



## **Meeting Minutes**

### **Call to Order – 6:30pm**

- School Board Candidate Introductions
  - Sherrie Winfield
  - Lisa McIntyre
- School Board Liaison Introduction
  - Suzanne Lynn, will be the Hillside PTSA BOE liaison

### **President's Report, Lori Leneschmidt**

- Officers in attendance: Lori Leneschmidt, president; Simon Charles, vice president; Karen White, vice president; Lisa Eisman, Treasurer; Melissa Stuart, secretary.
- Spirit Wear sales just completed by Megan Riedl. Brought in over \$3,000 in revenue.
- Teacher Stipends of \$50, notice has gone out to the teachers that it's available
- Teacher grant application has gone out and there is a deadline of end of October for the \$6,500 budget.
- Planners provided by the PTSA were handed out to all students. The cost was negotiated down due to delays.
- PTA Reflections program will be chaired by Tara Anderson again. Theme is "I Matter Because..." Be on the lookout for more information about the program.

### **Carnival VP Report, Simon Charles**

- Carnival plans are on hold. Will begin contacting vendors to determine if possible, for the Spring.

### **Membership VP Report, Karen White**

- We now have 327 members.
- Join PTSA via printed form with cash or check to the Hillside Office or visit Hillside MemberHub Store online.

### **Treasurer Report, Lisa Eisman**

- Updated Budget for review
  - If the carnival can't occur the budget will be impacted
  - We will continue to support our teachers & students
  - PTSA will fund a meal for teachers during the upcoming Conferences

### **Secretary Report, Melissa Stuart**

- Minutes from the August 27<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed. Karen Wang made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Colleen Bayma. A vote was held and the motion carried.

### **Advocacy Update, Melissa Stuart**

- Virtual School Board Candidate Forum was held September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. The recording from the forum has been shared on the Hillside Facebook page as well as on the NPS website.
- The PTA does not endorse candidates for any position.
- Northville PTA Council has also shared answers to questions submitted to all candidates running for MI House in Wayne & Oakland. Responses were received from candidates in the 11<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> district and have been shared on the Hillside Facebook page.

### **Announcements**

- Karen Wang, Health & Wellness Update
  - Northville Youth Network held a Youth Mental Health First Aid training on Sept 12<sup>th</sup>. If people are interested in another training in the future be sure to reach out to NYN to express your interest.
  - MI PTA is holding a Town Hall meeting on Oct 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss Neurodiversity and Virtual Learning.
  - MI Alliance for Families offers free on-demand webinars on YouTube for families of students with medical conditions or disabilities.
  - Epilepsy Foundation of MI is hosting a Wellness & Epilepsy Conference on November 13<sup>th</sup>

### **Superintendent Report, Mary Kay Gallagher**

- District wide Return to In-Person

- 64% of families selected in-person & 36% selected virtual
- NPS has welcomed 12 new teachers, increased the number of Social Workers/Councilors at all levels and have full time Social Workers at each Elementary School
- NPS recognizes Teachers with Tenure & 25+ years of service to the district.
  - 4 Staff with over 40 years of service
- October is National Principal's Recognition Month
- Each Board of Education member has been assigned a school to act as a BOE Liaison, Hillside's is Suzanne Lynn.
- For information on the 9 candidates for the Board of Education, visit the NPS website to see Bio's and more
- Wayne County Enhancement Millage on the ballot.
  - \$310/pupil to our NPS budget
  - It's part of the NPS operational budget & can be used for additional teachers, buses, furniture & textbooks, etc.
- MI Supreme Court decision does not affect our School Response & Preparedness Plan which was voted on by the BOE. The NPS Return to School plan will be up for review each month with the BOE – October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- School districts are required to report any cases of Covid-19. Visit the NPS site in the 2020/21 School Year tab to find the Dashboard & Spreadsheet with all information for our schools. Note: Northville Record & WXYZ misreported the numbers provided.
- As of Oct 8<sup>th</sup>, NHS had 1 presumed positive case. By using detailed contact tracing, it was found that no one has close contact so no additional quarantine was required. Note: Following all safety protocol helps the schools to limit the number of students/staff that are required to quarantine.
- PPE has been distributed to all schools & safety protocols are in place at all levels
- Northville Cares for Youth
  - Professional Learning Opportunity will be offered in November – Developing a Culturally Responsive, Inclusive & Equitable School Community
  - Will have limited space available for this learning opportunity

#### Board of Education Update, Rolland Hwang, President

- The BOE voted unanimously to support the Wayne County Enhancement Millage Renewal

#### Principal Report, Bill Jones

- Thanks to PTSA Board and members for your support
- Fun Friday calendar has been published – School Spirit is the theme for this upcoming Friday
- Mental Health & Wellness Survey follow-up
  - Small groups have been formed to follow up on the results from that survey
  - If parents didn't respond to that survey or something has changed in the interim please reach out to the Councilors to be added to the small groups
- Construction update:
  - late fall completion of new building
  - Tentative plan to move over the Thanksgiving Break
  - Will plan small tours of the new building for Hybrid Cohorts in early November
  - Tours of the new building for the Virtual Students will be planned for early January
- Parent/Teacher Conferences will be Virtual – more details forthcoming
  - Sign ups will be done via SignUp Genius
  - 10/27 from 3:30-6:00pm
  - 10/29 from 12:30-3:00pm & 4:00-6:30pm
- Elective Update
  - Increase in synchronous time
  - Split larger groups into smaller zooms
  - Adjusted the scheduled Learning Lab time
- Communication Protocol
  - Start with the teacher in question
  - Move up to the School Office/School Administration

#### Q & A time (review Zoom recording for more details)

- Movement/Mask Breaks – the Cohort Teams have been planning those breaks together. The office has put out a map of available spaces so the teams can divvy up and space those out. Teachers are encouraging stretching breaks at their desks during teacher shift times.
- Bus Issues:
  - in case of bussing issues contact Transportation Office first

- some delays have come up due to the fact that buses have to be disinfected/cleaned between each route
- staff shortages for bus drivers
- Durham Bus tracker was having glitches with the app if a bus was substituted
- Short 5 drivers this week & NPS has begun working on adding incentives to help find & hire staff
- Drop-off/Pick-Up – working through the issues on the cycle and timing. Parents need to be sure to pull all the way up in the circle to speed up the process. Parents need to make sure to stick to their time-slot to help with the Pick-Up.
  - Working on timing of bus drop-off in the back loop
- Back Loop during winter
  - Concerns about winter road conditions on the road
  - Will the front loop be open during the winter?
  - Not enough space in the front of the school for students to space & spread out and bussers are released from the front of the school. The front hill may open for Drop-off but is not currently open for Drop-Off or Pick-Up. Once we move over to the new building the access via the Front Hill to the new building will be limited.
- Timeline for Updating Hybrid/Virtual Choice
  - NPS will be working on the process and more information will be coming out

## Adjournment – 7:40pm

### Attendance:

Bill Jones	Sherrie Winfield	Suzanne Lynn
Dianne Shamus	Andrew Abbott	Kim Caccavaro
Louise Hackett-Taylor	Payton Riedl	Austin Bermingham
Michelle Smith	Adithya Selvan	Cheryl Phillips
Carolina de Arriba	Karen Wang	Colleen Bayma
Elizabeth Ballario	Kelly Masters	MaryKay Gallagher
Rolland Huang	Lisa McIntyre	Melissa Baker-Young
Lambrina Tercala	Brandy Rys	Alecia Boyce
Shamma S.	Nikki Oleksinski	Melody Jullens
Kari Wegienka	Karen Kazarian	Joy Hudyma
Aarya's Parents		