

Newton North High School PTSO Board Meeting, October 24, 2023 (5:00-6:15PM) Location: Room 103

AGENDA

Executive	🛛 Natalia Espinal, Co-President	April Stein, Co-Treasurer	
Board:	Iacqueline Freeman, Co-President	🛛 Marie Washek, Co-Treasurer	
	🗆 Karen Ghiron, Vice President	🛛 Janna Lacatell, Co-Secretary	
		Jess Schiefer, Co-Secretary	
Board	□ Jennifer Bentley, Co-Director, Technology	Swapna Chatterjee, Co-Director, Programs	
Members:	Jaya Lal, Co-Director, Technology	🛛 Gabriela Kroszynski, Co-Director, Programs;	
	🖾 Susannah Wardley, Co-Director, Comms	Just Think Expo	
	Mark Tackie, At Large Member METCO		
	Linda Barros, At Large Member METCO		
Committees	□ Kirsten Engel, Northside Dining	🗆 Amelia Angella, EdEx Campaign	
& Chairs	Una Simmons, Northside Dining	Swapna Chatterjee, EdEx Campaign	
	🗆 Linda D'Alessandro, Directory	Agatha Clancy, Newton SEPAC	
	🗆 Megan Flynn, Directory	Andrew Hargens, Newton Serves/ Bold Paint	
	🗆 Rachel Hill Zoob, Directory	Adriana Dukakis, Just Think Expo	
	Julie Pinto, Multicultural Night	Litian He, Celebration 2024	
	Melissa Meyerowitz, Grants & Projects	□ Sally Xu, Celebration 2024	
NNHS:	🛛 Henry Turner, Principal	□ Amy Winston, Vice Principal	

Agenda Topic	Owner	Time Allotted1 minute1 minute
Call To Order @05:04PM	Co-Presidents	
Motion to Approve Prior Meeting Minutes	Co-Secretaries	
Approved		
 Financials P&L Treasurer's Report – Closed out membership campaign. Hit the goa but were lighter than additional contributions and principals assistance. This may be attributed to the various modes. We received fewer checks this year (about 25% of prior years) which may be attributed to a change in mailing format away from letters 1 postcards. Evaluating alternative presentation of the donation and dollar amount to bundle dues + discretionary account. Jacqueline will gather dues rates from other schools for comparison. Walk-in item: Central High School donation – we typically donate \$1000 per year for field trips. Springboard High School is a comparable school, and has requested an equivalent donation. Henry recommended that he would get more information from the coordinator (Dianne) to get student numbers. Board OK with makin an equivalent per pupil day per year. 	to	8 minutes
 Directory Update on Participation – see above Treasurer's report 	Natalia, Jacqueline, April	5 minutes

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A Socialize *Volunteer *Learn		
 Grants & Projects Information sent out and grants are open. Received some grants over the summer for launch in the fall that were approved. Updates forthcoming on additional submissions. 	Natalia, Jacqueline	2 minutes
Programming	Swapna,	5 minutes
 Trying to reduce number of total events and shift to one larger event in April 2024 with a higher profile speaker. Looking for speakers that will fill the event and be engaging. Ideas include: online security, college planning, relationships and interpersonal communications. Just Think Expo – still finding a date in April for this event. 	Gabriela	
Porchside / Northside Dining	Kirsten, Una	5 minutes
 Northside had fewer people host and attend but overall did well. It was held on an earlier weekend than previous years. Donations were around \$6,000. We will need to identify 2 new coordinators for 2024/25 school year to run the event. Follow up question for April: how many people donated to EdEx at the Northside event? 		
Multicultural Night	Toby	3 minutes
 Updates, final planning for 11/8 		
 22 tables have been confirmed, working on more country reps Display stands have been acquired, coordinating with custodial staff on layout. 		
 Promotional materials are posted and distributed. 		
 Follow up question: what door should we point people to use? 		
Communications	Susannah	5 minutes
 Not a lot going on, some event reminders and scheduling. Sign up for teacher appreciation meals for conference time, SEPAC liaison announcement, Roar store opening, will be included in upcoming news. Social liaisons have been setting up Instagram accounts. The Junior class needs volunteers for liaisons. 		
Technology	Jaya, Jennifer	5 minutes
Flip cards updated		
• Other items seem out of date – need to condense pages		
Pop-up can be eliminated - no longer needed		
Metco	Mark, Linda	5 minutes
No Updates		
Principal's Updates	Henry, Amy	10 minutes
Stephanie Piantedosi awarded Teacher of the Year		
Additional Topics		10 minutes

Meeting end time: 6:00 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Janna Lacatell & Jess Schiefer

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