**NNHS SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, November 5, 2018, 6:30-8:00, NN Room 103**

**Attendees:**

Karen Cutone, Henry Turner, Star Lew, Dani Johnson, Chris Murphy, Chris Hillenmeyer, Jason Antonellis, Alex Katz, Zoe Kronberg, Jean White, Boden Pollack, Amy Xue, Valerie Pontiff, Debbie Dashoff, Rachel McCarthy, Sally Brickell, Elizabeth?

**Not in Attendance:**

Agi Sardi, Nancy Decoteau, Kathryn Teissier Du Cros, Alicia Matos, Marcia Tabenken, Jessica Gilmartin, Derek Krantz, Ally Appel, Cristian Gaines

**October Meeting minutes were accepted**.

**PTSO Update**

Valerie Pontiff provided and update for the group. She said the new items to report since last month are that the Edex campaign raised $11,000 out of $40,000 goal. Also the Northside Dining Adventure was a big success.

Funds raised will be used to buy micropipettes for science classrooms.

**Principal Update**

Henry Turner updated the group on the purpose and agenda for the supplemental school council meeting scheduled for Nov. 19th.

Principal Turner then reviewed the Social and Civic Action Items that NN has undertaken in support of the school vision. These included:

* *The Opening of Main Street.* Students want it to look like and feel like Starbucks. There has been positive feedback from students on the new café furniture and the changes that have been implemented.
* *The Center for Civic Engagement & Service –* The Center is using the edex $ raised last year move to new offices, help more students and bring in politicians and speakers for events.
* *Anti-Bias Days –* The anti-bias and anti-bullying programs at NN have been merged. We have been shifting focus more on anti-bias training than anti-bullying. We then watched a video clip from the 11th grade anti-bias 11th educational programming. The video features NN students talking about times when they have witnessed or experienced bias in their lives. Student SC members noted that it is more effective to see their peers discuss the topic than perform a written exercise on bias. NN has partnered with Harvard on administering and interpreting a survey at NN on how we treat each other. Harvard will give us suggestions on how to improve and move forward from there.
* *Mock Election* – We engaged in a discussion on how the school will respond to the election results this coming Tuesday – specifically to the result of ballot question 3. Principal Turner noted that we will have counselors available and that we learned many valuable lessons in how to respond effectively from the 2016 election and are much better prepared overall.

*NNHS School Council Discussion Topics* - We then asked the members for their feedback on the School Council topics proposed at the October meeting for the 2018/19 school year and asked for proposals for additional topics for consideration by the group. We discussed the need to address passing times during the school schedule proposal review meeting on Nov. 19th. Zoe Kronberg suggested that we take steps to ensure that Metco students are supported at school. She talked about the racial healing project that Mr. Cardona is running. Zoe and Karen will reach out to Mr. Cardona to learn more and maybe invite him to share information regarding the project at a school council meeting to educate the group and explore ways to support his efforts.

**1:1 Presentation and Discussion**

Chris Meyer and Chris Hellenmeyer joined us to present more details on the expansion of the 1:1 pilot at NN to include the entire 10th grade. They also did a demonstration of how the chromebooks are currently being used in a biology class at NN. We engaged in a discussion on both the pros and cons of technology in the classroom as well as the need for NN to establish protocols and universal language around the use of technology in the classroom to ensure that it does not cause a regression in student well being. We need to partner with parents to help create good habits for our students related to technology use.

Some of the pros related to cost effectiveness of chromebooks, partners well with Schoology, ability to have a flipped classroom, spontaneous learning, annotate pdfs, books online will reduce backpack weight, expands the students depth of skills similar to the way they will be using it in college rather than the breadth of skills, allows for the computers to be used for shorter chunks of time as opposed to the old cart/reservation model, levels the playing field for students in terms of availability of technology.

Some of the cons/ concerns related to how to monitor the total usage of each student over the course of the day; do we have a societal issue with declining test scores, etc. do to too much exposure; Is this a good thing? What are the American society of pediatric guidelines for screen time; How do we create an emotional connection to each student to counter screen time, damage contracts, insurance security and availability of wifi; The need to establish NN protocol, guidelines, teacher training and universal language around use.

We need to research best practices at other schools and follow up on this topic after the rollout second term.