



Naperville North High School Home & School Meeting Minutes January 12, 2021

Call to order at 9:04 am by Christine Simonson

Board Members present: Christine Simonson, Diana McClaurin, Deneen Robert, & Marni Springer, Denise Petty, Kim Henderson, Tara Rester, Pam Biederman, Caitlin Denker, Carrie Meikle, Debbie Crossett, Kelly O'Malley, Patty Schlecht

Administrators present: Jay Wachtel, Jen Baumgartner, Jessica Freed

Executive Board Reports

President Report: Christine Simonson

Thank you's:

- Coffee w/ The Principal - Debbie Crossett & Supriya Desai - successful virtual Coffee with the Principal Event. Next virtual coffee date is January 20th @ 7pm
- Family Connection - Caitlin Denker, Raquel Conwell & Patty Schlecht for the successful Portillo's Fundraiser

General Announcements:

- January 20th - Virtual Breakfast with Superintendent Dan Bridges. The focus of the meeting will be on how the District can better communicate with our parent community. H&S Executive Board along with parent leaders of Senior Celebration, SFCP and the Booster Club will submit questions to receive constructive feedback. Questions should be submitted by Jan 15th through previously emailed google doc. We will discuss outcomes at the next H&S Meeting.
- Jan 14th @ 7PM- Rakeda Leaks - "Conversations with Asian American Professionals & District 203 Alumns" Registration for event required.

Vice President: Diana McClaurin

- Reminder to please help keep your friends/social network informed as much as possible of happenings at meetings and general school events
- Marni, H&S Secretary, will be sending out committee descriptions for chairs to review and update if needed since there are a lot of open positions going into next school year. Revisions should be sent back by March 1, 2021.

Secretary Report: Marni Springer

- Approval of November 2020 Minutes
 - Motion: Tara Rester. Second by Pam Biederman. No discussion. Motion approved.

Treasurer Report: Deneen Roberts

- Remaining 15 graphing calculators on 2020 Teacher Wish List were purchased
- Directory Spot proceeds were received in Nov.
- Approval of November Financials
 - Motion: Diana McClaurin. Second by Tara Rester. No discussion. Motion approved
- Approval of December Financials
 - Motion: Gail Micheau. Second by Carrie Meikle. No discussion. Motion approved
- H&S Balance:
 - November: \$12,797.06
 - December \$12,797.06 (no change)
- Senior Celebration
 - November Balance: \$21,588.40
 - December Balance: \$22,163.58

Committee Reports

Nominations: Kim Henderson

- Openings for 2021-22 School year: President, Vice President & Treasurer. If interested in any executive board seats please reach out to Kim Henderson.
 - January-put together Nominations Committee of Board Members across feeder schools
 - February-fill chair positions and Executive Board slate,
 - March-meet with the Nominations Committee to decide on the slate and post in Huskie Howler for 30 days.
 - April-vote on new Executive Board slate,
 - May-transition month
- Email went out this month to confirm chair members staying on or wanting a transition to different committee

Senior Celebration: Kelly O'Malley

- Date: May 30, 2021
- Registration is \$60 goes up to \$65 on Feb 1st
- Email nhssseniorcelebration@gmail.com to help with the event. Still need a parent volunteer to run the technology committee.

Administration Reports:

Principal Report: Jay Wachtel

- Stephanie Posey will be returning as principal starting July 1st
 - Jay Wachtel will return as Assistant Principal
 - Jeff DiOrio will return to Deans of Students role
- Return to Learn:
 - Continuous monitoring of health metrics

- Helpful CTE videos are posted on the NNHS site and link in Huskie Howler for students exploring CTE options.
- Coffee with the Principal on January 20th will focus on Semester 2 & hybrid learning
- 1st Semester Final Exams: most courses will not have a traditional final. School bell schedule will remain as any other day.
- Freshman Orientation - Virtual. Link on school website with department heads and class descriptions. Counselors meet with all incoming freshmen in January to review recommendations and parents will receive a course confirmation in the spring. If spring allows for in person events, will try to get kids together for a jamboree (as done in the past)
- 2nd semester: Mondays will be a synchronous day. (Too many kids not participating on Monday when reviewing attendance)
 - Hybrid Learners:
 - A-K last names: Tuesday/Wednesday
 - L- Z last names: Thursday/Friday

Jen Baumgartner: Student Activities

- Departments are still continuing to reinvent ways to promote student activities. Trying to return activities to the building for clubs for some student interaction.
- School has bought 3 tents to assist with activities outside once weather permits
- Working with Sr. Celebration to push events out to year end to be outside. Continue brainstorming Prom ideas (i.e. prom in shifts), Fashion Show and other events for Seniors. Trying to keep traditions in place even if they are pushed out to later in the year while keeping within guidelines from the state.

Guest speaker: Jessica Freed - Assistant Principal, Student Services

- SEL support
 - Tier 1 Level Support: 4 teams that meet weekly to discuss any concerns pertaining to student(s), brainstorm ideas and ways to help, and follow up. Anyone in the building can lead intervention or support.
 - Tier 2 or Tier 3 Support - For continued or additional concerns not addressed with previous intervention, goes beyond Tier 1 support and problem-solves at higher level. Get more ideas, problem-solving, more experience and increased partnerships.
 - All information on website under Student Services
 - If parents have a concern, their first point of contact should be student's counselor
 - 2021-22 improvements: Based on surveys of Freshmen and Sophomores, counselors will start having 'drop-in' sessions for kids during lunch to hang out and "talk school or not talk school". Have more ongoing "check in's" with students, Student Services formed a girls group meeting once/wk. to help with motivation and self worth. Surveys were sent out in the Fall with the intention to assist students with any SEL need.

- Freshman will continue to have Huskie Crew (7x/year). Time management, executive functioning skills, etc.
- Sophomore Crew 2 second semester-counseling curriculum is paused due to Return to Learn, so will be pushed to an academic area.
- Junior curriculum pushed to April
- SOS program for Freshman in Dec./Jan. Soph - Feb, Juniors in March and Seniors finish 3rd week of April
- Senior survey will be sent out : Exit Survey, and 5 Essentials Survey. Take data and use services for the following year and for other grades.
- Virtual Calming Room open- Virtual coloring, virtual meditation. Only students and staff can access (<https://sites.google.com/naperville203.org/nnhs-virtual-calming-room/home>)

Board of Education - Kristin Fitzgerald

- Focus had been on
 - Additional mitigations for safety with students returning to buildings. Additional information on the District Website.
 - New surveillance testing available to Hybrid students and staff. Encourage all to participate, especially to prevent asymptomatic transmission. This is not diagnostic, but will flag high viral loads which will require an official Covid test. Assure total privacy.
 - School Improvement Plans. NNHS Plan can be found on attachment in email.
 - Budget - discussing possible tax reimbursements for families since the district did not utilize all funds as planned. Acknowledging that some families may have had an economic hardship/impact from e-learning.
- Looking into summer jump starts for students; additional SEL, Math support etc.

A motion to adjourn was made by Caitlin Denker seconded by Carrie Meikle. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Next Home & School Meeting:

- **February 9, 2021 at 9:00am via Zoom.**
- **Guest Speaker:** Rakeda Leaks (Exec. Director of Diversity & Inclusion)