



Meeting Minutes

NAHS Virtual Meeting
December 9, 2020 ~ 7 pm

Attendees:

- Co-President: Mary Blake
- Vice President: Jean Bullock
- Secretary: Stacey Nassaney
- Parents: Kristy Bonneau, Lynn Goodspeed
- Student: Abby Sheaff
- Administration: Principal Haviland

Updates:

- **Green Bandana Project** is still on target for kicking off in mid-January. Jean had samples of the bandanas sent to NAHS for review. The order has been placed for approximately 1,300 bandanas at \$0.49 each and Mrs. Kummer should receive them by next Wednesday.
- **Active Minds** was founded at NAHS by Abby Sheaff, and Abby told us that 134 students are interested in being actively involved with NAHS's chapter. More than 40 students have applied to be officers so it's great to see the high level of interest. The chapter has bridged to NAMS for involvement too. The plan is for the Green Bandana Project to be kicked off by the Active Minds chapter. They hope to decorate the hallways with green streamers to generate excitement with the big kick-off when students receive their green bandanas and resource cards that provide resources to assist with mental wellness. To engage remote students, students plan to share images of the hallways. All remote students will receive green bandanas and resource cards.
- **Staff Appreciation** is something the student leaders want to do for all teachers and staff. A special event is scheduled for December 16 in the middle of the day. It is a surprise to the staff and may cost up to \$400. The PTO is willing to assist however needed to support this important effort.
- **PTO Balance** as of December 2020 is \$5,366. Stop and Shop A+ Rewards Program amount is \$1,306 for purchases through November.
- **discrimination@north** on Instagram shares valid issues and concerns faced in the NAHS community. These issues and concerns are faced in other districts as well as it is a systemic concern. Many other school districts have similar accounts like discrimination@north to share similar experiences and concerns on social media. NAHS always wants to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for all students. Principal Haviland requests students to contact him directly if anyone is interested in discussing any experiences, concerns and/or interests in collaborating a plan for future action. He participated in a Steering Committee at the district level to assist with this effort.

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- **North Cares** was discussed a couple of years ago with the NAHS PTO. It was launched when it was determined that an umbrella was needed to represent all of the groups who care about the NAHS community. Students, teachers, staff, parents and many others care about NAHS. “North Cares” was created for NAPS to designate ways we support our community. Each organization/club may have its purpose and a potential logo for branding, but we needed a logo for all organizations/clubs to express how we all care for our entire community. A Steering Committee at NAPS was formed and CARES was discussed to assist in addressing any current concerns. The thought is that CARES may stand for Civility, Acceptance, Relationships, Equity and Solidarity. Principal Haviland says it’s time for us to resurrect North Cares to assist with these efforts.
- **Kindness Closet** ~ Principal Haviland touched base with Molly Kelleher, Kate Antonitis and Kate Violet about any needs for the Kindness Closet and they expressed concerns about potential storage issues with donations of coats and winter gear for outdoor breaks. Some other ideas were shared but Principal Haviland is unsure if all are feasible or how may be best to proceed until things are discussed more. Mary will follow-up with Molly and Kate to see if there is anything the PTO can do to assist with items needed for outdoor breaks.
- **“Stuff a Truck”** ~ NAHS’s Class of 2024 wants to spread cheer during the holiday season to those in need. Donations are being sought for items to be delivered to Gillette Stadium by December 16. The toy drive is to support the New England Patriots Stuff a Truck event. Boxes in NAHS’s main lobby are available to place donations of new, unwrapped toys. Although the graduation requirement has been suspended with North Serves due to the pandemic, it’s touching to see how NAHS students really care and want to support those in year.
- **Next PTO Meeting** ~ All NAHS PTO meetings are slated to be virtual meetings this year due to the COVID pandemic. The meetings are scheduled on the 1st Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is January 6th at 7pm.