



**Newton North High School**  
**PTSO Board Meeting, March 1, 2022 (5:00-6:15PM)**  
**Location: Zoom meeting**

**Zoom Meeting Info**  
 Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84781272855?pwd=R0pYcDEzOUJpS2FEQThub3NBLzVVZz09>

**AGENDA**

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

Agenda Topic	Owner	Time Allotted
<b>Call To Order @5:09</b>	Patty, Heather	1 minute
<b>Motion to Approve Prior Meeting Minutes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Approved</li> </ul>	Janna, Ellen	1 minute
<b>Financials</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● P&amp;L</li> <li>● Treasurer’s Report: Steady trickle of membership and extra donations, balance each other out. More spending with the approval of grants and projects.</li> </ul>	April, Livia	10 minutes
<b>Programming</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Jan 31st program by MIT’s Abel Sanchez; 36 attended, good Q&amp;A, and he’s willing to come again next year.</li> <li>● March 8: Making the most of your high school years</li> <li>● Next: Gap Years Matter</li> <li>● April: Just Think program</li> </ul>	Bori, Karen	5 minutes
<b>EdEx Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Have raised \$14,000+ toward a goal of \$20k across 90 families.</li> </ul>	Karen	6 minutes

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will be seeking to drive more families to donate to increase community engagement. Per family cost would be \$11 per family if everyone donated.</li> </ul>		
<b>Community Engagement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>February coffee went well (6-7), evening event had only two people. Planning for in-person events for March.</li> <li>MIDA is eager to partner with the community: a good location for an event.</li> </ul>	Dima, Alberta	4 minutes
<b>Metco Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nothing pressing</li> </ul>	Linda, Mark	5 minutes
<b>Celebration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SignUp Genius for volunteers is starting to fill up, but still needing co-chairs. Many veterans of the event are helping, which should make for a smooth event, but more hands are needed.</li> <li>Henry: mental health for students at a critical point now, substance abuse seems to be on the rise. Celebration is an opportunity to make a safe and inclusive space for all students after prom.</li> <li>Usually well attended: 2019 was 500+</li> <li>Theme this year: seniors have chosen Hollywood Night</li> <li>Graphics students design a logo that is used by the decorating committee</li> </ul>	Heather & Patty	7 minutes
<b>Communications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Things are going smoothly. Open rates on emails in the low 40% range. Looking to amplify some of the upcoming key messages using social, but things are going well.</li> </ul>	Susannah, Gayatri	3 minutes
<b>Directory/Dues Working Group</b> <a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kctXoHJBIB9Ky9xzDtI9dTH3REUwZ6IVUQ3gzxjvwq0/edit">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kctXoHJBIB9Ky9xzDtI9dTH3REUwZ6IVUQ3gzxjvwq0/edit</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jennifer &amp; Cecilia put together a document of pros and cons to inform a conversation. Need to have some determinations in place for next year's Board.</li> <li>Return to this topic next meeting with the intention of making a decision.</li> <li>Cecilia is leaving at the end of the year and we will need clarity for the new team to implement.</li> </ul>	Jennifer, Cecelia	5 minutes
<b>Technology</b> Not present	Kim, Jennifer	5 minutes
<b>Principal's Update</b>	Henry, Amy	10 minutes

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March is the start of student registration for next year! Opportunities catalog has been sent out, seeks to answer some questions about mixed level, rationale.</li> <li>• Recent update to School Committee: many decisions made in recent years around equity and the post-Covid time. The number of changes in high school, and college landscape, has been unsettling for families. However, 81% of NNHS students were admitted to their top 3 schools. This year has the most National Merit Finalists in Henry’s tenure. Increasing acceptance to competitive schools, especially early decision.</li> <li>• This shows that these recent changes around grading and schedules have had a positive result for college admittance outcomes.</li> <li>• Challenges: more awareness of substance abuse, attendance issues: unexcused tardies and absences. Policy committee looking at absences.</li> <li>• Junior Prom? On campus, outside, May 8th proposed, details forthcoming.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Additional Topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on identifying an ELL Committee rep PTSO: meeting was scheduled but canceled due to illness; rescheduled for next week</li> <li>• Translation interface can be added to our meetings.</li> <li>• FORJ Presentation at our April meeting</li> <li>• Budget approval requested for \$150 for a small group of teachers to support planning offsite. Board members approved the request unanimously.</li> </ul>	<p>Patty, Heather, others</p>	<p>10 minutes</p>
<p><b>Meeting Adjourned</b></p>		<p>5:51</p>

Meeting end time: HH:MM PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Jenna Lacatell & Ellen Wrigley

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