

Northstar Middle School NAC Meeting Minutes

Date | time 9th January 2018 *at* 7:03pm | *Meeting called to order by* Ron Clark

Decisions

Voted to approve the following:

- Minutes of November NAC meeting.
- Payment of \$1000 for the vendors for the medieval classes and event.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The November minutes were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Cushla MacKenzie reported that our income is still a little behind on parent contributions. She will be following up with families and Ron Clark will investigate the use of SimplyCircle for reminders and payments. Corporate matching is almost \$6000. The need for a better process for reminding parents about the annual contribution and for collecting the contribution was discussed: an online payment system would be better than writing a check.

Expenditures include staff stipends, the payment to Sabrina Mix for relaxation/mindfulness classes, grant payments, and conference week expenses. No payments have been made for field trip transportation yet this year.

Special Presentation

Barbara Posthumus, an Associate Superintendent for LWSD, gave a presentation about the bond and levies that will be on the ballot in February.

President's Report

Co-President Ron Clark reported that we now have about 115 email addresses signed up for SimplyCircle. Harriet will send out the invite code again in case other parents still want to sign up.

Head Teacher's Report

- Nell thanks the parents who helped to set up the great display at the LWSD Board Room.
- Bob stated that students who ride the ski bus are expected to complete homework: students do many different extracurricular activities and are still expected to complete assigned work.
- Conference week is coming. Bob reminded parents that conferences are an opportunity to both review and plan. He also asked parents to make sure that they and their student are available for the conference and not acting as chaperons or on a field trip

Other Business

- Co-President Ron Clark stated that the ski bus went well the first week.
- Treasurer Cushla MacKenzie reported that the grant money that had been assigned to parkour classes during conference week will be returned to the grants fund because the classes will not run.

- Fred Romano reported that the after-school classes with Studio East were well-attended and popular. He will work with Studio East to offer another set of classes after the ski bus has finished.
- Co-President Ron Clark stated that shadows are still needed for several roles, including treasurer, secretary, conference week coordinator, and 8th grade graduation lead. Ron invited parents who are interested in being part of the search committee to contact him.
- Headteacher Bob Herold reported that, after requests from students, he is going to offer his medieval history class in the next session. A traditional part of the class is a special event one Wednesday that includes 3 classes for all students, a medieval fair hosted by the students in the class, and a demonstration of medieval combat. The classes and demonstration are provided by a vendor. Bob requested \$1000 to cover the cost of the vendor: it was approved.

Important Dates

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| • Monday | Jan 15 | No school – Martin Luther King Jr Day |
| • Monday | Jan 22 | Noon dismissal: teacher prep for conferences |
| • Tuesday - Friday | Jan 23 - 26 | Noon dismissal: conference days |
| • Friday | Jan 26 | First semester ends |
| • Thursday | Feb 8 | Field trip – Swan Lake ballet |
| • Tuesday | Feb 13 | NAC meeting at 7pm |

Meeting Close

- The meeting closed at 8:05pm.

Next Meeting – 2/13/2018 7:00 PM, Northstar

- Meeting Minutes: <https://nsms.lwsd.org/studentsfamilies/nac-meeting-minutes>
- Attendance:

NAC MEETING ATTENDANCE SHEET FOR THE DATE OF: <u>9th January 2018</u>	
Name	Name
RON CLARK	
FRED ROMANO	
JOANNE WELLS	
SIVA S SUDINANI	
MOHAN RAJARAMAN	
CUSHLA MCKENZIE	
JESSICA EVERT	
MARINA BARNES	
CHRISTINE WOOKETT	