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Northview High School  
Local School Council Meeting

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July 2, 2007 Minutes

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Members Present:

Bob Miller, Chair & Parent Rep.  
Peter Zervakos, Principal  
Johnel Reid, Businessperson Rep.  
Sue Malloy, Businessperson Rep.  
Barbi Grayson, Parent Rep.  
Vicki Templet, Parent Rep.

Members Absent:

Bonnie Pratt, Teacher Rep.  
Susan Gilmore, Teacher Rep.  
Sonia Dara, Student Rep.  
PTSA Rep.

Guests:

None

Meeting Opened: 9:00 am.

Minutes: The corrected May minutes were distributed. Ms. Grayson made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Ms. Malloy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Principal's Report:

2007-08 School Budget: Mr. Zervakos presented the budget and received the committee's questions and comments on line-item detail. Issues of special mention included:

1. Because trailers were added, increasing our square footage, we were able to retain the same number of custodians as last year, even though the factor for calculating the number of custodians was adjusted down over last year.
2. The AP test pass rate no longer contributes to our available funding.
3. Special Education allotments did not change over last year.
4. Our student population for 2007-08 is projected to be 2754. We lost approximately half of those out-of-district students categorized as "hardship," adding only four. This brings our hardship total to around 20.
5. Our overnight custodial services are provided by an outside contractor. The job was awarded to a new bidder this year, and this lower bid realized a savings over last year. This expense is included in the budget as "non-personnel" because it is not a district employee expense.
6. Mr. Zervakos reminded the committee that the figures shown for salaries and benefits are averages across the district, not actual figures for Northview. This means that a school with more experienced and higher paid teachers are not penalized in the budgeting process.

Principal's Report – continued:

Potential Locker Shortage: We currently have 2400 lockers, including the lockers that were added two years ago. Since we are expecting 2754 students enrolled in 2007-08, it is not feasible to assume that 354 students will not choose to rent a locker. The committee disapproved of having over 700 students to share lockers, as the size of locker is only suitable to accommodate one book bag and one student's books. Given this situation, the Northview LSC strongly encourages the district to install additional lockers in the space Mr. Zervakos has deemed available so that our students need not be penalized for increased enrollment.

Status of New Practice Field Development: In late June, Mr. Zervakos met with Parsons, the management company and staff architects responsible for the development of the new practice field. This field is being developed using \$710,000 in SPLOST funding which the other high schools are using to install artificial turf in the football stadiums. Because the developer is unclear of the costs necessary to excavate and develop the land, this is the list of priorities in rank order:

1. Excavate and develop the practice field
2. Install irrigation
3. Install underground wiring for future lighting
4. Install lighting
5. Construct a storage building with restrooms

The extent of what practice field amenities we can expect will be driven by the actual cost of excavation and land development. A Spring 2008 completion is targeted. The committee expressed concern over the "growing-in" time necessary for the turf to be ready for rigorous use. A late Fall 2007 installation of the turf would probably be necessary for Spring 2008 field usage. It is important that the work begin as soon as possible, and the work is now out for bid.

Old Business:

New LSC Law: After reviewing the law, it was determined that the Northview LSC should revise the bylaws so that our membership is in line with the new LSC law. It was determined by consensus that the committee should include a balance of appointed and elected members, and that those members should represent the widest range of constituents. Size of the committee was also discussed. By consensus, the committee agreed that having a businessperson who is not a parent of an NHS student provided a necessary perspective, and that this position should be included in our membership. By law, our membership must include at least two

businesspersons who are parents of NHS students, but we may add members as our committee best deems fit. To assure compliance with the new law, a majority of the members must be parents of NHS students who are not employed by NHS. With two students, three teachers, one principal, and one non-parent business person, this means that we must have eight members who are parents of NHS students, for a total of fifteen members. While it may be beneficial to include more teachers, if we do so, we would need to further increase the number of parent representatives, and those present expressed an interest at keeping the committee to a size that encouraged discussion in a small-group setting. A motion will be presented to amend the bylaws to define the profile of the NHS LSC as:

1. Principal – Peter Zervakos
2. Teacher – Susan Gilmore (2-year term, elected by teachers, through 6/30/2008)
3. Teacher – Bonnie Pratt (2-year term, elected by teachers, through 6/30/3008)
4. Teacher – Open (2-year term, elected by teachers, through 6/30/2009)
5. Student – Open (1-year term, appointed annually by Student Council)
6. Student – Open (1-year term, appointed annually by Student Council)
7. Appointed Business Person without NHS child – (2-year term, appointed by LSAC, through 6/30/2008)
8. Appointed Business Person with NHS child “effective 6/30/08 roll-off” – (2-year term, appointed by LSAC, through 6/30/2008)
9. PTA Executive Board Representative – Open (1-year term, appointed annually by PTA Executive Board)
10. Fine Arts Association Executive Board Representative – Open (1-year term, appointed annually by PTA Executive Board)
11. Booster Club Executive Board Representative – Open (1-year term, appointed annually by Booster Club)
12. Parent – Currently Barbi Grayson (2-year term, elected by parents, through 6/30/08)
13. Parent – Currently Vicki Templet (2-year term, elected by parents, through 6/30/08)
14. Parent – Open (2-year term, elected by parents, through 6/30/09)
15. Parent – Open (2-year term, elected by parents, through 6/30/09)

(One of the elected parent positions #12-15 must also be a business person willing to represent the interests of the local business community.)

Positions #1-6 may also be parents of Northview students, but they do not count as a parent representative when figuring our parent majority, while positions #8-15 must be parents of NHS students. Position #7 must not be a parent of a current NHS student.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:05 am.

Next Meeting: Tentatively August 20, 2007, 7:00 am.

Media Center Conference Room, and every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month thereafter.