

Newton South High School
PTSO Board Meeting
April 5, 2021

Present: May Chiu, Melissa Monokroussos, Wayne Fitzpatrick, Lisa DePalma, Helen Haley, Allison Lopez

Minutes Review: Helen moves to approve, Wayne seconds. All in favor, minutes approved.

Budget: We are still short on the original fundraising target from the fall (approximately \$7,000). We have budgeted 10K for Southfest (average is about 14K).

Motion to make an ask for 4K for the Southfest. Motion: Melissa, second: Helen. All in favor, motion approved.

Southfest (Proposed date June 6): Discussion ensued about Southfest/Prom. The PTSO is taking on the cost of rentals (e.g tables, linens, lights, chairs, red carpet) for "Prom." The class of 2021 is covering the cost of food trucks which will be the food for Prom/SouthFest. The baseball stadium would have the tents and the stadium would be open for activities under the lights for the entertainment - mostly games this year like mini-golf, spike ball, corn holes.

DESE guidelines do not recommend a traditional prom this year due to proximity, dancing and singing. We do not have official recommendations from HHS and Parks and Rec yet. Current recommendations from HHS are 150 people under each tent. We will continue to work on ways to make the event a safer event (vaccinations, testing, etc). We hope to have more clarification from South Administration, HHS and Parks and Rec this week.

Asymptomatic Testing: How do we increase the percentage of students being tested?

- ❖ Increase drop off opportunities
- ❖ Increase messaging to parents (recorded call going out, text messages, etc.)
- ❖ Physically hand out kits to kids instead of having kids pick them up from the main office
- ❖ Advisory block teachers hand out kits
- ❖ Give kids the kits to keep at home
- ❖ Schoology message to students reminding them to turn in the kit on the day they are supposed to
- ❖ Can we make testing mandatory?