



Meeting Minutes

NAHS Virtual Meeting
March 10, 2021 ~ 7 pm

Attendees:

- Co-Presidents: Mary Blake, Sharon Ruddy
- Vice President: Jean Bullock
- Secretary: Stacey Nassaney
- Parents: Kristy Bonneau, Lisa Conroy
- Administration: Principal Haviland

Principal Haviland's Updates:

- **Hybrid students return for full in-person learning on March 15.**

The current estimate per survey results received is that there will be approximately 400 more students in school each day.

Teachers are determining the number of desks needed to safely distance in each classroom as they are receiving confirmations of the number of students who will be physically present in each class. Desks that came from classrooms for use in the cafeteria are returning to classrooms to accommodate for an increase in the number of students in each classroom.

- **Additional lunch locations are being considered.**

To ensure safe distance guidelines during lunch when masks are removed, other areas of the school are being considered for lunch purposes. Students may potentially be eating lunch in the cafeteria, auditorium, media center and lobby. These additional areas will only be made available for eating lunch if the areas adhere to the safe guidelines for social distancing because students are not wearing masks to eat lunch.

The intent is to provide as many tables for students as possible for lunch but in most instances only 1 student is permitted per table.

Plastic shields are expected to arrive at some point to assist with safe distancing practices during lunch and the configuration of lunch areas may change or evolve based on how the plastic shields are used.

As the weather gets warmer, students will eventually have the option to eat outdoors as they had earlier in the school year.

NAPS is following the guidelines set forth by Governor Baker and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education ("DESE"). NAHS's plan for social distancing during lunch will continue to evolve to make sure best practices are in place.

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Principal Haviland's Updates continued

- **Senior survey results help to prioritize end of year activities.**

A survey went out to all seniors to gauge their interest in traditional and non-traditional activities to prioritize what can be safely coordinated prior to the end of their high school careers. 202 seniors replied to the survey which was approximately 75% of the senior class.

Over 90% of respondents shared they were interested in participating in additional non-traditional, social activities. The survey also provided insight on their interest levels when ranking items like having a graduation ceremony, prom, rolling rally, outdoor movie night, food trucks, etc.

The senior leaders along with their senior class advisors are planning on sharing their thoughts and interests on how they want to celebrate their class and the end of their high school careers by presenting them to the administration and some members of the All Night Grad Party and the NAHS PTO. As the school year winds down, it helps to have people willing to assist in the coordinating of end of year activities. The intent is to have a very successful celebration of the Class of 2021.

- **North Attleborough Public Schools (“NAPS”) formed an inequity and inclusivity committee.**

The committee is currently forming objectives and definitions. It is evaluating NAPS's traditions, curriculum and instruction practices to make sure NAPS provides a safe and supportive learning environment for all students. NAHS's Siobhan McKenna (history teacher) and Lisa Giuliano (assistant principal) are working on the mindset and approach of defining equity and opportunities for all students.

- **Nili Bartley from Natick Middle School gave a keynote during NAPS's Professional Development Day on on January 25.**

She published, *Lead Beyond Your Title: Creating Change in School from Any Role*, and her keynote inspired many.

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Principal Haviland's Updates continued

- **The Green Bandana Project launched last month and thank you to the PTO to supporting the project and assisting with the funds for it.**

The campaign to increase awareness of resources existing for those with mental illness, destigmatize and change the conversation about mental health launched and its presence makes things safer and more supportive for those with physical and mental illness.

- **No Place for Hate provided a virtual tour on Tuesday, March 9.**

During the X Block, all students and staff were provided access this virtual tour. It aims to cultivate student leadership, unite a school's community and engage its students and staff in active learning. It helps participants to reflect on biased behavior and learn ways to challenge bias and bullying in themselves, others and society.

PTO Updates:

- **Thursday, March 25, a district wide Spirit Day fundraiser for Open Umbrella.**

All are encouraged to wear orange and help by raising funds and/or providing food donations to assist NA families who go hungry. Food donation boxes will be set up in the lobby of the high school. Someone is coming to collect donations. Jean will post the information provided to us on the NAHS PTO's Facebook page.

- **Staff Appreciation is coming up, and the PTO wants to make it happen.**

Parents typically donate food and gift cards so that we can provide a nice breakfast and raffles for the teachers and staff. The pandemic changes for us this year. Initially, we were thinking of something on Wednesday for the event, but Principal Haviland mentioned that students may potentially return to school on Wednesdays as well starting in April. Food trucks were discussed as an option. We will wait to see what works best as the school is currently working on adjusting to more students returning to school.



PTO Updates continued

- **End of the year activities are going to start happening soon and the PTO wants to support the graduating Class of 2021.**

Last year, the PTO provided funds for banners for the graduates that were displayed on Landry avenue. We are seeking ways to support this year's seniors and the Hershey kisses with the 100 days to graduation were greatly appreciated by them. We previously had also talked about ideas like releasing sky lanterns. We opted to table decisions for now until we hear from the seniors during a meeting with its leaders and advisors that will provide insight on what they are seeking.

- **Next PTO Meeting ~ All NAHS PTO meetings are slated to be virtual meetings this year due to the COVID pandemic. The next meeting is April 14th at 7pm.**