



**Newton North High School**  
**PTSO Board Meeting, October 25, 2022 (5:00-6:15PM)**  
**Location: NNHS Room 103**

**MEETING MINUTES**

<b>Attendees:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>X Patty Eagan, Co-President</li> <li>X Jacqueline Freeman, Co-President</li> <li>X Sally Xu, Vice President</li> <li>X April Stein, Co-Treasurer</li> <li>X Marie Washek, Co-Treasurer</li> <li>X Janna Lacatell, Co-Secretary</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ellen Wrigley, Co-Secretary</li> <li>X Henry Turner, Principal</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Amy Winston, Vice Principal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Jaya Samant Lai, Technology</li> <li>X Jennifer Bentley, Technology</li> <li>X Susannah Wardly, Communications</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Gayatri Aryan, Communications</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Karen Ghiron, Programming</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Borislava Stoyanova, Programming</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Mark Tackei, METCO Rep.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Linda Barros, METCO Rep.</li> </ul>
<b>Additional Attendees:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>X Kelly Qian</li> <li>X Jacqueline Badeau</li> </ul>	

Agenda Topic	Owner	Time Allotted
<b>Call To Order @ 5:09</b>	Patty, Jacqueline	1 minute
<b>Motion to Approve Prior Meeting Minutes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved unanimously</li> </ul>	Janna, Ellen	1 minute
<b>Financials</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• P&amp;L distributed</li> <li>• Treasurer’s Report               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Northside did well and has exceeded forecast (closer to \$9K)</li> <li>○ Exceeded membership drive dues goals - \$38K (vs. \$35K), as well as Principals fund and PTSO fund.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	April, Marie	5 minutes
<b>Fundraising</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Membership Dues Drive – very successful campaign.</li> <li>• Based on volume of families contributing and total dollar amount received, there was seemingly no negative impact by decoupling the Membership Dues Drive with access to the Directory.</li> </ul>	Sally	5 minutes

<p><b>EdEx Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biology and Physics fundraising efforts for equipment is a large goal this year - \$40K (which was \$20K last year). Seeking alternative communications approaches, email from EdEx / Principal, flyer or postcard, website to offer more information, family or corporate match.</li> <li>• Demo was given to show and tell information about the equipment, and could be repeated with a few teacher speakers.</li> <li>• Giving Tuesday may also be a good opportunity to promote</li> </ul>	Karen	5 minutes
<p><b>Programming</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10/25 Tough Topics Presentation – based on student and parent feedback. This is the first in person program since 2020.</li> <li>• Kids and Smart Phones will be livestreamed on 11/6</li> </ul>	Karen	5 minutes
<p><b>FORJ</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of the FORJ charter and purpose.</li> <li>• Events coming up – Community Building activity in 2022, One more event coming up in 2023</li> <li>• Seeking new members – meet monthly</li> </ul>	Jacqueline B.	5 minutes
<p><b>Metco</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No updates this month</li> </ul>		2 minutes
<p><b>Multi-Cultural Night</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promotion happening now: Flyer being distributed via many channels to students, teachers, and parents; Stand alone email next week. Recommendation to reinforce to families to bring their students.</li> <li>• 15 countries already represented. There will be food and performances.</li> <li>• Upcoming task – contact custodial staff for layout.</li> </ul>	Kelly	2 minutes
<p><b>Community Engagement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No updates this month.</li> </ul>	Patty, Jacqueline	2 minutes
<p><b>Communications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good engagement from TigerNews and stand alone emails (~40% open rates).</li> </ul>	Susannah	2 minutes
<p><b>Technology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently promoting events and fundraising efforts on the website.</li> <li>• If you have any promotional needs, let Jennifer and Jaya know.</li> </ul>	Jennifer	2 minutes
<p><b>Northside/Porchside</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Great turnout, perfect weather and many thanks to all of the hosts and attendees.</li> </ul>	Una	5 minutes

<p><b>Principal's Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crisis team responded very well to recent loss of a student.</li> <li>• Support for TheaterInk program from school and community in response to negative press.</li> <li>• School year going well. District-wide, student numbers are increasing. Class sizes are increasing and options for students to choose electives are decreasing.</li> <li>• Interim Superintendent is focused on the tax override and generating support.</li> </ul>	Henry, Amy	10 minutes
<p><b>Additional Topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Question – how does the NNHS community support food drives? Yes.</li> <li>• Lights – Project has been delayed due to challenges with the installation. Newton is initially covering the cost, with NNHS fundraising repaying the funds over time. Projected now for the Spring 2023.</li> </ul>	All	5 minutes
<p><b>Meeting Adjourned</b></p>	<p><b>Time Allocated:</b></p>	57 minutes

Meeting end time: 5:54 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Janna Lacatell & Ellen Wrigley

2022/2023 Board Meeting Schedule: Sept 20, Oct 25, Dec 6, Jan 17, February 7, March 7, and May 31st. Annual Meeting: May 16th.