

North Springs Charter High School Spartan Nation Executive Board Meeting Minutes October 25, 2016

Board Members:

Present: Theresa Wooldridge, Dianne Wooldridge, Julie Abes, Erin Olivier, Stephanie Fox, Lisa Greenberg, Dorothy Kitchens, Eva Walston

Guests:

Present: Judy Roseman, Sandra Jewell

Proceedings:

Theresa Wooldridge called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Theresa Wooldridge opened the meeting by stating that the board needs to approve the August and September minutes. It was moved that the minutes be approved and they were.

President's Report:

School Governance Update:

FORUM and School Governance Council Report:

Sandra Jewell attended the Governance Council. She reported the SEED funds have been submitted for math and science instructional coaches. There will be a magnet study to evaluate the magnet programs in Fulton County. Mr. Hanson said that there is money to improve NSCHS; however, nothing will happen until after the magnet study.

Theresa Wooldridge reported that 1605 tablets have been distributed to NSCHS students. So far, things are going smoothly with that. Mr. Hanson would like to create a legacy wall to recognize past valedictorian and salutatorians. The process has started to find a good spot for the wall.

Mr. Hanson said that many magnet groups are having trouble identifying which students are actually in the various magnet programs. It was suggested that Spartan Nation collect more family information at gear up days to help with this problem. He is trying to ensure that there is a specific chain of communication for when a parent or community member has a request.

November 6th is Open House at NSCHS from 1pm - 3:30 pm. Spartan Nation will have a table and we will need volunteers to man the table.

Treasurer's Report:

Dianne Wooldridge stated that we Spartan Nation will be receiving \$4500 in matching funds from the Couchman Foundation. Grant expenditures have been accounted for. She received a \$350 check from Publix and will check with Joan Miller to find out if there are any outstanding Publix checks.

Hospitality:

Hershey bar treats were delivered to the staff mailboxes in October as our Teacher Appreciation treat for October. The teacher appreciation team will be soliciting bakers for our annual Thanksgiving baked goods treat on Thursday, November 17th. If one is interested, please let Allyson Tuck or Leigh Eiberger know. The school events team will be hosting the

Nation Honor Society inductions on Thursday evening, October 27th. Sweet treats will be provided. The school events team will also be hosting the NSCHS Open House on Sunday, November 6th. They will provide balloons, cookies and water. Anyone who is interested with helping set up Saturday, November 5th or on the day of the event, please let Tracey Balin know.

Communications Update:

Stephanie Fox reported that the pop up signs are here and that the bulletin board is done. The newsletter had some kinks last month. She is working on the November newsletter now. The deadline for content is November 8th.

Campus Affairs:

Lisa Greenberg has money to deposit from spirit wear sales. She will be selling spirit wear at the homecoming game on Friday. Stephanie will add a blurb in the newsletter about how to purchase spirit wear.

DUMC Great Day of service was successful in sprucing up NSCHS campus last weekend. The funds allotted for beautification has been spent.

Family Involvement:

Dorothy Kitchens reported that she met with the school social worker, Ms. Smith and Ms. Zachary. They would like to sell Spartan helping Spartan t-shirts to raise money. Dianne suggested that if they went that route then make it a design contest to get interest. Dorothy thinks a spring concert at Village Burger would be a good venue to sell the shirts if they went that route. Finally, it was suggested that a spare change drive with classes competing with each other would be an easy way to raise funds. Dorothy will talk with Ms. Smith about that.

Ways and Means:

Erin Olivier reported that we need to get the word out about United Way. Sandra said that word of mouth and email is a good way to do that. Freshman parents should be targeted for this. It was suggested that flyers be made to give out at gear up days. Stephanie will put the word out via the newsletter. Erin, Sandra and Theresa will meet to discuss Spartan Nation fundraiser.

School Needs:

Teachers who received a grant must be willing to be quoted and have their picture taken. Stephanie will work with Carol Ciepuch to get coverage about teacher grant in *The PATCH*. The next round of teacher grant applications will be accepted until midnight, January 8th.

In an email prior to today's meeting Sandra Jewell stated that the Media Center funds had been promoted, collected and designated for enhancing the Media Center. FONS had been waiting to use the remaining funds until after Fulton County Schools completed its part of the renovation and for Lory Cox, Media Center Specialist, to see how everything was working for the Media Center. I had met with Lory Cox to identify current needs of the Media Center. The proposal is to spend Media Center funds on:

- A small locked cabinet: Hirsh SOHO 2 Drawer Lateral File Cabinet in Black \$195.46 & FREE Shipping at Amazon.) This is used for Marta cards, money collected, purses, etc.
- Display tables for the Makerspace in the Media Center with a minimum of 4 tables and ideally 7 tables. Monarch Specialties Console Table - Glossy White, Item # HN-MON1055 \$117.32 with free shipping. There might be sales tax. 44L x 16W x 32H in. See picture

below. These tables are the least expensive I could find that fit the furniture in the Media Center Makerspace room.

Minimum request: \$664.82 plus any tax on tables; maximum request: \$1016.70 plus any tax on tables

The board members voted via email and it was passed to grant money for the tables. The makers' space tables will be delivered today.

The human sciences department is working on a Northside Hospital grant application.

Sandra has been working with a guy who refurbishes old computers. The hope is these computers will be given to students in need.

There is a need to replace the computers that support the TV's at the front of the school. Sandra is in the process of investigating exactly what is needed and how pertinent it is. All computers purchased must be approved by Fulton County otherwise the county will not support them.

John Gresham wants to explore an outdoor makers' space. This might be a good fit for Lowe's grant.

New Business:

It was brought to the board's attention that freshmen parents have a lot of questions. Stephanie will charge putting together a Q and A sheet for freshmen parents to help them navigate high school.

The next PTO meeting is scheduled for November 15th at 9:30 am.

Meeting adjourned at 10:58 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Eva Walston
NSCHS Spartan Nation Secretary