



Naperville North High School Home & School Meeting Minutes February 9, 2021

Call to order at 9:03 am by Christine Simonson

Board Members present: Christine Simonson, Diana McClaurin, Deneen Robert, Marni Springer, Carrie Meikle, Nancy Matambo, Gail Micheau, Caitlin Denker, Patti Schlecht, Debbie Crossett, Raquel Conwell, Kelly O'Malley, Pam Biederman

Administrators present: Jay Wachtel, Jen Baumgartner, Rakeda Leaks

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. Kim Henderson and Kelly O'Malley for their continuous work on Senior Celebration since last June. Pam Biederman and Denise Petty for recognizing staff throughout the year. Thank you to all for working behind the scenes even though some events have not been able to go as planned.
- Coffee with Superintendent Dan Bridges outcome from January 20th, 2021. Focus is on listening to the parent community, enhancing community relations and communications. In the past, they have had Focus 203 engagement sessions but due to Covid that has been hard to maintain. Meeting participants were split into rotating breakout rooms throughout the remainder of the meeting to discuss how the District can improve communication with the parent community. Takeaways from this meeting: they are looking into text alerts, providing highlights from Board of Education meetings, more push on video announcements, allowing parents to filter messages by category and a mentor program to involve parents that want a little bit more support in staying informed. We would like to implement a similar Zoom/breakout session at NNHS to gather parent feedback.

General Announcements:

- Added a new H&S Meeting on Tuesday May 11th, 2021 9:00am since the school year is extended to June.
- Reminder to fill out the 5 Essentials Survey
- 2021-22 district calendar has been approved and is on the district website.
- FYI...General H&S president is stepping down as she has met her 2 year term limit and there may be another Executive Board position opening.
- March 11, 2021 - BOE has a Q&A Session Forum. More specific info. to be sent out later.

- Summer school - additional locations and teachers this year to accommodate social distancing. Remote classes will also be available.
- Black History Month - posted link for happenings around our area (<https://www.naperville203.org/Page/8104>)
- Optimistic School Community - Thurs Feb 11th at 11:00 is the next virtual discussion (<https://www.naperville203.org/domain/1728>)
- NEF "Sweet Twist on Breakfast" Donate at least \$30 by Fri. Feb. 19 and on March 6, 2021, a DeEtta's Bakery cinnamon roll will be hand delivered to your house. (<https://tinyurl.com/134kapm9>)

Secretary Report: Marni Springer

- Approval of January 2021 Minutes
 - Motion: Pam Biederman. Second by Caitlin Denker. No discussion. Motion approved.

Treasurer Report: Deneen Roberts

- Approval of January 2021 Financials
 - Motion: Gail Micheau. Second by Diana McClaurin. No discussion. Motion approved
- H&S Balance:
 - January: \$ 12,812.41
- Senior Celebration
 - January 2021 Balance: \$22,693.76
- Shared audit report via email this week. No questions.
- Committee Budget items for next year are needed by March 9, 2021. Will assume the budget for your committee remains the same unless Deneen hears from you.

Committee Reports

Teacher Breakfast: Gail Micheau

- Moving teacher breakfast to March 5, 2021. Committee needs an additional \$740.00 to cover both breakfasts this year.
 - Motion to approve: Carrie Mickle. Second: Caitlin Denker. No discussion. Motion approved.

Nominations: Christine Simonson for Kim Henderson

- Openings for next year:
 - Coffee with the Principal Co-chair (2), Mailing Chair, Senior Celebration Treasurer, Vision and Hearing, Dance Co-Chair for refreshments, Nominations Chair, Staff Appreciation Co-Chair, Student Registration Co-Chairs (3), & Teacher Breakfast Co-chair.
 - Exec Board positions open President, Vice President and Treasurer. Meeting Feb. 17th to review the slate.
 - Contact Kim Henderson or Christine Simonson if interested or if you know anyone who might be interested.

