

# FEBRUARY MINUTES



## *NHS PAL MEETING MINUTES - - - FEBRUARY 15, 2023*

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### Welcome & Introductions; In Attendance

Sherri Clerk, Maureen Fritz, Megan Chartier, Wendy Wallus, Jamie Walther, Susan Snyder, Yvonne LeBlanc, Ann McNamara, Lisa Gagalis, Amanda Newcomb

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### Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the January meeting and approved.

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### Administrative Updates (Susan Snyder)

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**Food Drive:** The food drive was a great success.

**Water Testing Update:** School's water was tested, and it has good water, passed the PPB test.

**Jaggy Awards:** Will be held inside this year on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade May Trip:** will be an overnight trip to Hurricane Island, Maine.

**Technology Plan:** Working on the 3-year technology plan. Looking to replace desktops in the computer lab. Next phase will be to replace the laptops in middle school. Every classroom is already equipped with a smart board and document camera. The technology committee is working on what's working and what's not.

**Trail Update:** Looking to upgrade the trail. Searching for an external company.

**Playground:** Working on installing a sound garden on the playground. A suggestion was made from the attendees to update the playground to be more physically challenged friendly: first step would be to establish a playground committee and work with SAU facilities, then a plan would be brought to the planning board. Would like to hold a "thermometer" fundraiser. It was stated that a playground maintenance is built into the budget. Another fundraising suggestion was a music bingo night.

**Syrup Grant:** 4<sup>th</sup> grade tapped some trees. They have the evaporator ready and will submit syrup for an April 7<sup>th</sup> contest. PAL will post pictures to the website.

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### PAL Announcements & Updates

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**PAL Treasurer:** Recruiting for an upcoming vacancy.

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## Budget (Maureen Fritz)

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**Games of Chance:** January 7 + 8 game dates brought in \$2397. Paid a \$400 fee. Next game dates are March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, and May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Spirit Wear:** Sold \$340 of spirit wear at the Community Oven fundraiser.

**Amazon Smile:** Is defunct. PAL received a last check of \$70. YTD is \$151

**Espresso Dave:** Cost was \$600 with tip.

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## Events / Fundraisers / Direct Donations ('22-'23)

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**Teacher Appreciation Week:** May 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> – Early Release May 10<sup>th</sup>. PAL will donate gift cards from local businesses for teacher and staff prizes as well as “stuff the staff room”.

**Community Nights:** March: Dough 3/29/23 and April: Seacoast Soups, date TBD. May: Sweet Chix 5/24/23

**Spring Gala:** Planning with Lisa Gagalis. May be at Gov.Dale Farm with back up at Centennial Hall. Caitlyn and Lisa are finding out prices. Working on a theme.

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## Next Meeting Date

March 29, 2023 @ 6:00 PM at Dough in Portsmouth for community night

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## PAL 2022-2023 Executive Board

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*2/25/23: Motion to adjourn was made at 7:15 p.m. and was passed unanimously.*

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

**Enrichment Coordinator:** Megan Chartier

**Treasurer:** Maureen Fritz

**Secretary:** Jamie Walther

**Member at Large:** Wendy Wallus