



North Atlanta High School



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North Atlanta High School PTSA General Meeting

Thursday, March 24, 2016

6:30pm in the Media Center

In attendance: Sign-in sheet (attached); Board Members - Frankie Williams, Dawnitra Quigley, Sarah Shoup, Kym Estis, Lisa Reynolds, Elizabeth Miraldi, Rita Golden, David Bittner and Leigh Ann Livaditis

Call to Order – 6:35pm* by Frankie

- I. Welcome & Introduction** – Frankie Williams & Dawnitra Quigley
- II. Cynthia Briscoe Brown** - At Large APS Board Member, Seat 8
 - a. SPLOST2017 - Details of the new SPLOST are attached as it is up for a vote on May 24th, 2016. The old SPLOST will expire on June 30th 2017.
 - b. French Student Exchange Program – APS is looking for 10 host families for students from Toulouse, France from May 2-28th. These students will be attending classes in our high schools and also participating in internships at companies like MARTA and Marriott Hotels. Host families are asked to provide the following:
 - i. Room and Board
 - ii. Transportation to/from school and their internships (APS can assist with specific transportation issues); and
 - iii. A warm, hospitable home stay experience, including the student in whatever your family likes to do.APS will provide more information about the exchange relationship and planned social activities for students and families once you are paired with a student. Attached please find the application form, which can be filled out and returned to mshepherd@atlanta.k12.ga.us. Or if you need more information you may contact Cynthia by email cbriscoe_brown@atlanta.k12.ga.us or phone at 404-367-6080.
- III. Introduction of New IB Program** – Jill Stewart
 - a. There is an opportunity to begin an IB program focused on vocational training. This program would be an additional component of IB, called the Career-related Programme (CP). This curriculum is a framework of international education that incorporates the vision and educational principles of the IB into a unique programme specifically developed for students who wish to engage in career-related learning. This is similar to vocational training, which is currently covered in some of the business classes at NAHS. By integrating these students into the IB program, it brings more students into the program. The CP's flexible educational framework allows schools to meet the needs, backgrounds and contexts of students who have interests outside of the areas currently covered in the IB program. CP students engage with a rigorous study programme that genuinely interests them while gaining transferable and lifelong skills. The application process takes 18 months and if approved it will be offered the fall of 2017.
- IV. Approval of Minutes** - Sarah Shoup – February 4th (attached) - Sarah Shoup made motion to approve minutes as posted, 2nd by Katherine Nicholson, all in favor and none opposed.
- V. Treasurer's Report** – David Bittner (report attached)



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VI. Election of 2016-2017 PTSA Board – Kym Estis

- a. Bylaws relating to board elections were read. Nominating Committee members (Lisa Glazman, Rita Golden, Elizabeth Miraldi, Laura Sumlin and Aquaria Smith with Alternates Cathy Pennington & Denietra Ham) were thanked for their service. The slate, as proposed by the Nominating Committee is as follows:
 - i. Co-Presidents – Laura Denning & Susan Sheffield
 - ii. Secretary – Karyn Soderholm
 - iii. Treasurer – David Bittner
 - iv. VP Communications – Leigh Ann Livaditis
 - v. VP Community/Parent Involvement – Lisa Reynolds
 - vi. VP Prospective & New Parents – Helena Marin
 - vii. VP Teacher/Student Outreach – Rita Golden
 - viii. VP Membership & Fundraising – Elizabeth Miraldi

No other candidates were nominated from the floor therefore a voice vote was taken. Kym Estis made a motion to approve the board members, 2nd by Lisa Glazmon, all in favor with none opposed. The new and old board members will meet jointly on May 10th to exchange information and the new board will take over July 1, 2016. Congratulations new Board Members!

VII. Marietta Driving School – Jennifer Marletta & Peggy Foley

- a. Classes are now being offered at North Atlanta. The Westminster classes were being filled with North Atlanta students so they are thrilled to now be offering them here where it's more convenient for parents and students. The first class started in March and there are three sessions to be offered over the summer (June 6-10, June 13-17 and July 11-15). The class includes 30 hours of classroom instruction and 6 hours driving with a certified instructor. Attached are program dates along materials shared with "Common Driving Errors, Road Skills Test Guide & Difficult Maneuvers Guide" and a sample "Parent – Teen Driving Contract".

VIII. Teacher/Student Outreach– Rita Golden – We are the hosts for the next NAPPS meeting on Wednesday, April 27th at Noon.

IX. Community - Lisa Reynolds - nothing to report at this time.

X. Prospective Parents – Katherine Nicholson – last tour is April 13th.

XI. Membership/Fundraising - Elizabeth Miraldi

- a. On Saturday, March 19th Elizabeth accepted an award from the GA PTA for the greatest percentage of membership increase of a PTA unit in good standing. Our membership this year had a 62% increase due to the efforts of Elizabeth and her team.
- b. Deadline for the NA PTSA Scholarship is March 31st.
- c. Janis Day received a letter and donation of \$120.90 to our PTSA from a former NA student. That letter is attached.

XII. PTSA 2015-2016 Year in Review – PowerPoint Presentation by Dawnitra Quigley



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XIII. Adjourn – 7:42pm

Sarah Shoup

Sarah Shoup – NAHS PTSA Secretary

* Prior to this meeting, students gathered at 5:30pm to ask Mr. Douglass their questions. Pizza and drinks were provided by the PTSA for this event. There were approximately 25 students in attendance all with great questions. Some of which included:

1. Why did you want to become a principal?
2. Would you surprise a class and teach for a day, if so which subject?
3. If you could lead a school club, what would it be and why?
4. How do you plan to bring the different groups of students together?
5. How can students see you more times in the school day?
6. If you could take 3 classes in our school what would they be and why?

Attachments Included:

- Sign-In Sheets for 3/24/16 Meeting
- Splost2017
- APS Host Family Application
- General PTSA Minutes from 2/4/16
- Balance Sheet as of 3/24/16
- Budget vs. Actuals: 2015-2016 – FY16 P&L
- Voting Process – PTSA Elections
- Nominating Committee Amended Slate of 2016-2017 Board Officers – Signed by Nominating Committee Members
- Materials from Marietta/Cobb Driver's Education
- PowerPoint – NA PTSA 2015-2016 Year in Review

Next Meetings:

April 21st 9:30am – General Meeting – 2016 Seniors

April 27th 12:00pm – NAPPS Meeting - North Atlanta – NA Stellar Seniors & Panel of Experts on the College Admissions Process

May 3rd 6:30pm – General Meeting – Graduation/Rising Senior Information