

Northgate High School PFC Board Meeting
October 15, 2015, 9am
Northgate High School Lecture Hall
Minutes

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

Board Members Present: Alisa Mac Cormac, Julie Chesnutt, Trish Zucker, Melissa Sunbury, Sally Anderson, Holly Hewes, JoAnn Moore

Other Attendees: Michael McAlister, Courtney Mizutani, Barb Wheeler, Carolyn Moore, Ben Campopiano, Kevin Horii, Youngmei (Joyce) Kim, Lucy Chappell

Minutes: Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve draft minutes of the Sept 17, 2015 meeting with the following changes: 1. move JoAnn Moore to Board Members Present list 2) correct spelling of Goethe Institute. Motion passed.

Presentation: Proposal to Rehabilitate Teacher's Lounge: Ben Campopiano, Carolyn Moore, Kevin Horii The department chairs discussed how to better use the space in the current teacher's lounge (located above the cafeteria) and asked Kevin Horii, a Northgate design student, to develop a proposal. The current space is outdated, rarely used by teachers, and not available for student use. The idea would be to create a multi-purpose, collaborative space that can be reserved (like the system used for the lecture hall) by teachers and potentially by clubs and community groups, for use with their classes or groups. The space would provide a kitchen area as well as eating area for teachers, independent work areas, and conference tables and various seating areas for collaborative work. Kevin researched modern workspaces and presented his preliminary design, which is available for viewing and comment at:

http://prezi.com/m0yfe-rxs9wx/?utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy&rc=ex0share

Mr. Campopiano and Ms. Moore will be soliciting feedback on the idea from teachers, staff and the school community before pursuing more detailed design plans and cost estimates.

Treasurer's Report: Alisa Mac Cormac for Lisa Lamm. Lisa YTD numbers as of 10/13/15 (see handout). Our revenues are coming in largely as budgeted. Mr. McAlister would like to have additional funds available in the Technology line item to help negotiate infrastructure improvements with MDUSD.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to reallocate \$40,000 from Undesignated Carryover Funds to Technology. Change in 2015-16 PFC Budget Budget:

Technology - \$30,000 to \$70,000 (+\$40,000)

Undesignated Carryover Funds - \$56,617 to \$16,617 (-\$40,000)

Motion passed.

PFC Calendar: Our new insurance company requires that our calendar be voted on and approved at a general meeting. Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve the Northgate PFC Calendar 2015-16 (see handout). Several dates are still TBD and will be added when finalized. Motion passed.

Clarification of PFC's club funding policy: The Executive Committee discussed the PFC's policy at its October 7th meeting and suggested formalizing the following wording:

The PFC does not financially support student clubs. However, in cases of high-level school-affiliated club competition, the Principal may consider and fund student proposals of need at his discretion from the Principal's Fund. The Principal will keep the Executive Board informed of these requests, and the accounting of fund expenditures will be reported with end-of-year expenditure reports to the full Board. In addition, funding decisions will be reported in a principal's letter to the community.

This language will be discussed and voted on at the next general meeting.

2015-2016 PFC Board Positions – We still need additional parents to get involved in the PFC. We especially need a VP-parliamentarian and a party planning coordinator for Spring for Education. Will be needing people to transition in to President and Treasurer roles.

Committee Reports:

NIMB –Courtney Mizutani. Just completing Fall Concerts week in which all groups performed. Jazz 1 performed at the Monterey Jazz Festival. Marching band has Santa Cruz Band Review this coming weekend. Two guest artists from San Francisco Performances gave seminars. Starting poinsettia and See's Candy fundraisers.

PEAK – Melissa Sunbury. Online registration is open for the Turkey Trot, which brought in \$12,000 last year for PEAK schools. Already have 2,000 more runners registered than last year. Registraion Link: <http://formaturkeytrot.com/race-registration.php> Volunteer registration link: <http://formaturkeytrot.com/volunteers.php> PEAK is working with WCEF on planning a community event for Macy's grand re-opening on Saturday, November 21st. They will be selling \$5 cards offering shopping discounts (\$10 off a \$25 purchase and 20% off most brands) when shopping that day. Working to schedule vocal, instrumental, cheer and other performances along with a fashion show. Look for cards being sold at PEAK school carnivals and at Octoberfest in downtown Walnut Creek.

Campus Beautification- Julie Chesnutt. Had approximately 250 students and 30 adults volunteer on Campus Clean-Up Day. Completed all planting and campus looks great. Smaller turnout because many teachers did not offer extra credit incentive. Want to move towards more frequent, smaller work projects. Need to figure out long term watering solutions. Luca and Mr. Smith-Carlisle's class working on atrium pond. Employee who did indoor plant estimate is no longer with the plant company, so taking longer to finalize indoor plant contract.

Site Council – Trish Zucker. Elected three parent representatives (Peggy Ucciferri, Sally Anderson, and Jill Wilk). Had first meeting, reviewed bylaws and voted in school safety plan. Suggests that next year communication about council elections be handled school-wide and that a slate be ready for elections to occur by walk-through registration.

Principal's Report: Michael McAlister

Testing--Just returned from meeting with all MDUSD high school principals. PSAT's new 3.5 hour format made test administration difficult for all sites. Now that PSAT tests material through Algebra II, district may reconsider having all sophomores take it. CAASPP test scores will be mailed to parents this week. Feels results will be baseline for watching Northgate's curve take off. Math department is considering how to deliver more appropriate offerings at each end of the spectrum, including possibilities of splitting Algebra I into two parts and potentially offering Calculus BC as well as AB.

Teacher Training—Exciting professional development day tomorrow. Moving more towards teaching skills rather than only presenting content, and are identifying skills that overlap disciplines. Common subjects will be working together towards posting a curriculum map and common assessments.

Facilities— Earthquake safety drill today. Still unclear whether getting two or three new portable classrooms, but are essential for getting every student into requested science courses. Hopefully ready by mid-November. Desperate for more classroom spaces, as well as for a multi-purpose space for wrestling, cheerleading, etc.

Communication: Four people attended first Friday Forum. Good responses to text remind service and twitter feed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Chesnutt,
PFC Secretary