

**Northview High School
Local School Council Minutes
April 27, 2006**

Members Present:

Peter Zervakos, Principal
Clayton Shepherd, Chairman & Parent
Sandi Rose, PTSA Representative
Pat Taylor, Business Representative
Johnel Reid, Business Representative
Maria Orlando, Parent
Sol Aboulafia, Teacher
Jay Blanton, Teacher
Susan Gilmore, Teacher
Lonna Upton, Teacher
David Nakano, Student

Members Absent:

Bob Miller, Vice-Chairman & Parent
Sarah Barker, Student

Guests:

Beverly Miller

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. by Clayton Shepherd

Minutes from March's meeting were reviewed with one correction and were approved

Mr. Shepherd introduced a new member to the LSC committee, Johnel Reid. Ms. Reid works at the Emory Johns Creek Hospital in the marketing department. Mr. Shepherd asked her to give a brief review of the hospital's progress.

Ms. Reid said the hospital is nearing completion and is supposed to open at the end of January 2007. She said the hospital is to include a cardiac unit, a neonatal unit, and a women's service specialty unit. The family practice program was to be moved to the Johns Creek hospital also.

OLD BUSINESS

Overcrowding Committee

Mr. Shepherd asked for any updates from the overcrowding committee in regards to the new high school location. Mr. Zervakos explained that this information had not been released. He also added that he had been included on the committee to review the architectural plans for the new school. Several architects will submit plans for approval and Mr. Zervakos assumed that the architects would need information on the proposed site to create the plans. He said the school is anticipated to open in the fall of 2008 or 2009.

Sandi Rose also reported that she had attended several meeting concerning SPLOST. It was her understanding that the superintendent was making plans to work with two people on the SPLOST movement but there had been no definite plans. Coordination with other counties on this makes the projected time line for March 2007.

Trailer Placement – Fall 2006

Mr. Shepherd asked Mr. Zervakos about the placement of the classroom trailers. Mr. Zervakos gave a visual demonstration on their location. They will be placed on the unusable area of the practice field near the wrestling building. The school should be able to extend the current walkways and will not use any of the current parking spaces. Mr. Zervakos stated that he will be looking into the cost of fencing for the area between the field and the portables.

Practice Field

During the discussion of the portable placement Mr. Shepherd expressed his concern that the portables will be using part of the practice field and asked about the "wish" list that Mr. Zervakos had submitted to the county. Mr. Zervakos informed us that the "wish" list was on hold because of the current budget shortages. Mr. Shepherd expressed his concern that as the school population grew and more portables were added the practice field would continue to shrink. There was a lot of discussion comparing our fields to other schools and cost of developing the field ourselves. Mr. Zervakos stated that our best plan might be to work with Wilson Creek. Helping them develop those fields with NHS having priority use of their fields. Currently the YMCA has this agreement with other schools and NHS is not allowed to use these fields.

Academic Team Funding

Sol Aboulafia presented information concerning the Academic Team Funding. He reported that many of the competitions require entry fees, traveling costs such as car rentals & lodging. This year our teams have done very well and have qualified for national competitions but there are no monies to allow the teams to attend. This year there are two groups that have qualified for nationals and students have done some fund raising but the need is too great. He has looked for community support through local businesses but has not found a sponsor. Ms. Aboulafia made the committee aware of the need for financial support for the small academic groups.

It was suggested that local news coverage might help bring fund for this years' competitions or that Mr. Aboulafia could borrow against future earnings. Mr. Shepherd recommended that funds be budgeted for these groups at the beginning of the school year because at the end of the year monies are scarce.

Mr. Zervakos suggested that an academic fundraising group be created, i.e. an organization that would provide support the academic groups similar to the Fine Arts or Athletic Boosters. Mr. Shepherd suggested combining all the groups, Fine Arts, Athletic Boosters & Academic Team with a yearly budget to provide for all the groups. Mr. Zervakos explained that there was a problem with this idea. Most parents wanted donated monies going toward the specific group that their child participates in. Ms. Gilmore commented that someone needed to take action.

Ms. Reid commented that large types of fundraising should be possible; ie. raffling off a car. Hopefully this would bring in large amounts of money

Pat Taylor had a flyer which she gave to Mr. Zervakos. The paper had information about obtaining charitable contributions from the Publix Corporation. It gave details on how to apply.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Crisis

There was a long discussion concerning the budget cuts for the 2006 school year. Topics of discussion were:

- ? Cost per student in Fulton County verses Cobb, Gwinnett & Dekalb counties.
- ? What school based programs could be cut?
- ? What cuts will Northview have?
- ? The possible tax increase and how Fulton School taxes compares to other counties,
- ? The cost of unfunded state mandates to schools.

Mr. Zervakos explained that Fulton County does spend more per student than other counties but that the milage rate is one of the lowest in this area. In fact, Fulton County's current milage rate is lower than it was in 2001. Mr. Zervakos explained that because NHS has over 2500 students next year that NHS will not experience as many cuts as other schools. At this time NHS has only lost one teacher. He felt that the increase of students next year will easily be absorbed into the student population.

Principal's Report

Mr. Zervakos reported that the Academic banquet & VIP night went well and were well attended.

Honors Night will be in 2 weeks and the emphasis will be on Superlative Awards and Senior Awards.

Graduation ceremonies will be in the Gwinnett Area this year and he had done a walk-through of the facilities

PTSA

Sandi Rose reported that the Drive Smart program was a great success. Over 700 attended the program. They felt that it was a great start for this type of program. PTSA have met and discussed improvements for next year.

Ms. Rose introduced Beverly Miller to give an update on Project Graduation. Beverly explained that everything at Jillian's is on target. 153 students have signed up and PTSA parents would be really pushing students to register in the next few weeks. Representatives would be at school during lunch next week. She said one of the advantages this year would be that graduation would be on Sunday afternoon. Parents would have time to plan graduation, family celebrations and still not interfere with Project Graduation.

Ms. Rose concluded by announcing that the PTSA elections for the next year's board were complete. She and Julie Pitman will be co-presidents next year.

Miscellaneous

Sol Aboulafia congratulated Lonna Upton as Northview's teacher of the year

Hands on Northview is Saturday, 4/29, from 9:00-12 hands

Next LSC meeting – May 11, 2006, 7:00 am

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Comstock, Secretary