

North County High School PTSA  
Meeting Minutes  
April 18, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.

**In attendance:** Elizabeth Leight; Sonya Sutter; Sally Wood; Lisa Crittenden; Stephanie Doersam; Michelle Fowler; Nancy Sumwalt; Pastor Monique Ellison; Kim Bixler; Sarah Longo; and Ginny Ford.

**Welcome: Sonya Sutter**

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

**Approval of February 2018 Minutes (March meeting cancelled due to inclement weather)**

Prior minutes were reviewed.

- Motion: Stephanie D. motioned and Elizabeth L. seconded to approve the February 21, 2018 meeting minutes with one change as agreed upon.
- Vote: Motion carried
- Resolved: Minutes from the February 18, 2018 meeting approved, as modified.

**Treasurer's Report: Lisa Crittenden**

Lisa reviewed the Treasurer's report. She explained that the After Prom Breakfast quarter auction was cancelled. The North County Alumni Association disbanded and sent their \$10.33 bank account balance and a \$50 donation to us for the Scholarship fund. We will move those funds to the Senior Awards fund instead since we do not need their donation in the Scholarship fund and the money will still be used for the seniors.

Lisa talked to Ms. Lewis regarding water for exams. Last year we ordered 40 cases through the Cafeteria, but never got an invoice or receipt. Will get them from Costco this year.

Lisa suggested that we change the net profit from the Spring Craft/Vendor Fair from being split 50/50 between the PTSA General Fund and the After Prom Breakfast Fund to 100% to the After Prom Breakfast Fund. Elizabeth L. motioned to move all of the Spring Craft/Vendor Fair net profit to the After Prom Breakfast Fund and Michelle F. seconded. A discussion was held and the motion was approved as long as the General Fund has enough funds to cover its expenses per the Budget.

## **Principal's Report:**

Although nobody from Administration attended to give a Principal's Report, Sonya S. reported that Ms. Gossage reached out to her to request gift cards for the Fabulous Fridays staff meetings. Lisa C. purchased some and dropped them off. Also, Mr. Jefferson inquired whether anyone was going to the Founder's Day Dinner. Lisa C. and Elizabeth L. are going.

Stephanie D. thought that scheduling a fun event on the last day of a quarter is a bad idea. There was a Field Day for students who passed the first semester. It caused some students to miss their quarterly assessments.

Ms. Johnston inquired about volunteer hours (for the Volunteer Tea and because the Board requires the information for grants). The numbers were due at the end of March. There was a discussion about the difficulties volunteers have signing in to track their hours. They are never signed in as a volunteer. The front staff signs them in as "Visitors" so volunteer hours are not logged.

## **President's Report: Sonya Sutter**

Sonya discussed the Nominating Committee and the procedure for the upcoming May elections. Lisa C. went to Lindale Middle to provide information about the open positions on the Executive Board (Vice President and Treasurer). Stephanie D. posted the information. The Board members present elected Lisa C., Ebonie R. and Michelle F. to serve on the Nominating Committee. Anyone interested for the open positions should contact one of the Nominating Committee members and the Committee will present the information for the elections at the May meeting.

## **Committee Reports**

Membership: Lisa C. reported on behalf of Alison C. that there are 156 paid members. Stephanie D. wants to reach out to incoming STEM parents. We missed their orientation due to the master calendar issues. It was discussed that the School should send notices to incoming STEM students/parents to join the PTSA.

After Prom Breakfast: Per Lisa C., we have some decorations and a giant Atlantis banner (the wrong sign was sent; they are sending another). She had an After Prom Breakfast meeting yesterday. They will be having waffles and donuts (among other foods), inflatables, games and prizes. The D.J. (Pasadena Sound/Julian Lahdelma) is also booked. The final meeting is scheduled for next week.

Hospitality: Per Sonya S., grab-n-go snacks were donated for the March parent/teacher conferences. There were a lot of donations and the teachers loved it. The leftovers will go to the After Prom Breakfast.

