**NNHS SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**February 4, 2019 6:30-8:00 pm, NNHS Room 103**

**In Attendance:**

Amy Xue, Marcia Tabenken, Jessie Gilmartin, Debbie Dashoff, Nancy Decateu, Dani Johnson,

Nate Persempieri, Jeanne White, Henry Turner, Alex Katz, Valerie Pontiff, Jason Antonellis, Kathryn Tessier, Sally Brickell

**Not in Attendance:**

Derek Krantz. Rachel McCarthy, Zoe Kronberg

**PTSO Update:**

Sally provided an update on what the PTSO has been working on. The Just Think Expo was very successful. NewTV video story if you want more info. The Edex campaign is wrapping up in Feb. The anonymous $15k match donation should be fully funded. The MiniPCRs purchased with some of the funds are here. Additionally, 100 orange micropipettes donated to NN.

The PTSO has added a Vaping information box to their web site. Additional PTSO event include the March 1st PTSO breakfast, Feb 12th celebration meeting, Making the most of your high school years, the Feb 27th summer planning program and guest speaker Harlin Cohen, author of “the naked roommate” on March 5th.

**Principal Update:**

Music programs – NN jazz program placed 2nd at a national competition at Berkley.

Culinary program – had a version of the TV show “Chopped”.

Exchanges are underway – Italian, Mexico, France, Rome, 2 Puerto Rico trips.

40 NN teachers attended a professional development workshop on race and achievement.

Mr. Joy - conversations around race performance at the end of Feb.

The improbable players on Feb 12th for 9th graders

David Hogg – activist from the Stoneman Douglas HS tragedy – will receive an award at Kennedy center. He will speak to students at North as well.

**Changes in Opportunities:**

Principal Turner reviewed the new course offerings that have been approved by the Academic Standards Committee. The academic standards committee consists of the department chairs, one student, one parent, one teacher and a guidance counselor. This committee approves new courses and trips. New course offerings include:

* Women in Literature and Society
* Newspaper, Management and Publication
* Why Digital and Media Literacy?
* Transforming Your world: An Intro to Community Engagement Classroom Aide
* Intro to Psychology –this course may open the discussion of leveling at NN. Are there more opportunities for mixed level courses.
* Business Technology & Education

**School Improvement Plan Update:**

Principal Turner said that the School Improvement Planning process is underway. The focus of the plan is on the instructional shift that will take place once 1:1 and the new school schedule are implemented at NN. The School Improvement Plan will primarily focus on professional development surrounding these large scale school changes. The plan will continue to address

study skills, the Student Intervention Team and using homeroom as a resource to possibly teach executive functioning skills. We will work to build a Curriculum Accommodation Plan

Develop and revise the school’s academic expectations. As noted above professional development will be focused on student centered learning.

**1:1 feedback**

The group had a discussion about the 1:1 sophomore pilot program. 1:1 helps with having enough computers for every student during free periods. Some parents and students noted that teachers are not implementing them into the curriculum with some not yet using them at all. A sophomore noted that she could be using them more to make it worthwhile to carry them around. Principal Turner noted that professional development around having the chrome book (which is a focus of the SIP) will help to integrate the chrome books into the classroom gradually over time. It is still too new of a concept to expect all the teachers to be facile with integrating the chrome books. It would be good to have a place for teachers to go for resources on how to use it in class. There may be stipends available to have a chrome book point person to help with education and implementation. It would be useful to have companies, like Google, come into NN to show ways to use technology in the classroom. SC would like more clarity on the professional development and the ultimate rollout usage and goals.

We discussed having the SC create a resource for families related to the 1:1 rollout that could complement the existing information on the NPS website. Members are to provide feedback on what they feel are the needs that are currently not met surrounding this initiative.