



Newton North High School
PTSO Board Meeting, April 2, 2024 (5:00-6:15PM)
Location: NNHS room 103

MEETING MINUTES

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| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> April Stein, Co-Treasurer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marie Washek, Co-Treasurer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Janna Lacatell, Co-Secretary <input type="checkbox"/> Jess Schiefer, Co-Secretary |
| Board Members: | <input type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Bentley, Co-Director, Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Jaya Lal, Co-Director, Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Susannah Wardley, Co-Director, Comms <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Tackie, At Large Member METCO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Linda Barros, At Large Member METCO | <input type="checkbox"/> Swapna Chatterjee, Co-Director, Programs <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 |
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| Call To Order @05:07PM | Co-Presidents | 1 minute |
| Motion to Approve Prior Meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved | Co-Secretaries | 1 minute |
| Financials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P&L • Treasurer’s Report – Celebration fundraising on track, Grants and projects slowly paying out (\$4500 paid so far). Additional grant requests coming in off-cycle that are more ad hoc and time sensitive, which have been approved. | Co-Treasurers | 8 minutes |
| EdEx Campaign <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on communications, fundraising • Art open house went well and was well attended • End of the year Music Department Open House is another good opportunity to request donations – May 23rd. Request that Henry include one final request in his email inviting the parents to donate and attend the Open House. • Through 1/26 we had collected \$7,900 | Amelia, Swapna | 5 minutes |
| Programming <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Planning & Scheduled Events • TONIGHT! Is our big event and speaker. – we have about 245 RSVPs from the NNHS, NSHS, and middle-school communities | Swapna, Gabriela | 5 minutes |
| Just Think Expo | Andrea | 3 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.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coming up on 4/10 • We have ~15 organizations attending • For 2025 we will look at moving earlier in the school year at the. End of January / early February. Spring is a good time of year for PTSO to submit requests. | | |
| Celebration 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraising is going well, with several experienced volunteers continuing to lead committees. • Social event in February went well for volunteers • Business donations have been going well. We were also selected by Watertown Savings Bank as a top non-profit. • Two upcoming social events in April / May to gather more volunteers and begin decoration creation • Senior night will be in the auditorium on 5/7 and will be another good opportunity to solicit for donations and volunteers; Crafting night will be 5/8 at HipStitch. | Litian, Sally | 3 minutes |
| Nominating Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starting to gather the nominating committee and identify good candidates for open Committees and Board positions • Goal is to fill positions by end of May. • Please submit candidate ideas – we have some people interested in Co-President, other big positions include VP, Porch side, and EdEx | Co-Presidents | 3 minutes |
| Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Updates | Susannah | 5 minutes |
| Technology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Updates • We have updated the website to collect the School Counsel applications, which may also require voting if there are >3 applications. • Rescheduling the website audit to update the website content and simplify the layout. Targeting summer for the updates. | Jaya, Jennifer | 5 minutes |
| Metco <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have been working to establish a Metco counsel city-wide to support Metco students. • Collaborating with the Newton Youth Collaborative to connect with summer programs. Sponsoring career prep education – etiquette, dress, interview skills, etc. Sally will send the contact information to Jacqueline and the Metco chairs of a local Bank that also provides this type of service. • Working with the Metco office to establish a 503c and seeking assistance to set it up, whether stand alone or under the NNHS PTSO. April can help think that through with the Metco committee chairs. The membership dues have been managed by the Metco office but per bylaws require the funding to be managed by the parents committee. • Event in May for new incoming families to help them acclimate. The I'm Amazing program for middle schoolers can also be a great connection to high school mentors. | Mark, Linda | 5 minutes |
| Principal's Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rising 9th grader night • Budget has been submitted for additional science and math supplies | Henry, Amy | 10 minutes |



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| Additional Topics <ul style="list-style-type: none">• May 16th is the volunteers party for the NNHS PTSO• School Counsel initiative is to coordinate a parent / teacher social with high school families. Date TBD | | 10 minutes |
| Total Time Allotted | | 63 minutes |

Meeting end time: 06:04PM
Minutes respectfully submitted by: Janna Lacatell & Jess Schiefer