

North County High School PTSA
Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:37 p.m.

In attendance: Sonya Sutter; Kim Bixler; Nancy Sumwalt; Ed Rigby; Michele Schneck; Elizabeth Leight; Wanda Behnke; Alison Cherowitzo; Ebonie Riley; Sally Wood; Sarah Longo; Lisa Crittenden; Ginny Ford; Stephanie Doersam; Mr. Folkes; and Ms. Williams.

Welcome: Sonya Sutter

President Sonya Sutter welcomed all in attendance. Introductions were made.

Approval of December 2017 Minutes (no January meeting due to inclement weather)

Nancy S. thanked Ebonie R. for preparing the December minutes.

Prior minutes were reviewed.

- Motion: Elizabeth L. motioned and Alison C. seconded to approve the December 20, 2017 meeting minutes with two changes as agreed upon.
- Vote: Motion carried
- Resolved: Minutes from the December 20, 2017 meeting approved, as modified.

Principal's Report: Mr. Fowlkes

The active shooter lockdown drill is tomorrow (2/21/2018).

Knight Time started again this week (Tuesday through Thursday). Feedback does not support whether it is beneficial. Stephanie D. questioned whether the data supported it (because of the clubs). There is a negative -- if an emergency occurred during Knight Time, or if a parent came to get a student, Administration does not know where everyone is. Knight Time is supposed to be academic-based; clubs are a benefit. On Fridays, there are 15 to 25 substitute teachers; Mondays are chaotic. It was agreed that there are lots of benefits to those students to participate; however, a good portion still does not participate. There was a discussion regarding a new committee to assist with Knight Time (Knight Watch). A calendar system would not work.

Sally W. stated that she attended the recent parent night/scheduling night. She and her son prepared his schedule. Ms. Siwicki was absent, so another counselor reviewed the schedule. She insisted on schedule changes and insisted on an art class, when Sally's son already had Orchestra. The counselor and told Sally's son that a parent did not have to sign off on it. Ms. Williams joined the PTSA meeting at this time and offered her input

on this matter. She said she followed up with the counselors about individual students' pathways and straightened it out.

Stephanie D. stated that if you go outside the box with schedules, it causes conflict. Mr. Fowlkes suggested that maybe they should review this with 8th graders in May instead of at 9th grade orientation. They need guidance for specific pathways.

Mr. Rigby also stated that the scheduling night was not helpful. There were 135 choices at that time, but two weeks later at middle school there were 19 choices. It catered to too many audiences at once and was too confusing. Ms. Williams said they are working on a plan to review the selections process at the middle schools. Michele S. explained how Meade handled it and that it appeared successful.

Ms. Williams said they went to Lindale Middle and Brooklyn Park Middle last Thursday and Friday. Maybe they should provide individual class meetings in the future.

Ebonie R. stated that the seniors' parents had a bad time with timelines, deadlines and information for graduation. She explained that she requested and paid for transcripts in October, but the School said they did not get the request. This delayed the early admission process. A discussion was held that they need better information for each grade level. Maybe one-pagers on different items, such as cords.

Mr. Fowlkes said that Mr. Bernstein is handling the website issues.

A discussion was held regarding security issues and the March 14 national call to walk out of the schools for ten minutes. Mr. Fowlkes said that this is not sanctioned by the school system. They are reviewing other ways to review (e.g., Town Hall meetings). Per the Board, they need to find avenues to address this (Advisory/Restorative Circles). They are contacting the legal authorities to give them a heads-up. Some people heard there will be another walkout on April 20.

Mr. Fowlkes gave an update on Assistant Principals: Ms. McVey's substitute, Donald Lilly, a retired Annapolis principal, will be here for two months; Mr. Summers went to the Board of Education and Anthony Andrione (former Department Chair at Meade) replaced him.

Stephanie D. asked about the bathrooms being locked during the school day. Mr. Fowlkes said they are locked ten minutes before class and ten minutes before the end of each class. They are locked all of fourth period.

Michele S. spoke on behalf of Elizabeth Leight, who had to leave the meeting early: Elizabeth went to the last Athletic Boosters meeting. It was suggested that the PTSA purchase a banner for the Athletic Boosters fundraiser. The cost is \$300 for the first year,

and \$150 yearly thereafter to continue the sponsorship. Elizabeth mentioned the PTSA's vendor fair (they already contacted Lisa C.). We will table a vote on this until Sonya gets more information. We will have to add a budget item for this.

Committee Reports

Membership: Per Alison C., there are 154 memberships to date (36 Students; 12 Staff; 2 Alumni; 104 Parents). An e-mail was sent to the parents to get their cards or tell us how to send them. One final e-mail will be sent.

After Prom Breakfast:

Per Lisa C., the quarter auction was cancelled. The donations will go towards the After Prom party. Lisa will have Mr. Fowlkes send another blast to get more community help.

The Vendor Fair (3/18) is coming along. There will be free tables for Swimming and the Athletic Boosters (Lisa will ask for some swag for After Prom). We need more help for this event. After the banner deadline, we will combine the Music Booster/Vendor Fair advertisements on the website. Some vendors will do both events. Michele S. will get the NAHS to prepare colorful directional signs for the morning of the events. The next After Prom Breakfast meeting is 2/27/2018 at 6:30 p.m.

We made approximately \$120 from the Ledo's food night fundraiser.

Senior Banners: Per Stephanie D., 67 banners are sold to date (5 are questionable). She will coordinate with Lisa C. regarding online payments and forms. Stephanie is changing the bottom of the deceased student's banner. She will follow up on the number sold; some still need teacher approval and some are confusing. We make approximately \$15 on each banner.

Hospitality: Per Sonya S., grab-n-go snacks are needed for the 3/2/2018 parent/teacher conferences. Sonya will send a request for water, individually wrapped snacks and fruit. She will include more membership forms at the snack table, along with envelopes and pens.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Crittenden

Lisa reviewed the budget report. She still has After Prom and Vendor Fair deposits to make. She just made a \$500 Ready2Drive deposit. Several businesses said they would donate, but have not sent anything.

Other Business:

Nancy S. is waiting for the scholarship application deadline from Ms. Drummond in order to complete the application form. The scholarship process was discussed.

Ed. R. discussed the Northern Division Parent Involvement Advisory Council. Ed is the Lindale Middle School PTSA Treasurer and a parent. There are ten elementary schools, the two middle schools and NCHS in this division. There are guest speakers at the PIAC every other month. Ryan Voegtlin will speak at the April meeting. He is with the Division of Student Services at AACPS and will speak about emotionally disturbed students and the Intensity 5 program.

Next meeting: 3/21/2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.