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MINUTES

North Atlanta High School, PTSA General Meeting
March 31, 2021 6:00pm, Virtual via Zoom

- 1) Call to Order 6:03 p.m.– Karyn Lawson, Co-President
 - Welcome and Brief Review of Agenda. Final meeting of the school year. 26 participants at peak attendance.
- 2) Review & Approval of February 2021 General Mtg Minutes – Mary Claire Allvine, Secretary; Colleen Wheeler moved to approve. Mikki seconded. No objections.
- 3) Principal’s Report – Curtis Douglass, NAHS Principal.
 - a. Prom. District has approved. Prom for seniors at Georgia World Congress Center – May 8th. Question of attendance given private prom alternative. Hoping for strong attendance for seniors only; trying to seek permission for juniors, pending capacity. Seeking to make memorable for seniors.
 - b. Permission for Visions Ceremony for seniors. Something else to remember. Likely outside.
 - c. Trying to plan a Senior Breakfast too. Trying to be creative, within District permissions.
 - d. Next School Year: APS has confirmed 5-days/week in-person. Proposal from APS for virtual component. Details TBD.
 - e. Final IB and AP testing details released.
 - f. Final exam schedule to be posted post-spring break.
 - g. EOC scores will not be counted but asking students still to take tests. Please encourage students to take tests.
 - h. Proud of students and teachers ability to handle adversity over the last year.
 - i. Accreditation visit last week. Went extremely well. Cognia reviews school and provides grades. Very thorough review with positive feedback. Reinforcing educational excellence for all students. Thanks to parents who participated.
 - j. Question – Honors night all virtual? Suggested published list of honorees in lieu of virtual event. Will follow up.
 - k. Question – AP Science bootcamps cancelled? Will follow up.
 - l. Thanks for PTSA and all parental support.
- 4) Treasurer’s Report – Amy McPherson. \$76,078 in cash on-hand currently. Projected to end year with \$29k, but spending cash was hard. Support senior events before year-end, then plan to spend fully next year! Spring is typically event-heavy.
- 5) Election of 2021-2022 Executive Committee – Kellie Pharis, Co-President
 - *Slated Board, **new members and/or existing board members in different roles are in BOLD***
 - Co-President Kellie Pharis

- **Co-President Jen Geckler**
- Secretary Mary Claire Allvine
- Treasurer Amy McPherson
- **VP Communications Lani Preiss**
- VP Community Jennifer Srouji
- VP Membership Daniela Diefenbach
- **VP Fundraising Ashley Koontz**
- VP Parent Outreach Celena Evans
- **VP Student Outreach Colleen Wheeler**
- **VP Teacher Outreach Corrie Rovak**

Any nominations from the floor? None. Motion: Colleen Wheeler Second: Amy McPherson. Voice vote – all ayes. Work starts July 1st.

6) VP Reports – Volunteer opportunities available across areas!

- VP of Communications – Mikki Hawkins. Trying to communicate regularly and frequently: Warrior Weekly, social media, website. Looking for additional help next year, at school- or grade-level. Also look to North Atlanta app. Students reference NAHS Instagram.
- VP of Community – Jennifer Srouji. Limited opportunity with events. Trying to help with year-end events, especially Visions. Met with landscaping team to re-do planters and other aesthetics for new school year. COL will be best ever! Spirit wear still available through website.
- VP of Teacher Outreach – Colleen Wheeler. Dropped off gift basket for maintenance crew last month. Planning for Teacher Appreciation Week first week of May. Drop and go Chick-fil-A breakfast, signs, and other surprises.
- VP of Student Outreach – Open position (presented by Karyn Lawson). The PTSA is partnering with school administration to support senior events.
- VP of Parent Outreach – Celena Evans. Continuing prospective parent presentations. Varying attendance. One more set for April 22nd.
- VP of Membership – Daniela Diefenbach. Mailed masks to members this year. End the year with fewer members than planned: 553. No opportunities for in-person marketing. Senior customized signs initiative is under way. Buy through website within next couple days. Deadline to order will be April 18th; distribution in early May.
- VP of Fundraising – Kisha Stanley. Unable to attend. New and supporting business partners: Fresh Markets \$100 in-kind. Starbucks \$100 in-kind. Jason's Deli Midtown \$750 in-kind. Longhorn Steakhouse \$200 in-kind. Menchies \$50 in-kind. Blaze Pizza offers 20% off! Go check it out! They're hiring and would love NAHS students.

7) Announcements/Closing

- Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers, parents and teachers!
- Be sure your students are completing health-check before going to school in-person.
- Watch for Scholarship Opportunities – see Warrior Weekly updates. \$500 scholarships from PTSA – need parents and students to be members of PTSA. Apply at: NAHScollege.org Deadline for applications is April 2nd.
- Spring break next week! Virtual learning the following week.
- Senior prom May 8th
- Graduation date May 27th 7 p.m. at Bobby Dodd Stadium, Georgia Tech.

8) Adjourned @ 7:15pm - Karyn Lawson, Co-President

Attendees (apologies to anyone omitted):

Karyn Lawson

Robin Ortale

Kellie Pharis

Colleen and Bobby Wheeler

Mikki Hawkins

Leanne French

Alyssa McElrone

Daniela Diefenbach

Denise Maxey

Kermisha Stringer

Marcia Isom

Caroline Heller

Amy and Jeb McPherson

Mauren Hetrick

Jane Rawlings

Samantha Quick

Celena Evans

Jennifer Srouji

Ashley Koontz

Kendell Childers

Westley Patrick

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