BOE Member - adopt a school member: Joe Koziminki

- Hybrid going well since kids have been back in the buildings.
- Summer School is rolling out. Plan on doing some extended offerings based on what they are seeing in the testing.
- BOE had a surplus this year of \$10million. Tax reimbursement to Naperville property owners are currently in place. Also the district is refunding general school fees this year to student families. Also due to the surplus the district will offer more summer school programs.
- Joe really enjoyed coffee with the principal. A great way to engage with the principal.
- Currently looking for a replacement for Janet Rohr's seat on BOE.

Administration Reports:

Principal Report: Jay Wachtel

- Currently, the mitigations NNHS is following are working and working well! As parents, please stay vigilant on social distancing and safe practices at home. The Covid communications will start to include a number count on positive cases.
- Lockdown Friday morning was due to construction in school. The ALICE training worked within the school. Some students evacuated the building while others locked down in the classroom. This was a pure accident, the policy is to always give ample warning if there is an ALICE drill.
- Week 3 of hybrid model - teachers and students are overcoming the challenges that come along with change. Vibe and energy in school is positive. Approx. 30% of school is online only. The check-in process is going smoothly. Surveillance testing is going well. Would love more of a participation in testing. If a student forgets a sample, you can bring it another day. Again, students who are not currently participating can opt in at any time.

Jen Baumgartner - Student Activities

- Still planning all the senior activities for year end! Currently waiting to hear about locations, numbers and times. Sending surveys to Seniors to get a feel on what kids will attend and are interested in doing so we plan accordingly!
- Virtual Childrens Play is next weekend.
- Students will have a spring play and a spring musical.
- Booster Club Fashion Show will not be happening this year.
- Will start talking to juniors in the upcoming weeks to start continuing the traditions school has had in the past. Goal is to get younger classmen involved again in leadership programs.
- DVC Dance Competition is next friday - teams will dance on video. The judges will watch the videos to give out awards in another room.

Guest speaker - Rakeda Leaks - her 3rd year in District 203. Her role is to develop a comprehensive equity plan being implemented over 3 years. Have had a lot of focus groups with teachers and parents and students to review the plan as well and give their feedback.

BOE approval went public in late October 2020. The plan consists of 5 pillars of success working in tandem with current initiatives in the district. Identified goals hope to be accomplished by 2023 (3 yr plan) with an optimal learning environment for all kids. Can find information on the district website. Big part of the plan is to look into the curriculum. Make sure that curriculum is connecting to all kids. "When kids feel a connection they learn more and build confidence." Want to give kids the opportunity to see all students represented and feel connected to learn more about their backgrounds as well as others in a positive manner. This month is Black History month, a compiled list of local virtual events for the community to be part of is on the website as well as other events, such as the Chinese New Year coming up. Equity Institute day is coming up for staff which provides education and training for our staff on equity. The plan is comprehensive and includes students and staff in the 3 year roll out.

Old Business/New Business

Christine Simonson - President

Answers to questions posed by parents for the Coffee with the Superintendent. More answers to questions are forthcoming.

1. **Has Late arrival been discussed for High School? Other than their asynchronous Mondays?**
 - ***We will continue to have one late start at the HS level which is the current model.***
2. **Since some teachers will be teaching at home using Zoom, will there be a teacher in the classroom with the students? Is this occurring a lot across the district (teachers remaining at home)?**
 - ***When a teacher is teaching from home on zoom, there will be another adult in the room to supervise students.***
3. **Will there be an in-person learning pause (like Thanksgiving/Holiday break) after Spring Break?**
 - ***At this time, we have not determined if we will move the District to all remote following spring break. It will be determined closer to that date based on current health metrics and cases in our community.***

Meeting adjourned at 10:45a.m.

Next Home & School Meeting:

- **March 9, 2021 at 9:00am via Zoom.**
Guest Speaker: Jay Wachtel - School Improvement Plan

Upcoming Events:

- **Optimistic School Community Virtual Discussion on Thurs. Feb. 11 at 7pm.**
Registration is required.