

Northgate High School PFC Board Meeting
January 21, 2016 7pm
Northgate High School Library
Minutes

7:00 pm – Meeting called to order by President Alisa Mac Cormac.

Board Members Present: Alisa Mac Cormac, Julie Chesnutt, Lisa Lamm, Jackie Byrd, Katie Pierceall, Sally Anderson, Michael McAlister, Jonathan Fey

Minutes: There was not a quorum present to approve the November minutes. Will be considered at next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Lamm. Revenues coming in close to budget. No unanticipated expenses. Class section funds will be held over as a placeholder for next year, giving admin some planning flexibility. Finals Fuel did a great job this week and used their budget. We anticipate spending approximately \$50K of the 70 K in technology line item. Safeway's contribution to shopping rewards line item is disappearing next year. Can be boosted if we market Amazon Smile, which gives the same shopping rewards percentage as Safeway did. Lisa verified we are allowed to do online marketing of this program. We still need a volunteer to coordinate shopping rewards.

Principal's Report: Jonathan Fey. The WASC accreditation process, which takes place at least every 6 years at every school in the state, is about to begin at Northgate. This accreditation allows our school's coursework to count for the A-G requirements for UC's and CSU's. The school prepares an evaluation of its performance and plans in five areas (organization, curriculum, instruction, assessment, and student support) in an approximately 300 page report, which is then validated by a team of 6 WASC accreditation volunteers, who will visit the school next year. Accreditation can be granted for up to six years, with intermittent progress reports sometimes required. The voices of all the school's stakeholders (teachers, students, classified staff, parents) should be evident in the process.

Mr. Fey is experienced in preparing such reports and serving on and leading WASC visitation teams, so he is helping to guide the Northgate process and put together the teams responsible. Mrs. Honey will be the administrative lead on this effort.

We will need approximately 10 parent volunteers to serve on the various home and focus groups writing the report. Meetings are likely to be the last Wednesday afternoons of the month until the report is due February 1, 2017. Please consider serving.

Mr. McAlister. Professional Development: Tomorrow's teacher workday will be a significant collaborative opportunity that should really kick-start the ongoing process of improving instruction. Teachers in each area have administered common assessments and will be evaluating how the data can help them reflect, change, and improve student learning in their subject areas.

Honors Classes: Discussion continues with the English teachers as to how AP, honors, and regular curricula compare and interact. It is not clear to him that there is consistency and accountability to the honors designation, and the courses are potentially stripping down regular courses. Controversial topic, particularly as to how GPA's are affected here and relative to other similar schools, but wants to be sure we are pulling excellence from all students.

Parent Education: There is a Parent Education night coming up next Wednesday 1/27 at 7pm in the Little Theater. Raquel Cantillon, our school resource officer, will talk about social media, substance abuse, and other topics. Look for more information this week. Mr. McAlister emphasized that there is bullying and other inappropriate posting happening daily, and that parents need to know their student's passwords and help monitor their online activity.

Sportsmanship: Was disappointed by student fan behavior at last Saturday's basketball game at Las Lomas. Northgate fans need to represent good sportsmanship at all times.

Finals' Fuel: Katie Pierceall. Team served food each morning of finals. Students were grateful! Great job!

Spring for Education: Jackie Byrd. SAVE THE DATE! Auction will be on Saturday, April 23rd. Party will be Monopoly game theme. Please let committee know if you have donations.

PEAK – Alisa MacCormac. Macy's grand opening was huge success. Kim Harris responded to Macy's offer of a \$5,000 contribution and wrote grant to go to the student organizations and schools that participated through PEAK. FORMA gym will be coming to meeting next month to present Turkey Trot check.

Site Council – Sally Anderson. Discussed process of WASC certification. Principal discussed what was spent from the governor's fund. Department chairs said it should be no problem to let parents know how parent donations were spent last year and what their departmental wish-lists are for this year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Chesnutt,

PFC Secretary