**NHS PTO Board Meeting Agenda**

**February 26th, 2024**

## Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 AM.

## Attendees

Rashmi Singh– President

Heather Aksamit – VP Membership

Jie Yu – VP Communications

Eki Asemoto – VP Student Enrichment

Mugdha Cerejo – VP Senior Treats

Martin Neuhaus - Principal

Absent: Serena Valentino (Treasurer), Heming Wu (VP Hospitality), Sejal Shah (Secretary), Joyce Ge (Parliamentarian), Jane Liang (VP School Support)

## Minutes

Rashmi moved to approve the January minutes as written. Mugdha seconded. Motion passed.

## Principal’s Report

Mr. Neuhaus was in attendance to provide an update. The 2024-25 budget was recently approved. The school was able to increase the funds provided to each department, as the administration was initially unaware of how many instances the departments were soliciting funds directly from the parents. That should hopefully begin to decline, although there are some departments that are consumable heavy (like Art) that may continue to request additional funding.

1604 students this year, projected to have 1575 next year and this decline will result in the loss of 1 teacher (probably from the math department).

There will be approximately 5 retirements in the next year.

Val/Sal have been announced: Vaishali Prahalad & Kevin Xiang. Congratulations to both!

TOTY: Tania Pope

POTY: Jasmine Jones

Graduation will be held on May 22, 2024, 2 PM at the Ameris Bank Amphitheatre

The administration considered other options for a graduation venue (like Gas South), but their availability didn’t match our needs.

Both options are very expensive, the event costs ~$45,000 and the school takes a loss on this event and haven’t raised costs in many years. Next year’s seniors (current juniors) are our largest class, but the next three after are all under 400 students.

The Girls Basketball team lost in the first round of the state tournament. However, that team went from 4 wins last season to making state this year.

Girls Varsity Swim placed 2nd in the state, Boys Varsity Swim placed 3rd.

Surveys with students were completed last month. Over 3500 responses. This was a disappointing response rate as each student had the opportunity to provide a response for each class period as well as administration. Results are still being analyzed, but some initial information can be conveyed here.

* Counselors received high ratings for ‘feel comfortable’ speaking with counselors, which was comforting to realize.
* Assistant Principals received a lower rating (to be expected as they are typically the disciplinarians).
* A majority felt connected to others at Northview (majorly, extremely, etc.).
* ~80% said they have an adult to speak with at Northview.
* The majority are proud to be a Titan.
* The majority felt mentally and physically safe while at school.

There were lots of comments from students. The most frequent comment addressed to the principal related to the change in lunch periods. The students would like to return to two longer lunch periods. The change to have three shorter lunch periods was made this year due to safety concerns over the overflow into the hall in prior years. There is a possibility that they will return to some format of a 2-period lunch time next year. All Fulton County schools are officially closed campuses, so no students should be going off campus during lunch.

Additional analysis of the survey results will be on-going.

## Treasurer’s Report: Serena Valentino

*Sent via email*

* Annual registration form has been paid. $30
* We have received an extension on filing taxes. I have sent Sherri Flagg an email to let her know I have the paperwork.
* Two $100 gift cards for Teacher and admin of the year since last meeting
* Dropping off $150 with Jasmine Jones for the family in need. I have not submitted the expense voucher yet.

## Communications: Jie Yu

The website has been updated with senior yard signs for sale and will go live with that on March 1. She would like a better picture to post with the listing. Martin suggested that personalized yard signs aren’t much more expensive and might increase purchase numbers.

## Hospitality: Heming Wu

*sent via email*

We served a counselor appreciation breakfast on 02/05 for the five counselors and the counselor department secretary, it cost around $60 that covered coffee, biscuits, yogurt, orange juice, bananas and also thank you cards.

We have not decided when the next coffee cart event will be yet.

## School Support: Jane Liang

No report provided.

## Senior Activities: Mugdha Cerejo

**Senior Treats**: Rashmi asked if Mugdha needed more volunteers, and Mugdha is full for this week, but will need additional for future dates. Rashmi will send out the signup link to a group of parents who expressed interest but hadn’t seen the sign up.

**Yard Signs**: Order has been placed with prior year vendor. Ordered 175. Sales will go up on March 1st. $30 per sign, late orders may have a price increase. Heather will advertise at the NAA meeting so that coaches/boosters can push this information out to their seniors.

**Baccalaureate:** This will be held April 21 or April 28. Mugdha asked about the quartet that performed. No one remembers how that group was assembled but the consensus was that she should speak with Mr. W.

**Parent Tours**: Rashmi has names of volunteers from Barb Rettker, format will change a bit and a training will be announced shortly.

## Student Enrichment: Eki Asemota

 **Voter Registration**: We had a registration in the fall, but the contact recommended that we have another registration date this spring (given that this is an election year). Eki will reach out to Barb about getting a date on the calendar, preferably to coincide with a Senior Treat date.

 **Student Wellness:** No update. This is complete for the school year.

 **Mini Grants:** Eki missed the meeting where Martin asked for a pause on mini-grants. He explained again this year that the SGC had a large number of mini-grants they processed this year, so that it was fine to hold off on processing while our funds are low. Eki received an email from a teacher last week and wasn’t sure how to address it. Martin will take care of that and Eki will forward that information to him for resolution.

## Membership: Heather Aksamit

No update.

## New Business:

**2024-2025 School Year PTO Board Nomination**

Historically, no nominating committee was formed, but rather each person leaving would try to find a replacement for their role. Rashmi will update the chart with updated names being nominated. We may have more names than positions this year. Recycling is still needing parent volunteers for the next year.

Discussion over who and whether a nominating committee was formed, as well as how and who to nominate to open board positions. Rashmi will review the bylaws and send out in the next few days.

## Meeting Adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 AM.