

Northside School Council
October 27 2021
7:00 AM
Northside HS Media Center
In Person Meeting

The Northside School Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, 27 Oct 2021 in the Northside High School Media Center.

Meeting Attendance

The Following members were Present

Markeeta Clayton
Dr. Katherine Taylor
Michelle Grembowski
John Gordy
Daniel Smith
Henry Scott
Jennifer Jackson

The following visitors Attended

John Nichols
Sonya Milan
Tariah Faiella
Dr. Candida Fielding

Call to order/Opening Ceremonies

1. The meeting was called to order by past Chairman John Nichols, followed by a moment of silence and the pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

The first order of business was to approve the meeting Agenda – The motion to approve the agenda was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of Minutes

The second order was a review of the previous meeting minutes. Ms. Clayton read the minutes from the election meeting

- Mr. Henry Scott was welcomed as a returning member by Ms. Clayton
- Ms. Jennifer Jackson was welcomed as a new member by Ms. Clayton

- Mr. Jon Gordy made the motion to accept the minutes as is, and Mr. Scott Seconded the minutes. Motion to accept minutes was passed by unanimous vote.

Recognition of Visitors.

Ms. Clayton recognized Tariah Faiella and Sonya Milam as visitors

Council Elections

The next order of business was to elect officers.

- Ms. Clayton asked for nominations for Chairman. Mr. Henry Scott was nominated by Mr. John Nichols. Mr. Gordy seconded the nomination. The motion to elect Mr. Scott as Chairman was passed by unanimous vote
- Ms. Clayton asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. Ms. Michelle Grembowski was nominated by Mr. Gordy and the nomination was seconded by Mr. Nichols. The motion to elect Ms. Grembowski as Vice Chairman was passed by unanimous vote
- Ms. Clayton asked for nominations for Secretary. Ms. Jennifer Jackson was nominated by Mr. Gordy and the nomination was seconded by Michelle Grembowski. The motion to elect Jackson as Secretary was passed by unanimous vote

Bylaw Acceptance

The next order of business was acceptance of the Bylaws. Mr. Scott made the motion to accept the bylaws as written. John Gordy Seconded the motion. The motion to accept the bylaws was passed by unanimous vote.

- Mr. Nichols asked if Ms. Clayton had access to the council video shown by the Principal at TMS for the TMS Council meeting. She did not have it but committed to get the video and distribute to the council members.
- During the discussion Ms. Milam , Ms. Jackson and Ms. Faiella made the following suggestions to improve School Council Attendance
 - Publish Agendas to the School Council Site on the School web page and other social media applications
 - Use Callouts to inform parents of the upcoming meeting
 - Use the school Marquee to announce the meeting
- The following options were also discussed – but a motion to accept was not made
 - Ms. Clayton asked if we should allow visitors time at the end of the meeting to address questions or allow their voice to be heard. It was recognized by several members as a positive idea. Mr. Nichols reminded the Council that the meetings only an hour so the end of the meeting would probably be best.
 - Ms. Clayton suggested that visitors be allowed to speak for a duration and 2 minutes was the resounding time for discussion.
 - Ms. Jackson suggested that a ‘request to speak’ form be used to add the visitor and to the agenda and allow preparation for the topic added. Ms. Clayton added that she could create a google form. It was also discussed that Ms. Dollar could use a QR code to help make this an easy process.

Report of Principal

1. The next order of business was the Principal's Report
 - a. Ms. Clayton reviewed Future Events including the following
 - Last regular Season for FB – Game against HOCO
 - XC starts Region on Thursday
 - VB/SB finished their region play both finishing 3rd in their region
 - Cross Country won the first county championship in 28 years.
 - Basketball tryouts had started for boys and girls.
 - Flag Football has started and is doing well
 - PSAT was conducted and Ms. J. Chambers orchestrated the testing in conjunction with SOAR in excellent fashion
 - b. Ms. Clayton Announced the FTE count for NHS increased from 1912 to 1955
 - Mr. Nichols added that new requirements and factors required for school classification would be in place and based on these numbers would be announced within the next few months. This would have an impact on the schools in Northside's Region.
 - Ms. Grembowski asked if the size of each class could be provided. Ms. Clayton committed to provide
 - MAPS testing was discussed as the current measure of student progress. Ms. Clayton discussed the methods that teachers were using to assess the beginning of school MAPS to develop plans for helping students succeed using the SOAR period
 - Ms. Clayton printed the School Assessments and discussed several sections of the Assessment including Safety. Ms. Jackson asked if we knew what the current perception was of the teachers and students of the safety vs what was represented in the Survey to define a current baseline and then work to bridge the gap from where the perception is to where it needs to be. Ms. Clayton said a survey could be done internally. Mr. Gordy asked if there was preparation done to help students and staff understand the survey ahead of the survey, and asked what the basis for discipline was for example; did the school have a Zero Tolerance policy for Discipline. To that Ms. Clayton replied that NHS had a Zero Tolerance for Discipline and was confirmed by Dr. Fielding.
- Both the visitors and council members continued to discuss Safety concerns. The following are highlights from the discussion
 - Mr. Nichols announced that he is working to start "Dads on Duty" at NHS and would be meeting with Ms. Clayton to make this happen at NHS.
 - Current communications reflect negatively on the school and positive wins needed to be communicated.
 - Acts like fighting are often predicated with discussion and notice, and are often initiated by a specific percentage of the student population, Is that population aided to help prevent and mitigate these occurrences,

Both Dr. Fielding and Ms. Clayton provide information to the affirmative.

- It was also suggested by Mr. Gordy that an internal metric that shows how many negative disciplinary actions were averted vs those that occurred to help change the perception of the current safety level in the school
 - It was also asked if we could obtain the results of the last conducted survey.
 - Both Ms. Milam and Ms. Faiella provided examples of for improvement of perception and from negative feedback they have received.
2. Ms. Clayton committed to providing information about altering School Council meeting to different times to accommodate different schedules for parents to the council meeting attendees.
 3. Then next Council Meeting was announced as Tuesday November 30th.

Adjournment

1. Ms. Clayton Adjourned the meeting at 8:04.

Secretary (Jennifer Jackson)

Date