

# MARCH MINUTES



*NHS PAL MEETING MINUTES - - - March 20, 2024*

---

## Welcome & Introductions; In Attendance

Officer Kyle, Sherri Clerk, Lynn Sansosti, Megan Chartier, Caitlin McCown, Jamie Walther, Lauren Bottomley, Catherine LaCroix, Sarah Kelly, Kara Kylie, Yvonne LeBlanc, Sharon DeColfmacker, Shauna Reed, Rebecca Carlson

---

## Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the February meeting and approved.

---

## Administrative / Enrichment Update

### **Rebecca Carlson / Megan Chartier:**

- The Invention Convention changed to Shark Tank. A lot of excitement with students
- Incoming Kindergarten parent PAL information session and tours 3/21
- Officer Kyle attended to discuss hosting a fingerprinting event at the North Hampton PD to make background checks easier for families.
  - NHS volunteers are required to complete a background check per the SAU. Will present dates to Officer Kyle for approval by the Chief.
  - PAL will make sure that it is financially feasible for all families--work with Nurse Mara.
  - Officer Kyle Would have to bring someone in on OT to be the print taker. They can maybe offer (2) 4-hour blocks of time – could take 15-20 minutes to have prints taken
  - Yvonne said last time PAL did this we packaged all applications and checks and dropped it off to eliminate that step for families.
  - We should Set up sign up genius for people to pick times.
  - We will get back to Officer Kyle with some dates to check and see if they work. Maybe we will coincide with the Jaggy Awards.

- Fingerprints are required to chaperone field trips and ideally have them submitted before next academic year
- Fourth grade fundraiser for maple syrup project; raise money for a sugar shack; would need parent volunteers for the boiling.

## Budget (Year End is July 31)

### Caitlin McCown:

- Made \$3600 during our February charitable gaming dates
- PAL purchased a digital refractometer for maple syrup for \$231.
- Currently \$15,603 in operating budget
- Waiting for checks from Sweet Chix, Los Cantaros & Seacoast Soups following community events
- Paid \$200 deposit for Lexie's food truck 5/15/24

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

### Community Nights:

- April 11 – Thirsty Moose, Exeter. Will have bookmarks and raffle baskets for fundraising.
- May TBD –
- Fall TBD – ideas for the fall. Whym (?) \$750 space + \$1350 min. for food purchase with Jaggy appearance–date TBD. Any suggestions for a place with lower reservation minimum. Atlantic Grill \$650 space, \$1300 food, and beverage minimum. Dough?

### Teacher Appreciation:

- April – stock the staff room
- May – teacher appreciation week – stock the staff room, Lexi's food truck on 5/15, daily raffle
- June – end of year treats for students and staff

**Family Fitness Day** – May date TBD - Family Fitness Day with New Playground Equipment Install Celebration (date TBD based on arrival of equipment)

**Jaguar Spring Gala:** Saturday June 1 – Governor Dale again, a committee will be formed, and volunteer sign up genius will be sent out.

### Discussion/Other Business:

- Classroom parent volunteers–Lynn Sansosti
  - How do we get more involvement? Class Liaisons (room parents)
    - Getting feedback from school, teachers, and parent survey.
    - What would this liaison look like? And what it shouldn't look like.

- They can help with communicating classroom needs with parents ex: organize amazon wish list.
- Maybe have 1 parent per class, try to get dads involved
- Help with stock the staffroom
- Help with class gift
- Organize playground party for beginning of year for K + 1 and an end of year beach gathering
- Reiteration of Susan's emails about days off or events going on.
- Feedback from PAL group; PJ's 5th grade teacher mentioned teachers can go to a teacher council meeting or use the survey. Parents should come in and get ready to go, trying not to interrupt the class curriculum. The survey idea is great. Maybe ask the teachers at the survey stage if they (their class) be open to be part of a pilot program
- There is an app the schools have to use communication. NHS uses "School Now" it has access to PowerSchool and pick up patrol, Sau information, etc. There is also Parent Square, which is more individual school based and classroom communication, forms, and permission slips, etc. And Constella, app and website (free?), is a parent organization driven communication, teachers can also send out communication, easier signup sheets (replace sign up genius), can create committees that all see who's on the committee. All PAL documents could be on one digital shared folder. Ability to message to people's emails if they don't want to download the app.
  - Have 3 or 4 pilot classes for a few months.
  - Questions about the directory.
- Charitable Gaming Days 2/5-2/9 & 7/14-7/18 – should we try to get on the Brook list?
- Community Night Update & Planning – see below
- Parent event/social/fundraiser – see below, The Brook?
- Family Fitness Day/New Playground Equipment Install Celebration – need a committee, trying to find a day, Fri afternoon, or Sunday? Keep communication flowing about this event. Family Field Day?

---

### Next Meeting Date

April 17, 2024 @ 6:00 PM in NHS Library

### PAL 2023-2024 Executive Board

---

*3/20/24: Motion to adjourn was made at 7:00 p.m. and was passed unanimously.*

**Co-Chairs:** Sherri Clerk & Maggie Clifford

**Enrichment Coordinator:** Megan Chartier

**Treasurer:** Caitlin McCown

**Secretary:** Jamie Walther

**Member at Large:** Wendy Wallus