



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

Call to order at 9:04 am by Christine Simonson

Board Members present: Christine Simonson, Diana McClaurin, Deneen Robert, Marni Springer, Nancy Matambo, Carrie Meikle, Tara Rester, Caitlin Denker, Kelly O'Malley, Kim Henderson, Denise Petty, Patti Schroeder, Pam Biederman

Administrators present: Jay Wachtel, Jen Baumgartner

Executive Board Reports

President Report: Christine Simonson

Thank you's:

- Teacher Breakfast - Gail Micheau & Rita Woker: for supplying 340 staff members with boxed breakfast
- Nominations Committee - Kim Henderson, Caitlin Denker, Heather Fields, Denise Petty Nicole Rorke: For putting together the new executive board slate and finding new members for our chair positions

General Announcements:

- Reminder to complete the 5 essentials survey by April 2nd.
- SFCP Event: April 21 - Virtual Harlan Cohen - "Successfully transitioning to life in college during Covid" Registration required.
- SFCP will be taking the lead on hosting Focus Groups with principal and staff and parents. Info will be in Huskie Howler
- General Home and School Executive Board Slate:
 - President: Dani Bourgeois
 - Vice PResident - Tammy Schultz
 - Treasurer - Melanie Lucero
 - Secretary- Emily Kozlowski
- League of Women's Voters - Candidate Forum on March 11th at 7pm for 8 of the 9 candidates running for Board of Education
- March 15th - plan will be presented to BOE for more in person learning.
- Community Relations Report.
 - Registration for Summer School is now open for in person classes. Online options open as well. Will offer shorter courses to help students fill in gaps that have been identified through testing and teachers. Boot camp and jump start courses will be free to District 203 families
 - NEF accepting donations to honor social workers. Please consider donating.

- 360 Youth Services hosting a free presentation on April 8th at 7pm by Josh Shipps author of “The Teen Guide to World Domination” and “The Grown-up’s Guide to Teenage Humans”
- Power of Choice Session for HS Parents regarding teens making healthy choices
- Information on many Alive Center activities also in link provided
- Coffee with the Principal from last meeting two questions that were not answered:
 - Will there be a priority for students to stay with the same teachers for second semester on certain year long subjects like math and sciences?
Answer: The district will look into this but not a guarantee
 - What are the expectations on grading for Semester 2 vs Semester 1 having some leniency. Will it continue? Yes, and we will continue to do this for Semester 2 for our students.

Vice President Report: Diana McClaurin

- Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon will not happen this year due to covid. We will have a special gift for Senior parents as done in the past. We appreciate all that everyone has done for Home and School this year!

Secretary Report: Marni Springer

- Approval of February 2021 Minutes
 - Motion: Pam Biederman. Second by Tara Rester. No discussion. Motion approved.
 - Confirmed the board approved the E*vote for additional funds (\$1,119.00) allocated to the Teacher Appreciation Committee to cover St. Patrick’s Day luncheon for staff. 100% approval.

Treasurer Report: Deneen Roberts

- Approval of February 2021 Financials
 - Motion: Diana McClaurin. Second by Marni Springer. No discussion. Motion approved
- H&S Balance:
 - February: \$ 11,028.24
- Senior Celebration
 - February Balance: \$25,243.94
- Reminder to board members that budget numbers needed for 2021-2022

Committee/Partner Reports

- Carrie Meikle - Mailings Committee: volunteers needed for Senior Mailings on March 22 from 8:30-11:30 in small cafe. Need 8-10 volunteers
- Kim Henderson - Nominations Committee:
 - 2021-22 Executive Board Slate will be voted on April 20, 2021(transition will be May/June)
 - President: Carrie Meikle

- Vice President: Sarah Gibson-Hoag
 - Treasurer: Tara Rester
 - Secretary: Marni Springer (second term)
- Pam Biederman - Staff Appreciation:
 - This year's gift was a NNHS mug given out throughout the year. Trying to find extra ways to show appreciation this year.
 - Fall: Luncheon provided through food trucks and staff received an iced donut from DeEtta's
 - Spring: St. Patty's Day sandwiches from Belgio's Catering made possible with the help from Principal Wachtel for donating \$1,000 towards the lunch. Thank you!
- Kristin Fitzgerald - Board of Education President
 - Main Topics at last meeting were the Return to Learn Plan after Spring Break.
 - More in person Learning for all students.
 - Working daily with health departments to stay safe and vaccinations
 - Illinois State Board of Education - working with them on limitations
 - Tony Casey was appointed to fill Janet Rohr's seat. Tony is a law professor at the University of Chicago
 - Abatement of Debt Service: will pay our portion of levy which is about \$3million to ensure we have adequate funding for all things we may need such as covid safety measures like plexi-glass and/or additional covid testing. Also dedicating money to extra funding for additional summer programs such as SAT prep, boot camps, additional counseling, additional math courses especially for 8th graders transitioning into high school etc etc.
 - Open positions for staff for next year. Overall staff count up 8 this year.

Administration Reports:

Principal Report & Guest Speaker: Jay Wachtel

- School Improvement Plan: we are on the 3rd year of the 3-year school improvement plan.
 - SAT goal on math and english scores - how to improve scores. PLC time that teachers have are very informative. As a team, they tune into specific needs of students and figure out proper accommodations to help students. Also looking into essential skills students need to succeed into the next class.
 - Social and Emotional Goal - getting feedback from students at the school through surveys. The Student Services team meets to determine the needs of students, especially during the pandemic.

Jen Baumgartner - Student Activities

- Focusing on Seniors! Senior Mailing will be going out March 22nd. Many activities are being pushed to the end of year for good weather and to take activities outdoors. Working on:
 - Prom: May 8th at the Abbington - working in shifts. 200 students per shift with clean ups in between each shift. Will have a plated dinner with tables of 6. Still working on details.

- Senior Week will be in June. details to follow
- Graduation: June 6th - 2 parents per student
- Planning a Freshman & Sophomore Jamboree for June 7, rain date on June 8th, time to be determined. Sport and club representatives will be there as well. Will also schedule a Freshman Enter with Pride in August for freshman and sophomore classes.
- Sports are starting up!
- Looking to move next year's Homecoming Dance to tents outdoors. May need to do shifts

A motion to adjourn was made by Caitlin Denker and seconded by Pam Biederman. All in favor. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:27 am.

Next Home & School Meeting:

- **April 20, 2021 at 9:00am via Zoom.**
- **Guest Speaker: Brian LaPorte - How the pandemic altered the College Admission process**

Upcoming Events:

- Additional H&S Meeting: Tuesday May 11th at 9am.
 - Guest Speaker will be Stephanie Posey