Teacher Appreciation Week is the week of May 7, 2018. Last year Buffalo Wild Wings donated food for the luncheon, but we ran out of food halfway through the third lunch period. Maybe we will get the food from Italia's again and have other options. Sonya will give the teachers a schedule and give a treat each day and the luncheon on one of the days.

The PTSA is again sponsoring the Senior Awards reception. We will coordinate with Ms. Drummond.

PTSA Scholarships: Per Nancy S., we received ten scholarship applications. Sonya Sutter, Stephanie Doersam and Sarah Longo were appointed to serve on the Scholarship Committee. Nancy needs their votes by the middle to end of next week. Nancy described the review process as being a blind review of the applications (the applicants' names and personal information was redacted from the applications and each was assigned a number) to make the award selection process fair to all the applicants.

Elizabeth L. said that the District 32 Legislative Scholarships may still have open deadlines for anyone interested. Guidance also sends information every week regarding scholarship opportunities.

Lisa C. also mentioned that the Class of 2018 has no record of those that paid their class dues in their Freshman year. Those that paid by cash had difficulty proving payment.

Senior Banners: Per Stephanie D., 80 banners were sold. The average profit was \$16.51 due to the staggered order dates/costs. There were problems with two banners (they had the same messages as the immediately preceding banner printed); corrected banners were printed. Of the \$2,516.60 in sales, \$2,116.60 were online sales. There were \$80 in credit card fees. Some people complained about the timing of the hanging of the banners, but they were hung in the batches they came in.

### **Other Business:**

Kirwan Commission: Elizabeth L. spoke about the Kirwan Commission. They took a short break. The meetings are starting back up April 26, 2018. The Report (December) covered ideas regarding making education better: Pre-K at age 3; introducing coding in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade; beginning the process of a teacher salary ladder. They are looking at where the money will come from. A member of the Commission suggested a constitutional amendment so the Governor cannot change it. They want it to be on the Primary ballot: "Lockbox for Education."

Guest Speaker: Pastor Monique Ellison of St. Christopher's was a guest speaker. She discussed a new committee: Industrial Areas Foundation of Anne Arundel County Sponsoring Committee. It is comprised of 16 faith organizations. There is no single issue.

Their goal is to hear from 4,000 people in the County. Their question is: What is one thing, if it were different, that would make your life better? They will be meeting with the Scouts (Pack 550). Their deadline to reach the 4,000 people is the end of May.

There was a discussion about the program. The following topics were discussed: Facebook comments are negative; mental health services for the uninsured; the need for timely access to healthcare and other services (which is one of the Kirwan Commission's purposes); the need for wraparound care; every school will be different based on needs; studying what foreign countries are doing (schools look at the whole child); we need political and social support; and homeless people. Pastor Monique needs a place to meet with seniors and children and there is a need for non-English communication.

We are considered the Sandwich Generation (taking care of parents and children). Lindale Middle has a private group similar to this; they reach out to the Guidance Counselor Elena Thomas. They need peer mentors (like Big Brother, Big Sister).

Bullies are a problem and it needs to turn into an issue in order to solve it. There are many undiagnosed issues. Pastor Monique said there is need for affordable housing. There are homeless shelters in some churches. There is the Arundel House of Hope on Crain Highway. The Department of Social Services has Sarah's House in some hotels.

Pastor Monique's number is 517-214-9557 and she is available to anyone who would like to discuss their program.

#### Other items discussed:

The PTSA page was missing in the weekly newsletter. Sonya S. is working on it.

The Music Boosters is having a food night on April 25, 2018 at Potbelly from 5 - 8 p.m. The Band and Orchestra made it to the State Festival again this year.

Elizabeth L. asked about the status of the Athletic Boosters' request for the PTSA to purchase a banner. Sonya S. spoke with Sandy Dorr regarding the banner and needs to follow up. She would like to know if the Athletic Boosters would be willing to donate to the After Prom Breakfast.

There is a Knight's Invite on Friday at 2:30 p.m. in the Stadium.

Next meeting: 5/16/2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.