



Newton North High School
PTSO Board Meeting, September 20, 2022 (5:00-6:15PM)
Location: NNHS Room 103

AGENDA

Attendees:	X Patty Eagan, Co-President X Jacqueline Freeman, Co-President X Sally Xu, Vice President X April Stein, Co-Treasurer X Marie Washek, Co-Treasurer <input type="checkbox"/> Janna Lacatell, Co-Secretary X Ellen Wrigley, Co-Secretary X Henry Turner, Principal <input type="checkbox"/> Amy Winston, Vice Principal	<input type="checkbox"/> Jaya Samant Lai, Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Bentley, Technology X Susannah Wardly, Communications <input type="checkbox"/> Gayatri Aryan, Communications X Karen Ghiron, Programming X Borislava Stoyanova, Programming <input type="checkbox"/> Mark Tackei, METCO Rep. X Linda Barros, METCO Rep.
Additional Attendees:	Kirsten Engel - Northside Porchside Litian He, Celebration Chair	

Agenda Topic	Owner	Time Allotted
Call To Order 5:10	Patty, Jacqueline	1 minute
Introductions		8 minutes
Motion to Approve Prior Meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Approved 	Janna, Ellen	1 minute
Meeting Norms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Please be on time or let your co-chair know if you can't make it, keep to the schedule as possible ● Sept, Oct meetings in person, then moving to some zoom meetings for inclusiveness ● Please send agenda items to Co-Presidents or Co-Secretaries for upcoming meetings 	Patty, Jacqueline	7 minutes

<p>Financials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● P&L ● Treasurer’s Report: ● Student planners: sold ~40 to upperclassmen (free to all freshmen, but took orders to gauge interest) ● Membership numbers are up across categories, though still a little short of our goal. 	<p>April, Marie</p>	<p>5 minutes</p>
<p>Fundraising Membership Dues Drive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Covered as part of the Treasurer’s Report ● Lots of directory work over the summer 	<p>Sally</p>	<p>5 minutes</p>

<p>Programming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Trying for more in-person programs ● Upcoming Programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “Tough Topics” on Oct 25: Panel of experts, staff, and students. Topics of consent, drug and alcohol issues, vaping ● “Kids and Smartphone Usage” Nov 7 in person and Nov 14 virtual ● “Preparing Teens for Jobs in the Future” with technology focus ● Making the Most of Your Highschool Years (in person) ● Gap Year (Zoom) - March 21st ● Just Think (April) 	<p>Bori, Karen</p>	<p>5 minutes</p>
<p>EdEx Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Update on installation of the sails <p>Fundraising is done, working on purchase and installation NPS will match what we raised. Funding from Newton Community Ed won’t come through. We’ll start the project at a smaller scale and see if further funds come through</p> <p>Meeting to discuss Ed Ex 22-23</p> <p>Reveal new campaign at Northside/Porchside</p>	<p>Karen</p>	<p>2 minutes</p>
<p>Metco</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No glitches with transportation at the start of the year! ● METCO Executive assistant is back from leave and will reach out to families to make sure everyone is included. ● Hoping to use text or other technology for outreach. Many 	<p>Linda, Mark</p>	<p>2 minutes</p>

<p>people don't respond to emails during the day, and lots of messages go to spam filters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sending text in native language can be automated; Amy Winston is the contact to support this effort • Some teachers can send emails to a child's phone for receipt by text 		
<p>Community Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are without co-chairs for this role. • Organized coffees, wine clubs, and some online events • May need to revisit whether to keep this in the by-laws 	<p>Patty, Jacqueline</p>	<p>2 minutes</p>
<p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong start: three editions out so far this year. Runs smoothly. 	<p>Susannah, Gayatri</p>	<p>2 minutes</p>
<p>Technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No co-chairs present for update 	<p>Jaya, Jennifer</p>	<p>2 minutes</p>
<p>Northside/Porchside</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has changed over several years, but last year's event was a huge success. Single location was very successful, supports ongoing Covid concerns • Used to be a 3-part event (appetizers @ North, off to homes for dinner, another for dessert) • Lots of effort to put groups together around ages of children, single attendees • This year will have an appetizer/drinks event at a single home and then disburse to other homes • Donations are accepted, but the event is not a fundraiser • Flexible, open to input, well-attended and well-organized 	<p>Kirsten</p>	<p>5 minutes</p>
<p>Principal's Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Off to a great start, smooth start. • Teachers came in open minded around making things better for kids. • Bigger by 40 students than anticipated. Should translate to three staff people which isn't available under the budget situation. (Over 2100 students) • Class and level changes will not likely be accommodated due to full classes • 30 new teachers • Budget will be a big challenge in the district, made harder as numbers of students increase. South did not have the same increase - stayed fairly even. • Attendance policy: 5 absences per course per term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sports, IEP meetings do not accrue absences ○ Deans are managing attendance grades • Deans in cafeteria at Back to School handling FAQs 	<p>Henry, Amy</p>	<p>10 minutes</p>

Additional Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None 	Patty, Jacqueline, others	10 minutes
Meeting Adjourned 6:08	Time Allocated:	67 minutes

Meeting end time: 06:08 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.