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North Atlanta High School, PTSA General Meeting
February 18, 2021 6:00pm, Virtual via Zoom

Welcome

1) Call 6:07 p.m. to Order with 33 attendees– Kellie Pharis, Co-President

2) Principal's Report – Curtis Douglass

- Thanks for support during unusual times
 - First two days face-to-face very good. Priority is safety, social distancing
 - 2,075 current enrollment down from 2,200 peak a few years ago. Lower enrollment across district
 - Anticipate larger return for Q4
 - Teachers teaching in-class and virtual; variation class-to-class; training continuing
 - 19 teachers approved for telework; tight staffing => cafeteria; try some assignments to new classes; substitutes are hard to find
 - Cognia accreditation visit upcoming; not expecting any problems; all virtual review; scheduled March 22-24
 - Definitely return to 4x8 schedule for 2021-2022
 - EOC rescheduled for March 8, 9, 12, and 15 for WINTER testing; another round in the spring. Those days, non-testing students will have school from home.
 - IB testing (Ms Costarides) will work in collaboration with other IB high schools. Trying to decide how to handle testing.
 - AP exam options will depend on College Board. Option for most to be taken online. Seven exams must be taken in-person; working with APS.
 - Graduation announcement forthcoming...! NAHS may be one of the last schools to graduate; likely outdoors.
 - Outdoor prom planned, awaiting approval.
 - Athletics – fans may attend spring games beginning March 1st. Capacity will be limited.
 - Q&A:
 - Lunch with student alone with teacher? Could happen. Depends on class size. Can look into making provisions for students alone.
 - Milk and an apple for lunch? Shouldn't happen. Email Mr Douglass. There are sufficient lunches for everyone.
 - How are teachers/staff feeling about this week? Lunch distribution is biggest concern. Otherwise, mostly relief.
- Always improving! Making best of situation. Caring for students in school and at home.
- Terrible echo on zoom when talking in breakouts. Mr Douglass to address. Perhaps in-person students become own breakout.
 - For 2021-2022, plans for more students in building? Hoping for better community health situation. Hope more students can come to school. May know more by summer.

- 3) Election of Nominating Committee – Preston Burden, Parliamentarian
 - Role of Nominating Committee read
 - Election of the Nominating Committee for the purpose of slating the PTSA Executive Board and Committee Chairs
 - Election of officers and chairs to be held March 31, 2021. Nominees and voters must be PTSA members. Officer may not serve more than two consecutive terms. Assume positions after end of current school year.
 - Slate will be posted in the school office.
 - Nominees: Jennifer McDonald, Robin Ortale, Heather Holzworth, Tess Seydel, Corrie Rovak, Debbie Whitlock - alternate, Terri Jackson Wade - alternate
 - Nominations from the floor? None.
 - Unanimous verbal vote of approval.

- 4) Treasurer's Report – Amy McPherson
 - \$78k cash on hand, carryover from last year
 - Hoping to fund events before year-end
 - Any surplus will carry into next year

- 5) VP Reports
 - 1) VP of Communications – Mikki Hawkins. Maximum effort to share communication pro-actively. Encourage all families to sign up for the NAHS app –most efficient and accurate source of information. Seeking volunteers for next year's communication team.
 - 2) VP of Community – Jennifer Srouji. No official report. Planning (hoping) for a Vision ceremony for seniors in May.
 - 3) VP of Teacher Outreach – Colleen Wheeler. Ended 2020 with successful teacher gift card drive -- \$6700. Gave all teachers and staff an Amazon gift card for the holidays. Small gift to all returning teachers and staff: mask, coupons, gift cards, and fun things. Donated 500 masks to athletic department for spring sports. Fun decorations for welcome back this week.
 - 4) VP of Student Outreach – MaKara Rumley - no report
 - 5) VP of Parent Outreach – Celena Evans. Next Thursday, 5 pm, virtual prospective parent session. Replacement for tours of school. Room for 100 attendees.
 - 6) VP of Membership – Daniela Diefenbach. Kellie reported 553 members, 59 faculty, 182 students. Lower than last year, but still strong year.
 - 7) VP of Fundraising – Kisha Stanley. Kellie reported gift cards from Fresh Market, Starbucks, Menchie's, Longhorn Steakhouse given to teachers in welcome back basket

- 6) Announcements – Kellie Pharis
 - 1) 2/23 – In-School Picture Day (Portraits uploads for virtual students through March 23). See specifics in Warrior Weekly
 - 2) 2/25 – Virtual Prospective Parent Tour @ 5pm:
Three sessions will be held (same content each session) Session 1: Thursday, February 25 5:00PM - 6:00PM Session 2: Friday, March 26, 9:00AM - 10:00AM Session 3: Thursday, April 22, 5:00PM- 6:00PM Space is limited. Please register at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084EAAA623A46-north>
 - 3) 3/5 – National Honor Society and Beta Club Applications Due
 - 4) 3/24 – In-School SAT Testing for All Juniors
 - 5) 3/27 – NAHS PTSA Senior Scholarship Deadline; five \$500 scholarships. Look for information on App and parent Facebook pages.

- 7) Next General PTSA Meeting – Wednesday, March 31st @ 6pm. Elect slate of officers for next year.
- 8) Adjourn @ 6:43 p.m.

Kellie
Colleen
Kendall Cephas
Samantha Quick
Preston Burden
Mikki Hawkins
Debbie/Charlie
Dcostarides
Debbie Whitlock
Kathryn Edgecome
Courtney Hollis
Robin Ortale
Caroline Cooley
Celena Evans
Alycen Moss
Alyssa McElrone
Margaret Koontz
Ashley Koontz
Christy ___
Terri Wade
Abigail
Kimberly Dickerson
Jacquelyn Bentley
Jennifer S.....
Jennifer Cochran
Erica Fanelli
Lesley
Sharey
Kirsten Neufeld
Lani Preis

Mr Douglass