

# SEPTEMBER MINUTES



*NHS PAL MEETING MINUTES - - - September 25, 2024*

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## Welcome & Introductions; In Attendance

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Sherri Clerk, Megan Chartier, Caitlin McCown, Lynn Sansosti, Sharon DeColfmacker, Catherine LaCroix, Francis Mitchell, Linda Donahoe, Wendy James, Crissa Kounavis, Anne Dymont, Rebecca Carlson, Carah Kiley

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## Approval of Minutes

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The minutes from the August meeting were approved.

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## Administrative / Enrichment Update

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### Linda Donahoe:

- Linda gave us an update on the 4th grade Maple Sugaring project.
- The school has an opportunity to buy a sugar shack. It will cost approximately \$2,000.00.
- The board voted unanimously to purchase the sugar shack. It will have to be approved by the school board.
- It was discussed that eventually maple sugaring could be run like the greenhouse. Requesting volunteers from the community to help out.

### Lynn Sansosti:

- Discussed the Parent Square and Konstella apps- they seem to be working out well. 111 parents have registered on Konstella so far.
- Discussed whether it would be possible to put the school directory in Konstella instead of printing hard copies.
- Teachers and Parents are happy about the return of classroom coordinators. So far, we have had a good response from parents who have volunteered.

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## Budget

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### Caitlin McCown:

- The current budget is \$29, 254.91.
- The NH Gaming Commission is the largest revenue driver.
- We raised \$8,500 from the Gala in June.
- We had five community nights last school year that raised a total of \$3,492.00.
- Our goal is to have four to five community nights this school year.
- Other sources of revenue- the Shaw's and Hannaford program and the Spirit wear store.
- 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.

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

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- The Smuttynose Parent Social was a success. Approximately 35 parents in attendance. Discussed possibly doing it again in the spring.
- Curriculum Night was a success. Discussion as to whether or not we should offer childcare through North Hampton Rec for next year.
- Working on scheduling some upcoming Community Nights.
- Will open the Spirit wear store again in November. Aiming to have three stores this school year.
- Discussed purchasing NHS shirts for teachers for teacher appreciation week.
- Discussed if we should do another fingerprinting event with the NH police.

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## Discussion / Other Business

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- Mrs. McCombs the librarian wants to start a family book club. Discussed ways PAL could help out. Could purchase books or help promote it.
- School is looking to expand the Preschool playground area.
- The new music teacher is looking to add ukuleles to her curriculum next year.
- The Forestry Department needs some new equipment to help with clearing.
- In the process of updating the PAL logo. Crissa provided different logo and color options. We need to decide on the colors. Kelly green versus forest green and yellow versus gold.

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## Voting / Position Changes

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- Voted unanimously to approve the purchase of a sugar shack.

**PAL Recruitment:**

- Seeking Treasurer for next year (2025-2026)

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**Next Meeting Date**

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**Wednesday October 16th 6pm at NHS**

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**PAL 2023-2024 Executive Board**

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Co-Chairs: Sherri Clerk & Lynn Sansosti

Enrichment Coordinator: Catherine LaCroix

Treasurer: Caitlin McCown

Secretary: Carah Kiley

Web/eCommerce Administrator: Sharon DeColfmacker

Member(s) at Large: Wendy Wallace

*Motion to adjourn was made at 8:00 p.m. and was passed unanimously.*