



NHS PAL MEETING MINUTES - - - November 19, 2025

Welcome & Introductions; In Attendance

Lynn Sansosti, Erin Ibey, Carah Kiley, Sharon DeColfmacker, Catherine LeCroix, Kristin James, Rebecca Carlson, Emily Greenwood, Crissa Kounavis, Yvonne Leblanc, Linda Donohoe

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the October 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- they have divided the book into three sections for book club discussion with three dates for the book club which are 11/10/25, 1/13/26, and 3/12/26. You do not have to read the book to participate. The first night was a success. Approximately 15 people were in attendance. Hoping to get more people to attend the second night. The topic of night two is phone-based childhood.
- Faculty kitchen renovation- the project incurred some unexpected costs for plumbing and electrical work. The bill for these extra costs was \$5,680. PAL to contribute \$3,000.00 towards the bill.
- Enrichment request- Pat G. submitted an estimate for new bleachers. The estimate for the tip and roll type was \$39K. The estimate for the wall-attached type was \$27K. We discussed if it should be brought to the administration to see if it is part of the facilities budget. After it goes to the administration we can then discuss ways to help fundraise for it in the future.
- Maple Sugaring Project- Linda Donohoe attended the meeting to discuss this year's maple sugar project. She would like to plan an event in March. Possibly the weekend of March 14th. The event could be a winter theme. Have hot chocolate, cider, sledding and snowshoeing. Invite the community to join. Linda also provided us with an update on the sugar shack. The sugar shack is not put back together yet so it's not ready for use. Karen Hass and her husband Paul are volunteering this year to help. There is currently \$1,400 in maple sugar project account. They will be selling tote bags at the talent show for \$15. We also discussed possibly asking for 4th and 5th grade parents to help volunteer one weekend to help work on the sugar shack. The December community night at the Whym will fundraise for the project.
- Playground Committee Planning- Rebecca put together an 8-step plan for the project. Establish Vision and Purpose of Playground, Form a Playground Planning Committee, Gather Input from Stakeholders, Assess the Existing Space, Develop a Preliminary Concept, Identify Budget and Funding Sources, Refine the Design and Approvals, and Plan for Construction and Maintenance. We agreed that this is a great place to start.

- Max (the school service dog) Holiday Gift- the kids keep asking if they can get Max a gift so Rebecca thought it would be a good idea to coordinate a gift. Ideas were for a Petco gift card or a donation to SPCA. We thought maybe classroom coordinator could organize.

Budget

- Current account balances- Checking \$24,792.77; Savings \$15,085.53.
- Fuller Foundation Grant- \$7,500.00 (first installment) allocated towards the playground- total is \$22,500 over three years.
- Total Donations so far this Fall- \$4,260.16 (Goal for fall is \$7,500.00)
- Bird Box Raffle - \$186.42 raised- went to Forestry Department.
- Nature Trail Maps- \$130.00 profit so far.
- October Community Night at the Thirsty Moose raised \$1,025.83.
- Minted Fundraiser- \$45.00 so far.
- Spirit Wear Sales- \$284.25.
- Upcoming costs- teacher lunch for 11/21 professional development day from Common Roots

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

- Upcoming Community Nights- WHYM December 9th and Seacoast Soups February 9th
- Fundraising ideas- discussed maybe doing a fun run next year.
- PAL's Sponsorship Policy has been approved by the school board.
- Community Involvement- school food drive to benefit North Hampton Food Pantry.
- UNH sporting events- discussed trying to plan a UNH hockey or basketball game community night.
- Fundraising- trying a new model this year. Going to ask families to donate twice a year. The goal is to no longer ask families to purchase tickets to events and eliminate or reduce fundraising during events. We also hope to reduce the amount of items families are asked to donate such as waters, snacks, gift cards, etc., throughout the school year.
- North Hampton Business Association- PAL has officially joined- we joined the association so we can encourage local businesses to participate in our sponsorship plan.

Discussion / Other Business

- Teacher Appreciation- holiday ideas- candy cane coffee bar/café- stock staff room.

- The PAL website continues to be updated- Teacher Appreciation Kind Words added as well as the raffle for the forestry department.
- Kind Words Project- kids can nominate in person at drop box in the library or now can also submit nominations on our website-Rebecca will also add it to google classroom for 6th, 7th and 8th grades.

Voting / Position Changes

- PAL Recruitment:
- Voted unanimously to contribute \$3K towards the Staff Room Kitchen Renovation bill.

Next Meeting Date

Wednesday January 21st 6pm at the NHS library

PAL 2025-2026 Executive Board

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.