

Northgate High School PFC Board Meeting
March 17, 2016 7:00 pm
Northgate High School Library
DRAFT Minutes

7:05 pm – Meeting called to order by Treasurer Lisa Lamm.

Present: Lisa Lamm, Julie Chesnutt, Betsy Ortiz, Jackie Byrd, Tricia Zucker, Monica Zorman, JoAnne Moore, Katie Pierceall, Holly Hewes, Barb Wheeler, Michael McAlister

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Lamm. (see Handout Budget YTD 3-17) Current budget: We have made our income for the year, including a \$7,000 donation from PEAK. Monies raised from Spring Fling can carry over into next year. In expenses, we have filled the College and Career Secretary position, and Mrs. Clark is happy with how her team is shaping up. 4 Chromebook carts were purchased, one each for English, Math, Science, and Social Studies Departments, so will be able to implement what teachers learned at recent tech conferences. Those expenditures will be reflected in next month's report.

2016-17 proposed budget (see Handout 2015-16/2016-17 Draft Budget): Few attended the special meeting at 6:30 today to discuss next year's budget plans, so the discussion was deferred to the general meeting. The budget proposal for 2016-17 is similar to this year's budget; in revenues, we have lower projected shopping rewards (gift card revenues are down, Safeway left the escrip program) and the same conservative estimate for auction revenues. In expenses, district staff raises are funded, as well as additional allocation to staff development at Mr. McAlister's request. Technology line item is down from last year but can allocate any carryover as needed. Insurance carrier changed, resulting in annual savings. Please talk to Lisa if you have suggestions for changes.

Minutes: Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve the February minutes as corrected. Motion Passed.

Nominating: An email will go out soon asking current volunteers to confirm their position and soliciting new volunteer interest. We need a PFC President and a PFC Treasurer for next year. These are critical positions, ideally to start training with the new budget process. Many other positions are also needed. Please consider getting involved. Suggested that Baccalaureate planning should be taken over next year by non-senior parents.

Principal's Report: Michael McAlister.

Calendar: Next year's MDUSD calendar is on the website: <http://mdusd-ca.schoolloop.com/file/1392793898577/1317567911809/2292223742227102205.pdf>. The school year runs from Aug 22-June 9. Discussions are ongoing at MDUSD about

whether to eventually shift schedule so that first semester finals are before winter break. Our Northgate website is continuing to improve its master calendar function, hoping to have all school events available. Mr. Fey, Ms. Eagan, Ms. Brown, and the academic counselors are processing schedule requests for next year and will begin building a master schedule. CASSPP testing is scheduled for last two weeks in April. We have enough devices now that most students will be able to test in their classrooms.

Facilities: Working on creating more collaborative workspaces in the school where students can work together on ideas. Removing two shelving units from the library to add tables and chairs. Exploring building out staff lounge into two collaborative "maker-space" areas that classes could reserve to work on projects. The faculty is supportive of idea. Working with ASB, who would like to purchase a new marquee, which would cost approximately \$25,000. Labor for installation would add approximately \$20,000 to project cost. Also costing out replacing lockers, and received one estimate as low as \$80,000 for 1,600 new, quiet lockers.

Technology: 4 Chromebook Carts have been ordered, 32 chrome books per cart. Wifi systems being tested and district will put out a contract soon. Hopes to have bulletproof wifi schoolwide for so that teachers' technology training can be implemented. MDUSD concerned about security of the network, but there is a tension between security and teaching students to navigate sites on the wider internet.

WASC: Our periodic WASC accreditation is next year. Parent volunteers are needed to serve on committees. Mr. Fey will send out email with request.

Staff Development: The Math Department just returned from training. Math teachers are starting to use devices in classrooms to provide immediate feedback on mastery. Will be taking as many as 10 teachers to the Innovator's Summit in Boston and hopefully taking some Social Studies and English teachers to Asilomar in the fall. Faculty is enthusiastic about these professional development opportunities. Mr. McAlister is encouraged about how quickly common assessments are driving teacher collaboration. During the last teacher workday, each department began to process the new data and work together to improve educational outcomes.

New Business: It was announced that for student safety, the staff requests that parents not enter the main parking lot when dropping their students off at school in the mornings. Please pull as far forward as possible in the drop-off circle and allow cars at the curb to pull out and exit before stopping your car. Be aware of students and bikers at the crosswalks. Thank you for your cooperation.

Reports:

NIMB: Betsy Ortiz. Have had several guest artists visit the classroom recently. Both jazz bands are looking forward to Santa Cruz Jazz Festival this weekend. Jazz I will be playing in the Next Generation Jazz Festival in Monterey in two weeks, and Wind Ensemble will be going to a festival at Sonoma State. Planning is underway for spring concerts at the Leshner and Yoshis. Area band concerts this week at Northgate.

Site Council: Trisha Zucker. Discussed and approved a site safety plan. Still trying to work out logistics of "A" Period dismissal. There will be three vacancies on Site Council for next year. Meetings are once a month, 3:15-4:15. Let Trisha know if interested. Hopefully can do elections at walkthrough registration.

Choral Music Boosters: Trisha Zucker. Musical America a great success. Auditioned for Il Coro and Cantiamo last week, for BelleVoce and Madrigals this week. In process of hiring new vocal music teacher, as Mrs. Maddern is retiring.

Spring for Education: Jackie Byrd, Katie Pierceall. "Northgateopoly" Auction, Dinner and Dance will be on April 23rd. Tickets will go on sale next week. Tables will be named for local real estate. Pay to send your friend to jail, and they can pay to get out! Will be games and fun for everyone. New auctioneer this year is working with them to secure donations. Please let them know if you might have any leads on donations.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Chesnutt,
PFC Secretary