



**Newton North High School
PTSO Board Meeting, January 17, 2023 (5:00-6:15PM)**

Location: Zoom Meeting

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AGENDA

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| Attendees: | X Patty Eagan, Co-President X Jacqueline Freeman, Co-President X Sally Xu, Vice President X April Stein, Co-Treasurer X Marie Washke, Co-Treasurer X 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 X Jennifer Bentley, Technology X Susannah Wardly, Communications X Gayatri Aryan, Communications <input type="checkbox"/> Karen Ghiron, Programming X Borislava Stoyanova, Programming <input type="checkbox"/> Mark Tackei, METCO Rep. X Linda Barros, METCO Rep. |
| Additional Attendees: | | |

| Agenda Topic | Owner | Time Allotted |
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| Call To Order @ 5:03 Asking for plans for next year, ideas for other people who might join the board, and additional efforts | Patty, Jacqueline | 1 minute |
| Motion to Approve Prior Meeting Minutes Approved | Janna, Ellen | 1 minute |
| Financials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● P&L ● Treasurer’s Report: EdEx total slowly creeping up. Grants are starting to be tapped. | April, Marie | 5 minutes |
| EdEx Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (See fundraising) | Karen | 5 minutes |
| Grants & Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Updates: summary going out for teachers to reference ● funds must be used in 22/23 school year: more monitoring | Patty, Jacqueline | 2 minutes |
| Nominating Committee | Patty, | 5 minutes |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Confirming Returning Board Members ● Seeking members for nominating committee ● Terms other than Co-presidents are one-year ● 2023/2024 Slate | Jacqueline | |
| <p>Celebration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chairs needed ● Traditionally, families of sophomore and juniors help so that senior families can enjoy the evening. ● Add message to class-specific Facebook pages seeking parent volunteers ● Last year: concerted effort to publicize the event with students and families | Patty, Jacqueline | 5 minutes |
| <p>Fundraising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● \$13,000 raised for EdEx. Postcard design is in final stages. Campaign will hopefully continue through April. Targeting \$20,000 ● Preparing for Celebration fundraising. Masquerade Ball will be the theme. Same entertainment vendor as last year, fee will be equal to last year. Seeking \$21-23,000 overall. Will be doing targeted fundraising. One third of donations are business donors. Seeking donors. Fundraising meeting to be scheduled. ● Recruiting committee chairs ● Heather Hotchkiss and Henry making a plan for purchasing regardless of fundraising levels. | Sally | 2 minutes |
| <p>Programming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In good shape: January 30 zoom event “Preparing for Jobs in the Future with Technology”/Dr Abel Sanchez ● March 7 “Making the Most of Your High school Years” ● March 21 Gap Year event ● Just Think: evening with parents: managing family stress/lunch block event for students: health fair style ● Format: zoom works well for families due to sensitive nature/allows privacy, accommodates more people. ● From Henry: School Council asked for presentation from dept heads of math, english, social studies, science, foreign language on instruction shifts in last 7 years and job/career preparations to touch upon changes to multi-level classes and grading. Was very well-received. Thinking of doing an event for families to information and dispel rumors about some instruction changes, address changes connected to Covid and to other reasons. In-person event to facilitate Q&A, but record for later viewing/livestream. Feb 7th event, 7-8:30. Invite middle schools. Main message: 1. 7 years’ worth of working on/improving instruction. 2. shift to valuing depth over volume | Bori, Karen | 5 minutes |

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| <p>of work, quality and critical thinking skills over quantity of work. Understanding what employers are looking for (people who can learn new things, versus knowing a lot of things). Colleges are recognizing the shifts happening at NNHS and it's showing in admissions data. Looking at MCAS data for current juniors: in Student Growth Percentile NNHS is at top of state statistics.</p> | | |
| <p>Metco</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Starting slowly this year. METCO admin has returned after a leave. Hoping to use this resource to reach out to more parents this year. Zoom events are better attended by METCO families due to proximity and traffic issues. Survey incoming freshman families for more involvement in the future. | Linda, Mark | 2 minutes |
| <p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major updates: not much new material for Tiger News. Programming blurb with calendar will be helpful. Any increase in financial contributions as a result of Facebook pages posts last week? No. Need end date for EdEx campaign to be able to shift to Celebration fundraising. | Susannah, Gayatri | 2 minutes |
| <p>Technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waiting for updates for the flipcards. | Jaya, Jennifer | 2 minutes |
| <p>Principal's Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will Davis and Abby Wright (basketball players) were named McDonald's All-Americans (out of 700) Great music performance last week Lost and Found this weekend (Thurs, Fri, Sat) Starting to look at budget: 30 students more than projection. Anticipating 60 more next year: 90 students need to be funded next year. If override fails, deep cuts will be needed, with 90 more students. Beginning staffing and registration process. New courses: Jewish-American literature; course on STEM careers (Q through Engineering) 8th grade night, junior night, spring registration process coming soon. January 23: Superintendent to School Committee presentation about the budget. Use our platforms to promote the Jan 23 School COmmittee meeting and the Jan 31 visit by the Superintendent and S.C. to NNHS | Henry, Amy | 10 minutes |
| <p>Additional Topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> | All | 5 minutes |



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| Meeting Adjourned 6:08 | Time Allocated: | 52 minutes |
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Meeting end time: HH:MM 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.