

Newton North High School PTSO Board Meeting, December 5, 2023 (5:00-6:15PM) Location: Zoom Meeting

AGENDA

Executive	☑ Natalia Espinal, Co-President	☑ April Stein, Co-Treasurer
Board:	☑ Jacqueline 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:		☐ Amy Winston, Vice Principal

Agenda Topic	Owner	Time Allotted
Call To Order @5:05PM	Co-Presidents	1 minute
Motion to Approve Prior Meeting Minutes	Co-Secretaries	1 minute
Approved unanimously		
Financials	Co-Treasurers	8 minutes
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Treasurer's Report		
EdEx Campaign	Amelia, Swapna	5 minutes
 Update on communications, fundraising 		
 \$3500 from 29 families raised so far – slow start towards goal of 		
\$20,000. Slightly behind last year, but not way off.		
 Post card distribution completed, but taking time to deliver. 		
 Planning an in-person event coordinated with Todd Young for a 		
Winter Jazz Night as a fundraiser on January 10 th . There will be tours		
of the art studios lead by students.		
 Recommend that the student tour guides be scripted a bit to make 		
sure they hit the points we need them to.		
 Promotion to be included in Tiger News and stand-alone email. 		
Suggestion to also provide wish list items, but that would be less		
preferable to financial contributions.		
 Recommend to promote to Middle School families too. 		
Grants & Projects	Melissa	2 minutes
Submissions, awards		



Z Socialize Volunteer Learn			
 Meeting with the Chair on 12/7 to review submissions. Lower 			
volume of submissions and budget will cover.			
Programming	Swapna,	5 minutes	
Update on Planning & Scheduled Events	Gabriela		
 Contacting speakers about possible bookings and still working on 			
getting this lined up.			
Just Think Expo	Gabriela	3 minutes	
No specific updates yet			
 Considering changing the timing to be earlier than April. May want t 	0		
look at scheduling closer to Junior night since they are typically			
feeling a lot of stress. Gabriela will follow up with Amy to explore			
other dates earlier in the school year.			
Celebration 2024	Litian, Sally	3 minutes	
 Scheduled for May 31, 2024, which will require more logistics and 			
planning since this will be on a Friday night. Team working with			
administration on details.			
Preliminary planning started, and planning a volunteer social to get			
people together.			
Committee Chair roles also needed.			
Communications	Susannah	5 minutes	
No updates			
Technology	Jaya, Jennifer	5 minutes	
Flip cards need to be updated from the Multicultural Night to			
promote EdEx.			
Metco	Mark, Linda	5 minutes	
No updates			
Principal's Updates	Henry, Amy	10 minutes	
Girls volleyball team are State champs			
Swimming team also doing very well			
 Upcoming Theater performance this week – Tuck 			
Hate incident responses – no new incidents recently, which is			
positive. Training has been completed with student groups and staff	•		
Palestinian students are struggling in response to the conflict in the			
middle east. Support group has been established to help.			
 Parent /teacher conferences are winding down. Students are seekin 	g		
and receiving academic supports at a greater rate than prior years.			
Booster club – We have a good group of parents who have been re-			
energizing athletic boosters, across different athletics. They have			
organized, established a leadership board, and will be looking at			
fundraising.			
Budgeting discussions will be starting. High schools have been asked to think about poods.	1		
to think about needs			
Additional Topics		10 minutes	
Donations to Central and Springboard – what value will we land on. Discussions angeling.			
Discussions ongoing.		65 minutes	
Total Time Allotted 65			

Meeting end time: HH:MM PM
Minutes respectfully submitted by: Janna Lacatell & Jess Schiefer