

**Northgate High School PFC Board Meeting
November 19, 2015, 7pm
Northgate High School Library
Minutes**

7:06 pm – Meeting called to order by President Alisa Mac Cormac.

Board Members Present: Alisa Mac Cormac, Julie Chesnutt, Lisa Lamm, Betsy Ortiz, Monica Zorman, JoAnn Moore, Katie Pierceall, Sally Anderson

Other Attendees: Michael McAlister, Kim East, Linda Graham, Stacy Larborough

Minutes: Motion: It was moved and seconded to approve draft minutes of the October 15, 2015 meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Lamm. Revenues coming in close to budget, and no unanticipated expenses. Joanna Sibley, Janine Patterson and Michaela Stahl have completed the student directory and collected an unbudgeted \$1,500 in directory advertising. Directories should be distributed to classrooms this week or right after break. Sports Basement couldn't contribute their 2014 donation last year because of snow conditions, but paid \$3,500 towards shopping rewards this year. Budget reflects shift after last meeting of \$40,000 in undesignated funds to the technology line item.

Principal's Report: Michael McAlister. Great pride around campus in waterpolo's NCS win. Congratulations! Recent drama department play was cutting edge and came off with no technical difficulties.

Facilities: Two portables are onsite and hope to move in by December. Wants third for computer lab, but not approved yet. Speaking with wrestling team and architect about walling off part of cafeteria area.

When approached, Mr. McAlister agreed to allow Valley Vista swim team to use pool facility for one summer (9am-12pm) as they are losing their facility and hope to stay together as a team. His concern was for Northgate swimmers affiliated with this program as well as the community as a whole. Hopefully this will give the team a chance to find another arrangement or allow time community to organize to purchase their current facility. Valley Vista will make a donation to Northgate Pride, as well as pay regular MDUSD use fees. The use is in line with use restrictions agreed upon with the neighbors.

Technology: District plans to pilot complete WiFi reconfiguration at the campus. Going to outside vendors for bids. Northgate will go from 100MB to 3GB bandwidth. WAPs will be designed to improve coverage in difficult building. Hoping this will happen so campus can be the best at technological application of curriculum delivery. Also plan to

do two classroom pilots (in freshman Global Perspectives and junior American Threads) where devices will be issued 1:1 to students. Responding to a question about cases for the devices, based on feedback from the Burlington Help desk and their experience rolling out devices the students can take home, will base pilot on trust, allowing students to individualize their own cases. In Burlington's experience, all but one device was returned intact.

Curriculum: Test scores on the CAASP were on par with Las Lomas and Acalanes in English/Language Arts, while we were relatively low in math. Goal is to improve all areas, of course.

Looking forward to implementing a new math pathway, with new options at both ends, including splitting Algebra into A and B parts and offering Calculus BC as well as AB. Math Chair Pete Ceresa is spearheading effort and working with Foothill to coordinate. In response to a question, said that response to newly piloted math books was good so far.

Counseling: Wonderful resource to have crisis counselors on campus every day. Academic Counselors working with every freshman on a four year plan. Will be looking for an intern to substitute as one goes on maternity leave.

Clarification of PFC's club funding policy: The following wording was presented at the October general meeting and then reviewed by the principal and the Executive Board.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to adopt the following as the PFC's club funding policy:

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.

Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Athletic Boosters: Stacey Larborough. Planning underway for upcoming Crab Feed, the Booster's main fundraiser. Local crab fishing ban hopefully won't be a problem

since usually get from up north as late in the season. Crab Feed helps pay the salary of the Athletic Director and Sports Med program expenses. Otherwise, no other source of revenue, only administer 24 separate team accounts. Buy your tickets!

Music--Marching Band completed season with first places at Santa Cruz and Vintage band reviews. Jazz season beginning. Winter concerts coming up. Choral music concerts December 16th and 17th.

PEAK – Alisa MacCormac. Macy's grand opening is this weekend. Benefits PEAK, WCEF and two other charities. Great way to increase downtown awareness of PEAK and our schools. Businesses are happy when the school groups work together. Many Northgate groups will be performing. Savings passes available for purchase. PEAK's Turkey Trot is Thanksgiving Day. Register and sign-up to volunteer. Be sure you let them know you are from Northgate.

Campus Beautification- Julie Chesnutt. Plants from Clean-Up day planting are doing well with regular watering. Have TAPS group interested in working in atrium. Met with indoor plant company today. Still working to finalize their bid for plant purchase and maintenance. Asking them to restructure bid to include several larger focal point specimens. Unclear whether we will be willing to pay the monthly maintenance fee to guarantee plant health, or attempt to purchase plants ourselves and try to keep them alive. Budget line item was approved at general meeting last May, but will clarify whether another vote is needed on this expenditure.

Site Council – Trish Zucker. Mr. Ceresa talked to Council about new textbooks being piloted by the District. The teachers were required to pilot. Parent feedback is that the first book was difficult because it did not include background material/examples and did not work well for students that were unfamiliar with Common Core approach. The second book seems better.

There will be no PFC General meeting in December. Finals Fuel will give a report in January.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Chesnutt,
PFC Secretary