

SEPTEMBER MINUTES



NHS PAL MEETING MINUTES - - - September 17, 2025

Welcome & Introductions; In Attendance

Lynn Sansosti, Erin Ibey, Carah Kiley, Sharon DeColfmacker, Catherine LeCroix, Kristin James, Yvonne LeBlanc, Rebecca Carlson, Heidi Heydock, Emily Greenwood

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the May meeting were approved.

Administrative / Enrichment Update

- Community Book Read-The Anxious Generation- hosted by the North Hampton Library-teachers, parents, and community members are invited to participate- discussed PAL purchasing some books for the event.
- Playground committee- discussed putting together a committee to start thinking about the fundraising plan and budget for the upcoming playground renovation.
- NHS Greenhouse- Cheryl Kasztejna the greenhouse manger is stepping down- Mrs. Sharples and Mrs. Pongrace to take over as the greenhouse stewards moving forward. They are also running the afterschool Garden Club.
- Curriculum Night 9/25- good opportunity to get PAL info to parents.

Budget

- Current account balances- Checking \$21,144.84; Savings \$15,023.33
- Last year we raised \$9,745.30 in community events.
- Last year's Teacher expenses- \$4,000.00
- Last year's Student expenses - \$3,000.00
- Last year's School Enrichment - \$8,000.00

- We would like to contribute more to school enrichment efforts this year.
- Projected Budget for the '25-'26 school year- \$20,845.30
- We received in the last month- \$500 donation from the North Hampton Fire Department; \$18 from the March gaming payment; \$2,845.45 from the June Gaming payment; \$11,043.12 from the July gaming payment.
- We funded the Back to School Picnic- \$2,607.22
- Budget for the Harvest Fest- \$2,500.00.

Events / Fundraisers / Direct Donations ('25-'26)

- Next Charitable Gaming dates- July 1-4.
- The Brook charitable gaming- we are on their waiting list.
- Working on application for Fuller Gardens grant.
- Harvest Festival- Sat 9/27- we have a tractor for hayrides- Mr. Szeliga is playing music- will have dunk bucket, face painting, pumpkin painting, petting zoo, and other activities- BKS to bring their slushy machine, we will have a popcorn machine-we still need about 20 hay bales and medium sized pumpkins.
- Community nights- last year we had four community nights. We will try to the same or more this year.
- Fundraising- trying a new model this year. Going to ask families to donate twice a year. Our goal is to raise \$7,500.00 a semester. This way we no longer have to ask families to donate items such as waters, snacks, gift cards, etc. throughout the school year.
- North Hampton Business Association- we are joining the association so we can encourage local businesses to participate in our sponsorship plan- School Board is requiring us to create a Sponsorship Policy to be sure the participating businesses are aligned with our mission and values.

Discussion / Other Business

- We have a new PAL logo.
- The PAL website continues to be updated.

Voting / Position Changes

- PAL Recruitment:

Next Meeting Date

October 15th 6pm NHS Library

Co-Chairs: Lynn Sansosti & Sharon DeColfmacker

Enrichment Coordinator: Erin Ibey

Treasurer: Catherine LaCroix

Secretary: Carah Kiley

Web/eCommerce Administrator: Kristin James

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:30 p.m. and was passed unanimously.