

OCTOBER MINUTES



NHS PAL MEETING MINUTES - - - October 16, 2024

Welcome & Introductions; In Attendance

Sherri Clerk, Lynn Sansosti, Sharon DeColfmacker, Catherine LaCroix, Wendy James, Crissa Kounavis, Carah Kiley, Yvonne LeBlanc, Deena Jenson

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the September meeting were approved.

Administrative / Enrichment Update

- This year will be the last year for printing the directory. Going forward it will be digital.
- Received \$2K proposal for sugar shack project- includes shack and cost of moving it.
- Received a request from Preschool to improve their playground. Seacoast School of Technology is building a playhouse for the preschool. They also requested 3 balance bikes and locks, 2 Little Tikes cozy coupes, and 5 CAT trucks. The cost is \$418 for playground toys (not including the playhouse).
- They would also like a sandbox and swing in the future.
- Discussed long term plan to start saving for new playground in the future (Likely to cost \$200K).
- Service Committee Discussion- discussed doing a service day once or twice a year or do afterschool through rec.
- ELO- Extended Learning Opportunities- going to see if this is something that PAL may be able to assist with.
- Discussed sponsoring families for Christmas- maybe each grade/class could buy gifts for a family in need.
- Will be putting Parent Square/Konstella visual comparison in Friday folders and on Parent Square.

Budget

- The current budget is \$28,989.00.
- The NH Gaming Commission is the largest revenue driver.
- We will find out soon what dates we will get for Charitable Gaming for 2025.
- Looking for a volunteer to serve as Treasurer for the next school year. Would be great to find one soon so they could shadow Caitlin this year.

Events / Fundraisers / Direct Donations ('24-'25)

- Community Night at Thirsty Moose is scheduled for November 14th.
- We will not have a Community Night in December. But will be planning one for January and February. February's Community Night will be at the Community Oven.
- Discussed a possible winter event. Maybe a pizza/bingo night in either January or March.
- Discussed doing a UNH hockey night. Lynn will work on getting some options for dates.
- Discussed doing a Fall Harvest in the future.
- Will open the Spirit wear store in November. Aiming to have three stores this school year.
- The stock the staff room for teacher conferences was very successful.
- Discussed fundraising for revamping the staff room- microwave, fridge, and possibly dishwasher and oven. Could reach out to Home Depot and/or local builders for donations.
- Discussed having Community Nights to raise funds for a specific purpose, for example, the maple sugaring project.

Discussion / Other Business

- Mrs. McCombs the librarian will be coming to next month's meeting to present her ideas for the Family Book Club.

Voting / Position Changes

- Voted unanimously to approve the purchase of a sugar shack.
- Voted unanimously to approve \$418 for preschool playground toys.

PAL Recruitment:

- Seeking Treasurer for next year (2025-2026)

Next Meeting Date

Wednesday November 20th 6pm at NHS

PAL 2023-2024 Executive Board

Co-Chairs: Sherri Clerk & Lynn Sansosti

Enrichment Coordinator: Catherine LaCroix

Treasurer: Caitlin McCown

Secretary: Carah Kiley

Web/eCommerce Administrator: Sharon DeColfmacker

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