

**Northern Highlands Regional High School Home and School Association, Inc.,
(HASA) minutes of the general meeting held on June 2, 2021.**

Present at the Meeting: Lisa Kulick, Kelli Moss, Naomi Ono, Tamara James, Sonia Agarwal, Christine Soell, Lisa Mundy, Thao Groenewald, Jess Carlin, Lorraine Dario, Joy Wenberg, Jane Bodnar, Lynelle Tedesco, Lorraine Reichert, Shantala Kaikini, Nadira Khan, Cyrus Pavri, Felicia Bechtel, Christi Yu, Rachel Milston, Kelli Moss, Lisa Walsh, Christine Ferrarie, Karina Ferrales, Owen Bittinger, Jean Onufrak, Audrey Flynn, Joan Clifford, Lisa Comninellis, Kristen Tsarnas, Maggie Liljegren, Bob Males, Annaliesa Anderson, Grace Perruzzi, Traci Weiner, Julie Cornacchia, Alpa Patel, Andrea Pennington, Lisa Halperin, Christine Kearney, Despi Anastasopoulos, Nicole Oehler, Deborah Hayden, Diana Norian, Linda O'Brien, Alicia DeLalio, Emily Kaufman, Barbara Garand, Eileen O'Connor, Joann Meyer.

Administration Present at the Meeting: Joe Occhino, Michael Koth, Jose Madhavasseril, Kelly Peterfriend, Robin Knutelsky.

Lisa Kulick - President: Called the meeting to order at 9:02am. Lisa started by thanking the former board and committee members for their hard work and dedication to HASA and all their efforts to enrich Northern Highlands.

Principal Mr. Joe Occhino:

Gov. Murphy has lifted restrictions for outdoor capacity and social distancing, for the end of year ceremonies. This has enabled us to increase the number of guests to attend the Senior Graduation to six family members instead of two. The Jumbotron will still be used so that attendees are able to see the graduates. It will be placed by the snack stand and guests will be able to sit on each side of the field in the bleachers. Students will face the end zone with the scoreboard. The ceremony will also be live streamed. There is seating for special-needs available, but all requests need to be sent through the school in advance. Please contact the school if you are in need of special seating. Rain date for the graduation will be on Friday, June 25, we will still have the Jumbotron for that day too. HASA will be raffling off premium seating on the track for two families. The drawing will be held on Monday, June 14. Good Luck!

The Senior Prom will be held at Rockleigh Country Club, June 4 and staff will reiterate expectations and procedures that the seniors are required to stay for the duration of the prom. Daily Covid forms will be needed for prom and attendees will need to wear face coverings entering and leaving the building.

Seniors were at the Ramsey Pool today for their Senior Day Trip. Senior Awards night is set for next Thursday, June 10. Recipients will be allowed four tickets, including one for themselves. Seniors who will be receiving awards have already been notified.

The senior kickball game against the faculty was a great activity for all.

Myself and all the staff at Highlands are really happy to have 1100 kids back at the school.

Assistant Principal - Mr. Mike Koth:

The administration is well aware of the traffic in the school parking lot. We are working with the Allendale Police to change the times of the traffic light, to help with the flow. Parking has been tight since so many more students are now back in-person, and juniors and seniors are parking. To help with this, we have opened the student overflow parking lot on the west-side of the school. Next school year, we will be back to just 'Seniors Only' for parking. Letters will be sent home to seniors for parking registration.

An end of year procedure letter will be coming out. Textbooks are to be returned by the last day. Virtual students will have a drop off in the lobby. Textbooks that are dropped should be labeled with NAME, COURSE, TEACHER. Collection of devices for all students will be between, June 23 – 29. Seniors must hand in all their books and devices by Graduation Day, June 24.

All students are reminded to check Lost and Found, otherwise it will be donated to charity.

Director of Guidance - Kelly Peterfriend:

We are wrapping up the year, working on conflicts with schedules and also working on the master schedule for next year. Please register for The Summer College Program - basic training for college applications. Payment and registration is due by July 1, more information can be found on the school website.

Question: When will we know about appeals for higher level classes. Answer: You will be notified by mid-July, once we've got all the grades in, we will be able to see whether the student will be able to move up.

Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment - Robin Knutelsky:

Summer Academy courses are still open until June 10. Go to: <https://sites.google.com/northernhighlands.org/northernhighlandssummeracademy/home>

Applications are due by June 4, for “Speaker At Large” for the Graduation ceremony. This is a senior class representative that is chosen to speak on behalf of the class. AP summer assignments will be posted by June 14.

Treasurer - Naomi Ono:

As of Tuesday, June 1, 2021, the checking account balance was \$27,377.29 and the Money Market balance was \$68,802.

There is a HASA allocation of \$10,000 to the NHTV Studio that will be coming out of the above balances.

Recording Secretary - Lorraine Dario:

Motioned for approval of the May 2021 minutes, approved by Joy Wenberg, seconded by Audrey Flynn.

Vice President's of Fundraising - Tammy James and Kelli Moss:

Our fundraising committee is looking for volunteers to help with the Holiday Luncheon Fundraiser that is set for December 2. Please reach out if you are interested in helping with this important event. We would welcome fresh ideas. The committee will meet in late August. Please contact Hasahoiidayraffle@gmail.com.

Membership - Audrey Flynn:

We are starting our new membership drive for 2021-2022 school year. The cost of membership is \$35. You can pay by check or PayPal. Go to our link www.northernhighlands.org/joinhasa. You will receive an email later in the summer with instructions to download the Directory Spot App to the email registered with the school. Please join HASA, after our Holiday Luncheon, membership is our next biggest fundraiser. Every membership helps.

Directory - Thao Groenewald:

The Digital Directory is in web version or an app. The list is generated by the schools Genesis, not by HASA. In July an “opt-out” option will be sent out and you can choose not to be listed. The directory will be available to all current and paid HASA members later in the summer. All new members will be sent instructions on how to download the app.

Newsletter - Shantala Kaikini:

Introduced herself as the new committee chair for the Newsletter.

Board of Education - Christine Ferrarie:

Christine, Board of Education President, spoke on behalf of Lisa Halperin. Christine thanked Bob Petrocino for the presentation on Diversity he gave at their last meeting.

Jessica Verdiccio – Supervisor of Wellness & Special Projects is going to be presenting at the next meeting on June 7, at 7:30 pm.

Thank you to HASA for the allocations and thank you to the outgoing Board members.

Sports Association - Kathy Travers: (Jane Bodnar reported on Kathy's behalf)

We are grateful to have been able to have a successful sports season. Many of the teams finished up their seasons, but both the boys' and girls' lacrosse teams are competing in State Tournaments.

The records for the Spring Teams, as of this week are:

Girls' Lacrosse 13-3, Boys' Lacrosse 9-6, Boys' Golf 12-3-1, Girls' Golf 6-4, Boys' Tennis 15-2, Softball 9-9, Baseball 8-14.

And once again our Northern Highlands Spring Track Team had an amazing season! Congratulations to all our athletes!

Our annual golf outing was last Monday and was a huge success. Everyone seemed to be thrilled to gather together and be back in a social setting. Thank you to all the sponsors, golfers and everyone that supported the Sports Association through donations. Your generosity enables us to support the coaches, teams and athletes. Please consider joining the Sports Association. You can find membership forms on our website. Your membership will entitle you and your family members access to all football and basketball games and wrestling matches held at Northern Highlands.

MPAA - Mary McAuliffe: Nothing new to report.

Project Graduation - Lynelle Tedesco:

The Amazing Race concluded on May 23, everyone had a blast. The Senior Dinner is on June 11.

President's Report - Lisa Kulick:

Next year we will continue with zoom meetings for HASA, as we were able to reach so many more people by using this forum and have had such great feedback. Please Save-the-Date, for the Freshman Welcome Breakfast which is September 17, 2021, hopefully in person, but more information will be forthcoming later in the summer.

Just to reiterate what Mr. Occhino said, HASA will be holding a Raffle for VIP Senior Graduation Seating, more information will be coming out in the next day or two. The drawing will be Monday, June 14. Good luck and congratulations to our 2021 seniors. Lisa wished everyone a lovely summer and adjourned the meeting at 10:05 am.