

Northgate High School PFC Board Meeting
April 21, 2016 9:00 am
Northgate High School Staff Lounge
Minutes

9:05 am – Meeting called to order by President Alisa MacCormac.

Present: Alisa MacCormac, Lisa Lamm, Julie Chesnutt, Jackie Byrd, Tricia Zucker, Monica Zorman, Holly Hewes, Courtney Mizutani Sally Anderson, Kanwal Sodhi, Linda Clark

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Lamm.

Current budget (see Handout Budget YTD 4/20): No new budget news. Auction coming up this weekend. We are the only school in the MDUSD with a PFC making so many salary and other payments, so some payments are slow process.

2016-17 proposed budget (see Handout 2015-16/2016-17 Draft Budget): Losing shopping rewards next year due to Safeway's change from e-scrip to grant program. Need to research grant program and optimize Sports Basement, Nob Hill, and Amazon Smile rewards. Clarified that money for additional class sections will be maintained in that line item for flexibility until master schedule has been built, then hopefully district will pay for sections. Additional funds may then be allocated for technology or other priorities at that point. **Important: Next year's budget will be voted on at May19th PFC general meeting.** Please be there.

Minutes: Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve the March minutes. Motion Passed.

Principal's Report: No report today. Mr. McAlister at offsite meeting.

College and Career Center: Mrs. Clark. Mrs. Clark will be retiring at the end of this school year after 6 years at Northgate. She thanked the PFC for its ongoing support and thanked the school and students for a rewarding experience. She will make every effort to make it a smooth transition for the students, including fully training her new administrative assistant, setting up college visits in advance, advising on qualifications of new hire, and leaving detailed instructions in every job area. Many changes are ahead in college application process, including a new coalition application that will need to be researched and communicated. Will be holding two additional parent workshops before end of schoolyear and an essay writing workshop in August. In her retirement, Mrs. Clark will be pursuing her interests in helping disadvantaged students and working to educate parents and students to relieve the high and unsafe student stress levels she

has witnessed. She believes Northgate needs to educate parents and students and set a limit on the number of AP and honors classes a student may take to help students prioritize their interests and time in healthier ways.

Nominating: An email will go out today asking current PFC volunteers to confirm their position and soliciting new volunteer interest. We need a PFC President, Vice President Treasurer, and Education Fund coordinator for next year. These are critical positions, ideally to start training now. Many other positions are also needed. Please consider getting involved.

WASC: An eblast will also go out today asking for parent volunteers for WASC re-accreditation process. Northgate's 6-year review will be happening next school year, with Mr. Fey and Ms. Honey leading our team. Suggested to possibly change parent meeting times to 8AM, so working parents can participate at one end of their workday.

New Business:

Motion: It was moved and seconded to add three finalized dates to the PFC master event calendar:

Baccalaureate June 5, 4-6pm;
Grad Night Preview June 5, 6-8pm; and
Grad Night June 9, 9:30pm-5am.

Motion Passed.

Reports:

Finals Fuel: JoAnn Moore is beginning Costco and other solicitations for June. Students appreciate this effort during stressful week.

Baccalaureate: Lisa Lamm has joined committee planning for Baccalaureate. Event is June 5. Non-religious ceremony in gym for seniors and their families will include guest speaker Steve Sutton (UCB Dean of Student Affairs and Northgate parent) as well as student speakers and performances by musical groups. Volunteers will be needed to provide refreshments, usher, etc.

NIMB: Courtney Mitzutani. Exciting time. Jazz I won Monterey Next Generation Jazz Festival for the 3rd year in a row, a wonderful accomplishment and legacy for Mr. Brown's program. Jazz I will be playing at Monterey Jazz Festival in September. Spring concerts coming up at Yoshi's May 9th and at the Leshor May 18th. Buy your tickets from a student to save on service charges. CMEA also coming up next week for classical music groups.

Site Council: Trisha Zucker. Site Council budget still unclear, but discussed priorities for Measure C money. Teachers are supporting new lockers and eventually creating makerspace in teacher's lounge. Foreign Language Department reported on progress, including German class trip to Germany this summer and securing a long-term substitute for French. Departmental donations were used to purchase laptops for language aids to use in class support. Council chair is also working on reporting back to parents about how classroom donations are used. Photocopies are actually a large part of expenditures. Need 3 new site council representatives for next school year.

PEAK: Alisa MacCormac. New initiative. Working with the 5 principals in Northgate feeder pattern schools to develop a proposal for a K-12 continuum of hands-on design/engineering learning with trained instructors and creative makerspace areas in all schools. These are required but not funded by the state. Will create business plan to then shop around for grants and business/parent donations. Will be a shift in focus for parents from funding individual school PFCs to donating to umbrella organization, but model very effective for WCEF and Lafayette/Orinda schools. Collaborating with Northgate Pride to see how makerspaces can be funded.

Campus Beautification: No spring clean-up dates, but working with maintenance staff to try to keep weeds down. Do not have manpower for volunteer-planted areas to be maintained by volunteers. Mr. McAlister still working with Luca to purchase several indoor plants.

Choral Music Boosters: Trisha Zucker. Returned from Disneyland trip. Spring concerts May 25th and 26th. New vocal music teacher has been hired, Mr. Geoff Carter, formerly of Ygnacio Valley High.

Spring for Education: Jackie Byrd. "Northgateopoly" Auction, Dinner and Dance is **this Saturday, 6-11pm**. Approximately 80 tickets sold so far. Covered for volunteers. Purchase tickets at <http://www.northgatehs-pfc.com/>. Live auction and small silent auction, as well as Monopoly games and a photo booth in jail. Get your tickets and come join the fun! Thank you Jackie and Katie for all your hard work.

Meeting adjourned at approx. 10:15 AM.

Next PFC General Meeting: May 19th, 7pm, Library

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Chesnutt,
PFC Secretary