PAL Meeting Minutes

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August 2022 - May 2023

- February 15, 2023
- January 2023 (source heading says 2022)
- November 16, 2022
- November 2, 2022 — Special Budget Meeting
- October 19, 2022
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- May 24, 2022
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NHS PAL MEETING MINUTES SEPT 16, 2026

Welcome & Introductions; In Attendance

Erin Ibey, Emily Greenwood, Sharon DeColfmacker, Catherine LeCroix, Kristin James, Tye Romagnoli, Rebecca Carlson,Yvonne Leblanc, Shannon Woodhouse

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from May reviewed and approved

Administrative / Enrichment Update

- **Bike Racks**- Dustin quoted ~$1,200 for cement/gravel; galvanized racks ~$350 for 7 bikes; total ~$2,000; cemented style recommended (fits e-bikes, looks clean). Need to decide on which style and vote to approve
- **Band Instruments**- discussed this and other additional funds for all students and the potential of a "blind" process and fundraising for this and having a % of donations being for things like this, field trips and other one-off things that may come up, Sharon is going to look into the " Blind" process and get back to us.
- **Maple Trees**-$250.00/each to purchase. Going to take orders at Harvest Fest for flannels to raise funds
- **Pre-K picnic table**- Erin gave Miss Karen the request form just hasn't been turned in yet
- **Printed Directory**- v Konstella: stop printing the directory; we aren't going to do a printed directory and are going to push Konstella App
- **Class List with teacher announcements**-can't do this because of a privacy issue
- **Mara $250 gift card**-voted yes and this is in our budget
- **Max's Insurance Policy**- $219/Year Hopley's pay this; Becca would like PAL to take this over. She collected $20 so we need $199.00 for this year's policy. This is due by October 1st
- **Google workspace update**
    - **Current problem:** everyone logs into shared info@ Gmail, causing authentication issues Proposed solution (summary to be sent out for review by Emily)
        - Public PAL email stays the same; new emails route to a shared Google Groups inbox
        - Each member accesses via their own Google account (no shared password login)
        - Features: see who’s handling an email, assign messages, mark complete
        - Historical emails preserved under a new admin login
        - Google Drive access granted individually; removed when someone leaves PAL
    - **Trade-offs**
        - Google Groups inbox looks different from standard Gmail
        - Old emails won’t appear in the new shared inbox
        - Drive permissions need a careful audit for sensitive documents

- Alternative for those who don't want to merge with personal Gmail: create a dedicated PAL Gmail
- account used only for PAL

Budget

Current Finances

Checking: $30,132.24
Savings: $25,073.30
CD: $11,063.56 (matured 9/18)
Playground Fund: $12,833.00 (most of this is the CD)
Donations received since May meeting $2,204.02 from BBQ $1209.00 from Soiree
Gaming Income: $16,998.42 from June dates (deposited in July)
Outstanding donations $1000.00 Seacoast Soups (Catherine to follow up)
Payments made since last meeting: Konstella Yearly $799.00, Square -domain name $20, Google Workshop-$8.40/month, $312 Kindergarten Shirts
Outstanding payments $574.00 PTO Today (Insurance) & Harvest Fest

Committee Updates

- **Wait Until 8th**
  - Shannon Woodhouse- will have a table at Harvest Fest with information for parents near hayride
  - Two orgs: national (Jonathan Haidt-affiliated) and local grassroots (Burlington). National version: once 10 local parents pledge, names are shared among pledgers for community
  - Pledge is fast: name + email, done via QR code scan
  - Wi-Fi confirmed available outdoors (upgraded a few years ago)
  - Resources to have on hand: FAQ sheet, alternatives to smartphones (Gizmo watch, basic phones, Bark), parental control tips
- **Class Coordinators**
  - All classrooms have a class coordinator or 2 except for 8th grade. Class coordinators to introduce themselves and Konstella at curriculum night; hand out a flyer with QR code to sign up. Teachers to send a direct email to their class explaining why Konstella matters (play dates, parties, etc.) Consensus: stop printing the directory;
- **Teacher Appreciation**
  - we agreed that it doesn't have to be extravagant and also doesn't have to be only celebrated during national teacher appreciation week. Kristin is going to come up with some ideas and going to sprinkle things throughout the year, so less stressful for parents/families and coordinating with vacations and other happenings going on. Yvonne has a friend who has a place that sells empanadas and would like to have that as one of the lunches or things we do for teacher appreciation events
  - Teacher appreciation week: consider shifting to the week after vacation rather than the national date, (doesn't align with school calendar) Coordinate exact dates with school; include EAs
  - Get school dates from admin for teacher appreciation gestures,Build a loose social calendar of small appreciation moments throughout the year; coordinate empanada lunch separately.

