



Newton North High School
PTSO Board Meeting, October 26, 2021 (5:00-6:15PM)
Location: Zoom

Minutes

Attendees:	X Patty Eagan X Heather Pozen X Karen Cutone X April Stein X Livia Aber X Janna Lacatell X Ellen Wrigley X Henry Turner <input type="checkbox"/> Amy Winston	X Kim Buckton X Jennifer Bentley X Susannah Wardley <input type="checkbox"/> Gayatri Aryan X Karen Ghiron X Borislava Stoyanova <input type="checkbox"/> Alberta Chu X Dima Basha X Mark Tackie X Linda Barros
Additional Attendees:	X Agatha Clancy <input type="checkbox"/> Dianna Magmani	

Agenda Topic	Owner	Time Allotted
Call To Order @ 5:05	Patty, Heather	1 minute
Motion to Approve Prior Meeting Minutes Unanimously approved	Janna, Ellen	1 minute
METCO Representative Nominee Vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Tackie nominated during 9/21 Board Meeting • Motion to Vote: Unanimously approved <p>Welcome to Mark.</p> <p>At-large positions are co-positions. Linda Barros volunteered to help along with Mark. Introduction to Linda and her long-term work with METCO. Linda nominated for co-position with Mark, to be posted and voted on at next meeting.</p>	Patty, Heather	5 minutes
Financials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P&L: membership dues drive has gone very well. Nearing goal of \$53K (at ~\$48K currently). Northside Dining will exceed goal of \$8K. Prom fund: \$1200 contribution for financial assistance from 	April, Livia	10 minutes

<p>alumni family. No unusual or large expenses have hit yet.</p>		
<p>Programming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> November 3: with help from Beth Swederskas a panel of 5 NNHS staff to discuss their respective areas and how Covid has impacted the children they interact with. 40 minute presentation and then 25 minutes of breakout rooms. Collecting questions so they stay generic. Future programs may result from the follow-up questions. 15 signed up so far. January 3: Zoom event being planned, speaker (MIT researcher Dr. Abel Sanchez) confirmed to talk about STEM and present it in a humorous way. 	<p>Bori, Karen</p>	<p>5 minutes</p>
<p>Community Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First volunteer meeting was 2 weeks ago, had 2 volunteers. Meeting on 7 Saturdays for coffee by Cafe Nero. Next meeting: Nov. 6 at 10:00 4 Upcoming Events: Nov 8 (location TBD), Jan, March, May Multi-cultural night is postponed until the Spring due to weather. 	<p>Dima, Alberta</p>	<p>7 minutes</p>
<p>Grants & Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request window now open. Three requests in already. Process to move forward in December to get the funds to people while it will be useful. Two expedited grants were approved already: Counseling department requested a TV to facilitate virtual college “visits” during WIN blocks; Physics department requested funding for “boat float project” Amy Winston has shared info of these with staff, and it’s also highlighted on the PTSO website. Joel will be departing this year and a new volunteer has been identified to roll in. 	<p>Patty, Heather</p>	<p>5 minutes</p>
<p>Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northside Dining Update: Safe, fun, and enjoyable for anyone who wanted to participate, with gratitude to Principal Turner and the PTSO’s support. 30 hosts 16 porches, 149 guests, \$00 = priceless Multi-cultural Night: postponed to Spring due to Nor’easter 	<p>Patty, Heather, Others?</p>	<p>5 minutes</p>
<p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly Tiger News going well. Question raised about advertising Student Fundraisers in Tiger News <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are our standards? How do requests get submitted? What about community events? How should we also address “day of” event notices? Should they only be PTSO oriented? What about school events? Discussion: Susannah hears from some, not all. She includes all 	<p>Susannah, Gayatri</p>	<p>7 minutes</p>

<p>that reach her.</p> <p>Suggestions: Maybe limit/decline individual email reminders about non-PTSO events, we don't want to dilute the impact of Tiger News by sending too many messages. PTO Council has updated their community news. Need to keep message within our boundaries. Idea to post a deadline on the Tiger News email with parameters.</p> <p>Facebook strategy update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertising Student Fundraisers in Tiger News 		
<p>Technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Busy time with Northside Porch payments. • Website pages: added links to facebook. Grants and projects form. Flipcards updating (one open, one opening: brainstorm for coming weeks). 	Kim, Jennifer	5 minutes
<p>METCO Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Including a METCO representative is an important marker of METCO growth in Newton. Challenges: getting METCO to be part of the Newton system beyond academics. Inclusion on PTSO board is an opportunity to look at how to better integrate METCO presence, bring more to the table. Linda's experience will bring a lot of perspective to the work, broaden METCO's role outside academics. • New METCO Counselor is a NNHS alum, and there is new space in the building for students to gather. 	Mark	5 minutes
<p>Principal's Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approx. 25 at parent coffee this morning over zoom, new participants. • School Council focus: building alumni network • Getting in the groove around schedules in the building. Busy time of year. • Questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ WIN: Many students are using the time to get work done, teachers are spending the time meeting with students. Enrichment offerings may grow, but kids being able to go home and enjoy their evenings and afternoons is a new benefit. ○ Student struggling to meet with college counselors, lining up schedules 	Henry, Amy	10 minutes
<p>Additional Topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEPAC: Introduction to Agatha and role of SEPAC (additional co-Chair needed). Special Education Parent Advisory Council, mandated in every district. Serve as go-between to support families with children on IEP and 504 plans. PTSO has learned to partner more to be sure we are inclusive of special ed students and families. 	Agatha, Dianna	6 minutes
Total Time Allotted (Adjourned 6:21)		72 minutes

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Janna Lacatell & Ellen Wrigley

2021/2022 Board Meeting Schedule: Sept 21, Oct 26, Dec 7, Jan 11, March 1, April 12, and May 31st. Annual Meeting: May 17th.