Executive Board slate will be done through e-vote since our meeting is at a later date than General H&S.
- Proposed NNHS Executive Board Slate
 - President: Christine Simonson
 - Vice President: Diana McClaurin
 - Secretary: Marni Springer

- Treasurer: Deneen Robert
- Proposed General H&S Executive Board Slate
 - President: Melissa Fosco
 - Vice President: Melinda Watson
 - Secretary: Dani Bourgeois
 - Treasurer: Sarah Alaimo
- Since attendance for the evening SFCP meetings are falling, options for podcasts or slide decks are being explored.
- **General Home & School:**
 - Dr. Rakeda Leaks, Executive Director for Diversity & Inclusion, presented on how to make school events more inclusive.
 - NEF Building a Passion Breakfast fundraiser is at Embassy Suites on March 19, 2020 from 7 am to 9 am.
 - Summer school online registration is open now.
 - Financials look good. So BoE will support Debt Service Abatement again.
 - eLearning vs Remote Learning opportunities are being explored.
 - Random Acts of Kindness #RAK Challenge has been proposed.

Vice President Report: Diana McClaurin

- Volunteer lists have been updated.

Secretary Report: Aarthi Ramalingam

- A motion was made to approve the end of February Minutes by Marni Springer and seconded by Carrie Meikle. All in favor. Motion approved.
- Google forms to update the committee description has been emailed to all chairs. The forms will help to ensure key information is captured and can be shared with future chairs.

Treasurer Report: Deneen Robert

- Balance as of February 29th is \$12,256.15
- Senior Celebration balance as of February 29 is \$35,630.50
- A motion was made to approve the January financials by Marni Springer and seconded by Jaime Thompson. All in favor. Motion approved.

Committee Reports

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

Volunteers are still needed. Training is scheduled on Wednesday evening. Those who have not attended training can help in other areas. Coffee is being arranged through Aramark and lunch through Jimmy Johns. 1,451 students out of 2,700 have registered for testing. Today is the last date to register. Those who have not registered online can obtain a phone consent.

Guest speaker presentation - SchoolLinks by Brian LaPorte

- Course selection process for the next school year is completed.
- All concerns have been shared with the district and SchoolLinks. Monthly calls are held with SchoolLinks and they are making improvements based on our suggestions.
- College App process will be done through this for seniors next year.

Guest speaker presentation - Registration by Jay Wachtel

- Registration will happen for 2 days - Thursday, August 13 (Freshmen & Juniors) and Friday, August 14 (Sophomores & Seniors).
- Students who cannot attend these 2 days will be able register on August 19, the day the school starts.
- Link Leaders will be meet with freshmen on Friday.
- New Chromebooks will be issued only to freshmen.
- Online Annual Update will be out in April.
- Photos are likely to be taken during PE periods.

Guest speaker presentation - Alive Center by Diane McAroy

- Services students 6th grade through 12th grade
- Teen-led, Teen-driven
- Teen programs offer high school mentoring, tutoring K-12, Dare to be Rare for grades 5-8
- Adopt Alive program, reaches out to the community to sponsor snacks for a month.
- Summer school drop-off programs are available from 12 pm to 5 pm. About 60 high school students (30 from NCHS and 30 from NNHS) are involved in this. STEM programs are offered to Junior High students.
- STEAM camp is being offered during spring break.
- More info on future programs is available on the website and social media.

Administration Reports

Events/ Happenings: Jen Baumgartner

- Senior mailers have been sent out.
- Spring week activities are scheduled next week. Air Band is on Thursday, March 19th. Spring Dance is on Saturday, March 21st. Volunteers are still needed.
- Robotics and Show Choir are off to state.

Principal Report: Stephanie Posey

- Coronavirus update:
 - Working with the district.
 - Extra care being taken because we have multi-needs and medically fragile students.
 - Additional cleaning began in November with the onset of flu season.
 - Hand sanitizers with alcohol have been added.
 - Additional cleaning and sanitizing is done during weekends.
 - Students are encouraged to practice safe coughing methods and better hygiene.
 - Following the best practices suggested by CDC. If anyone has traveled to other countries, they are encouraged to self-quarantine.

- There have been 4 fights this school year including the one in last week. Less than 60 students have been suspended (all issues) and for less than 3 days. Social media is more disruptive than compassionate. Students can report any issues using Tip203.
- Vaping:
 - 2 speakers this year.
 - One student was hospitalized due to respiratory issues.
 - Affecting all students from all sections and interests.
 - These are not just regular cartridges, but THC-infused and tend to look like USBs.
 - Vape detectors have been installed in a few bathrooms. When vape is detected, a text is sent to a group of administrators. Cartridges are getting flushed in the bathrooms
 - Students have been caught vaping while waiting for buses.
 - Last year, 40-45 students were suspended overall. This year, the number has increased because of vaping.
 - The Parent Handbook will be updated to reflect any vaping related rules.
- School Improvement Plan will be presented to the BoE in April and the powerpoint will be shared during the next H&S meeting.
- SEL focus will continue on building relationships and executive functioning. Students will be encouraged to practice self-advocacy and note-taking skills. Each student will be exposed during different classes. Professional Learning Communities will work on SEL standards. Tier 2 students who don't perform at adequate standards will be identified. Teachers will talk about these students during the PLCs on Wednesday mornings. Literacy & Science skills will include reading & interpreting graphs and command & evidence. Realignment of academic support will help the bottom quartile. Behavioral (non-PLC) trends and grades will also be considered. Students who do extra curricular activities will get study hall opportunities.

A motion to adjourn was made at by Diana McClaurin and seconded by Cathie Bucek. All in favor. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

**Next Home & School Meeting: April 21, 2020 at 11 am, Room 108
Guest Speaker: Dr. Rakeda Leaks, Executive Director for Diversity & Inclusion**

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