



Newton North High School

PTSO Board Meeting, January 16, 2024 (5:00-6:15PM)

Location: Zoom Meeting

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AGENDA

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

Agenda Topic	Owner	Time Allotted
Call To Order @HH:MM	Co-Presidents	1 minute
Motion to Approve Prior Meeting Minutes	Co-Secretaries	1 minute
Financials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P&L – If anyone has questions, please contact April. • Treasurer’s Report • Staff appreciation days coming up – Amy Winston requested that they shift the February date to March for ice cream sundaes. 	Co-Treasurers	8 minutes
EdEx Campaign <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slightly below \$8K for fundraising. January performances are the primary promotional vehicle currently. Goal has been \$20K, but we may want to reset to a lower amount, which would still drive a significant impact. • Open house was successful and gave families exposure to the arts areas of the school. • Henry will send 1-2 follow up emails to call for donations over the next few weeks. 	Amelia, Swapna	5 minutes
Grants & Projects	Melissa	2 minutes

2023/2024 Board Meetings Schedule: 9/19, 10/24, 12/5*, 1/16*, 2/6*, 4/2 (*indicates virtual meeting). Annual Meeting: May 14th.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awarded all submissions and approved funding. There were a few submissions that were not approved, but there were discussions about other funding sources that were more appropriate based on the request. • Language department had a request for updated foreign language materials. • Math program will be testing a subscription. • Science department is going to do a school-wide viewing of the solar eclipse in April and they purchased special glasses for all of the students. 		
<p>Programming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent evening – there has been a lot of back and forth, but they have identified 2 options for the event in April. Need to decide on which speaker ASAP to finalize the contract and begin promotion. • Choices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jessica Lahey – Author of “The Gift of Failure”. High price but Karen negotiated her to within our budget – at a significant discount to her typical rate based on the date being convenient to her travel plans. ○ Karen Kraut – Talks about collaborative problem solving approach and negotiating with your teen. Follows the Dr. Ross Green method. More within our budget and also more available to book at other times during the year. • Decision: PTSO recommended booking Jessica for the April session, and Karen for the fall. 	Swapna, Gabriela	5 minutes
<p>Just Think Expo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conversation with Amy Winston to consider moving earlier from April to February. Very positive feedback from Amy. • Decision: Move to February. Received a few dates from Amy that could work. Gabriela is working on finalizing the date with the Counseling department, which will be during the school day. 	Gabriela	3 minutes
<p>Celebration 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly meetings scheduled. The social to gather volunteers is scheduled for 2/1 in person. Celebration date has been selected, theme selection in process. • More discussion in the upcoming February PTSO meeting. 	Litian, Sally	3 minutes
<p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class social pages are reposting specific information from Tiger News, which is great to see. • Not much new to publish about, but anticipate that will increase as Spring programming picks up. 	Susannah	5 minutes
<p>Technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking for content. Currently using Tiger News for content, but expecting that Programs and Celebration will start to be more prevalent. Fewer events scheduled this year. • Want to sit down and do a website assessment to streamline content and remove unnecessary content. Co-Presidents and Tech will set up a time to meet and do the assessment over the next 2 weeks. 	Jaya, Jennifer	5 minutes
<p>Metco</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates 	Mark, Linda	5 minutes
<p>Principal’s Updates</p>	Henry, Amy	10 minutes

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher strike is top of mind. • 3rd semester has started. • Negotiations started with Superintendents office about potential expansion of programs / resources to offset the cuts over the past 10 years. • College admissions going well so far. On par with prior years with ivy league admissions. Target is >80% of applicants got accepted in to one of their top 3 schools. • Parent Square is launching soon. Amy Winston and Henry will be transitioning to the platform. Teacher training will be scheduled so all teacher communications will also go through the platform. 		
<p>Additional Topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry over topic: Donation amount to Central & Springboard • Potential teacher strike – PTSO has decided to send out information about the NewTV broadcast that will be hosted by the School Committee. PTSO will try to amplify messaging, but will be cautious about messaging. Information about the rally on 1/17 was distributed in Tiger News. 		10 minutes
<p>Total Time Allotted</p>		63 minutes

Meeting end time: 6:17 PM
 Minutes respectfully submitted by: Janna Lacatell & Jess Schiefer