Events

- Harvest Fest-10 days away
    - In good shape, asking for volunteers to help with set up
    - Added Wait until 8th and change collection for catherine
- Soiree: eliminate the dance, replace with a carnival-style event- we all agreed on this, no one dances; kids aren't engaged; hard to keep them inside, Carnival: outdoor, stations, kids run around, music in background. Blast Party has carnival equipment (axe throw, etc.). Decision: try the carnival this year; if parents want a dance back, we can pivot in 2028
- Back-to-school barbecue: Emily will take lead on this next year; Sharon to focus on Harvest Fest and assist if needed with other events.
- Sugar Shack Shindig possibly 3/13 Linda Donahoe will join PAL to discuss
- Host 1-2 parents' nights out- Yvonne going to set up/book

Fundraisers / Direct Donations ('26-'27)

Fundraisers

- Pumpkin fundraiser (Principal Carlson)-Possibly purchasing pumpkins at wholesale, having families purchase them to carve and then have a trail walk night where all the pumpkins are lit up
- Finalize photo album fundraiser details with vendor (Emily) work out logistics, timeline, and PAL's revenue percentage.
- Lynn will present on Agenda Hero at next meeting, Sharon asked folks to chekc out website beforehand

Community Nights

- Street Exeter 10/6-need people to be present this is dine in only, Sharon is going to ask about whether we can hand out tickets/coupons
- Flatbread- Sharon completing online form, do we need to be present
- Thirsty Moose- Sharon aksing for date in November

Community Involvement

- Contribute to North Hampton Community Newletter in next quarter
- Find someone to make Scarecrow, or possibly work with Rec to do a scarecrow decorating party
- Donate remaining toys from harvest fest

Discussion / Other Business

- **School store concept (teacher-led, not yet fully approved)-**
    - Closed-loop system: collect change from families (change bucket at Harvest Fest), give each class a small budget
    - Kids count, divide, and spend coins at the store; items priced in odd amounts (e.g., 37¢) to force real math
    - Fifth graders to run the selling side; ties into ELO program potentially
    - PAL approved $200 seed money, when ready to stock initial inventory (smelly erasers, slap bracelets, pencils, etc.)

Voting / Position Changes

Officially voted in Emily Greenwood as Co-Chair and Tye Romagnoli as Secretary
Sharon will add Emily to bank account and start paperwork for her to get a debit card

Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 6pm NHS Library

PAL 2026-2027 Executive Board

Co-Chairs: Sharon DeColfmacker & Emily Greenwood

Enrichment Coordinator: Erin Ibey

Treasurer: Catherine LaCroix

Secretary: Tye Romagnoli

Web/eCommerce Administrator: Kristin James

NHS PAL MEETING MINUTES - - - May 20, 2026

Welcome & Introductions; In Attendance

Lynn Sansosti, Erin Ibey, Sharon DeColfmacker, Catherine LeCroix, Kristin James, Rebecca Carlson, Heidi Haddock, Yvonne LeBlanc

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the April meeting were approved.

Administrative / Enrichment Update

- Enrichment requests (Erin) - none for this month
  - Preschool- Playground Equipment/Toys Update
- We Took the Pledge Discussion: Parent from Hooksett started a organization in an effort to move work forward from the Anxious Generation
  Goal to Sign the Pledge (PK-5) in the upcoming school year/Getting the Town Library involved? - Heidi will be a PAL representative
  Apple Products/Staples to present to families (Tin Can, flip phone)
  Tin Can Student Directory

- Next steps from *The Anxious Generation*
  - The School Board would like our support in putting a committee together to address the safety survey/PAL led
  - Lynn chatted with Ashley Hass about the School Board goals for PAL- collaborating with organizations (Police, Fire, PAL, Select Board, Rec) to provide a level of idea of safe routes to school (Bike to School Day 1/month) and not a focus on crosswalks/sidewalks
  - Chief is coming to our final day assembly to discuss bike safety

- Sugar Bush

  Kiosk at the front of the trail (8th Grade Class Gift) - in process

  Planting a grove of Sugar Maples (will be done in waves) - Fundraising effort with Forestry

  Committee - each grade level will be responsible to grow their section of trees through Eighth grade and then their section is passed on to the upcoming Kindergartners
- Playground Committee: Setting meeting for June - Rebecca will update- Three designs and cost expectations (Pavilion included in the quote with structure component)- Students don't want to lose the tire swing or yellow fitness structures, swings, zip line

Budget

<u>Current Bank Accounts</u>

Checking: $19,299.04
Savings: $25,052.19
7 Month Savings (for Playground) $10,918.32
Total Playground Savings: (This account +$2000)Total Playground Savings-$12,833.18.

