

MAY MINUTES



NHS PAL MEETING MINUTES - - - May 22, 2024

Welcome & Introductions; In Attendance

Sherri Clerk, Megan Chartier, Caitlin McCown, Lynn Santosti, Yvonne LeBlanc, Sharon DeColfmacker, Deena Jensen, Catherine LaCroix

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the April meeting and approved.

Administrative / Enrichment Update

Deena Jensen/Catherine LaCroix

- SAU is currently looking into a new communication app called Parent Square. It is a multi-functional platform for teachers and parents and includes auto translation.
- The end of school is always very busy and lots of field trips and events planned.
- 8th grade graduation is scheduled for 6/11 at 6pm.
- Last day of school is scheduled for 6/12, early release at noon

Budget (Year End is July 31)

Caitlin McCown :

- There is currently \$17,362 in the PAL account with no outstanding substantial items.
- PAL sponsored the Solar Eclipse Party refreshments
- PAL funded 8th grade yearbooks
- PAL brought in Lexi's burger bus for teacher appreciation week
- Received community night checks from Los Cantaros (\$425), Seacoast Soups (\$850) Sweet Chix (\$122).
- From 7/14-7/18 PAL is the non-profit beneficiary at Ocean Gaming in Hampton
- We have received \$1300 so far in ticket and raffle sales for the Gala

Events / Fundraisers / Direct Donations ('23-'24)

- Jaguar Gala scheduled for 6/1, 6pm-Governor Dale Farm.
 - Tickets are currently on sale

- Raffle tickets can be purchased in advance. Raffles are for higher value items than last year and the cost of the raffle tickets has gone up.
- PAL is currently seeking raffle donations and volunteers for event set up and break down, and during the event. If volunteers are low during the event PAL might ask some 7-8th graders or student government to assist.
- Next week PAL plans to market the event on social media.
- There will be pizza, cookies, mocktails, and gluten free options
- PAL is asking adults to make sure the kids are better behaved than last year.
- Family Fitness Day is coming up on Friday 5/24
 - Whoa Nelly Food Truck will be selling food, they have a \$1500 minimum, if not met, PAL will need to cover the difference.
 - ELO team is looking to increase awareness of fitness activities at the school.
- May look to cut back on the amount of community nights and focus on the most successful ones, maybe just host one every other month.
- Brainstormed ideas for upcoming events, including Halloween trails, welcome back to school event with bubbles/foam party. Adults only event at Centennial Hall in Jan or March, maybe Gatsby themed.

Discussion / Other Business

- Fingerprinting day went well. 7 people attended. Plan to host another one during back-to-school time frame. Hoping to get more parents of younger students involved.
- PAL received 21 responses to their teacher survey regarding classroom liaisons.
 - 80% of respondents were in favor of having a classroom liaison in some capacity.
 - PAL will set a framework for ways the parent liaison can be of use to teachers and have a board member be responsible for communication with the parents
 - PAL is aiming to prepare to have information regarding the parent liaison program at the back to school event in August
- Looking to build social media presence, Lynn Santosti may know someone interested in taking over the social media account and will reach out to her.

Voting / Position Changes

- Board Members voted unanimously to purchase the Konstella app for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year. Plans are to roll it out at the back-to-school event in August.
- Board voted unanimously for Lynn Santosti to replace Maggie Clifford as Co-Chair
- Board voted unanimously for Sharon DeColfmacker to join PAL as Member-at-Large and to replace Angie Lombard as Technical Liaison.
- Sherri Clerk will remain Co-Chair for the upcoming school year. This will help to eliminate so many positions from turning over at once.

PAL Recruitment:

- Still Seeking Secretary for upcoming 2-year term (2024-2026)

Next Meeting Date

TBD (before school starts in the fall)

PAL 2023-2024 Executive Board

Co-Chairs: Sherri Clerk & Maggie Clifford

Enrichment Coordinator: Megan Chartier

Treasurer: Caitlin McCown

Secretary: Jamie Walther

Member(s) at Large: Wendy Wallus

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:00 p.m. and was passed unanimously.