In the Last Month

Donations:
Paul Family $100
$1000 donation from Blackbaud Giving Fund ⅝
Oceanfront Gaming April $8,712.28
Spring Spirit Wear $179.47

Expenses
- $304 Stock the staff room May
- 801.61 Joes Lunch

Total Teacher Appreciation week: 1105
- Yearbooks for 8th graders and retirees 949.24
- 2 balance bikes for Preschool - $159.96
- $16.80 Two months of Google Charge

Other
- Budget for Soiree $6000, spent so far $1,595 - remaining $4405

Upcoming
- Spring Family Dance/Soiree - Budget $6000
- Water Safety Talk (Fee $250)
- Charitable Gaming Upcoming Dates - 6/10-6/14

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

- Spring Soiree- June 6th at 6pm- will be held at the school again this year; this year's theme is North Hampton goes Hollywood; there will be a DJ, 360 photobooth, ice cream bar (scoop message), Jaggy in a tux, and games. RSVP's are coming in. Seventh and Eighth grade volunteers. Volunteers for set up/clean up and perhaps a few for during the event. Looking for flower centerpieces (donation). Looking for a photographer.
- Ocean Safety Talk- 5/27 at 6pm
- 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.

Discussion / Other Business

Committee Updates
- Social Media & Communications (Kristin & Sharon)
  - *Updated Soireé image on the ticketed info and homepage SAVE THE DATE
- Teacher Appreciation (Sherri & Crissa)
  Discussed thinking about next year- Chair for the Committee, lunches, gift cards, raffle

baskets with theme for teachers to choose, changing the week from following vacation to another week
    - Kind Words for Great Teachers keep the nominations coming
    - Retirement Gift ideas - Mrs. Pongrace (Churchills, gardening), Senor Johnston (KTP?)
- Classroom Coordinators
    - Reached out to the coordinators to help spread the work for the Ocean Safety discussion.
- Events Committee
    - Ocean Safety Talk - 5/27 6pm
    - Spring Soiree - 6/6 6 - 8 pm

- Fundraising (Lynn & Sharon)
    - Sponsorship Committee/Sponsorship Policy
    - North Hampton Business Association
- Welcome Committee
- Hannaford Helps Schools (can now do online with To Go order)- look at resources and add to website

Voting / Position Changes

- PAL Recruitment: Looking to fill the Co-Chair, Secretary and Teacher Appreciation Committee chair positions for next year.

Next Meeting Date

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.

NHS PAL MEETING MINUTES - - - April 15, 2026

Welcome & Introductions; In Attendance

Lynn Sansosti, Erin Ibey, Carah Kiley, Sharon DeColfmacker, Catherine LeCroix, Kristin James, Nicole Fox

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the March meeting were approved.

Administrative / Enrichment Update

- Enrichment- Two new enrichments requests for this month. Food truck request for Book Fair/Plant Sale/Family Game Night- there is a minimum spend for the food truck of $1600-we are being asked to cover the difference if we don't hit the minimum. We discussed asking Woah Nellies to limit the menu to try to help with the lines- also Wi-Fi was an issue for credit cards and Venmo last year. And Pre-K is requesting tonka trucks, balance bikes, and outdoor storage bins which total $316.

- School Board is asking to form a safety committee- regarding sidewalks and crosswalks- we discussed reaching out to parents to see if there was any interest.

Budget

- Current account balances- Checking $16,482.74; Savings $25,047.04.

- Total Playground Savings-$12,833.18.

- Still haven't received Seacoast Soups check from last month.

- Donations- $630 in the last month; $800 total this quarter.

- Expenses- Snacks for Coder Z -$24.19; new checkbooks-$32.64; deposit for photobooth for Soiree-$100; coat rack and ball bin for school- $104; deposit for DJ for the Soiree-$325.

- Upcoming Expenses- Soiree ($6K Budget), Teacher Appreciation week ($1,400 Budget), and Water Safety Talk ($250 Fee).

- Received our Oceanfront Gaming Dates for this year- April 21-April 25 and June 10- June 14.

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

- Spring Soiree- June 6th at 6pm- will be held at the school again this year; this year's theme is North Hampton goes Hollywood; there will be a DJ, photobooth, ice cream bar and games.

- Ocean Safety Talk- 5/27 at 6pm

- 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.

Discussion / Other Business

Committee Updates:

Social media & Communications- continuing to update the website.

Teacher Appreciation- Kind words for great teachers going great- We still need to pick a week for the next Teacher Appreciate Week.

Welcome Committee- still working on making it better- had a lot of new families this year.

Voting / Position Changes

- PAL Recruitment: Looking to fill the Co-Chair, Secretary and Teacher Appreciation Committee chair positions for next year.

- Voted unanimously for both enrichment requests.

Next Meeting Date

Wednesday May 20th 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.

NHS PAL MEETING MINUTES - - - March 18, 2026

Welcome & Introductions; In Attendance

Lynn Sansosti, Erin Ibey, Carah Kiley, Sharon DeColfmacker, Catherine LeCroix, Kristin James, Rebecca Carlson, and Yvonne Leblanc

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the February meeting were approved.

Administrative / Enrichment Update

- Maple Syrup Event- it was a great event-the kids really enjoyed it-it was nice to tie in the forestry department
- School Musical-Finding Nemo Jr-next week- parents want to throw the cast party- parents can't have the party at the school because of liability insurance- they want PAL to sponsor the party so they can have it at school. We voted unanimously to have PAL sponsor the cast party.
- Anxious Generation- next steps- community, parents, school- separate out action steps- school has limits on what info they can send out to parents- PAL is more appropriate to share this information- discussed continuing with the committee.
- Enrichment- Writers Club and Coder Z Club- snacks for the after-school clubs-$60.00 requested- storage for playground materials and lost and found organization-$119.98 requested-We voted unanimously to approve both.

Budget

- Current account balances- Checking $26,777.60; Savings $15,043.09.
- Opened a savings account for the Playground-$10,846.99.
- Total Playground Savings-$12,833.00.
- Sponsorship- $500 from Chinburg Builders.
- We donated $427 that we collected from the class at Motivate to the 8th Grade class trip.
- We have received $175 from direct family donations.
- We deposited the $556 check from Minted.

- Seacoast Soups- we raised $900 from the Community Night- They rounded it up to $1,000- will also go to the 8th Grade class trip.
- Whym- $339 from our community night.
- Expenses - Stock the staff room $228
- Soiree- $6,000 budget.
- Teacher Appreciation- $1,400 budget.
- Ocean Safety Talk-fee $250

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

- Spring Soiree- June 6th – will be held at the school again this year.
- Spring Spirit Wear- we need to pick the next date- most likely it will be late March/early April.
- 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.

Discussion / Other Business

Community Guests- Marc LaRiviere and Josh Sheets- came to discuss a possible Dearborn Park Expansion- they purchased a 15-acre parcel of land behind Dearborn Park-they are looking to reach out to the community to get feedback regarding a park expansion- green space, walking trails, etc.- they would like to gift a portion of the parcel to the town.

Committee Updates:

Social media & Communications- continuing to update the website- We still need to add headshots for the PAL board members to the website. Play tickets will be sold through website- will also put election results on website.

Teacher Appreciation- Kind words for great teachers going great- We still need to pick a week for the next Teacher Appreciate Week.

Voting / Position Changes

- PAL Recruitment: Looking to fill the Co-Chair and Secretary positions for next year.
- Voted unanimously to sponsor the cast party for the upcoming school play. We also voted unanimously to approve the requests from the after-school clubs and the request for the storage and organizational materials.

Next Meeting Date

Wednesday April 15th 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.

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NHS PAL MEETING MINUTES - - - February 18, 2026

Welcome & Introductions; In Attendance

Lynn Sansosti, Erin Ibey, Carah Kiley, Sharon DeColfmacker, Catherine LeCroix, Kristin James, Rebecca Carlson

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the January meeting were approved.

Administrative / Enrichment Update

- Maple Syrup Project- The Sugar Shack Shindig event will be held on March 14th- we discussed getting volunteers for the event- the event will have activities like sledding and snow shoeing, and will have hot chocolate and popcorn.
- Enrichment- currently no new requests- Erin to reach out to Betsy to inquire about another possible book club.
- Kids House Bill update- unfortunately the bill did not pass- the kids were disappointed, but it was a learning experience for them.
- Student Election- students will be able to vote on election day- items on the student ballot are composting, general themes for the playground, and creating a student election club.
- Anxious Generation- the third and final meeting will be held on March 12th at the North Hampton Library.
- Ocean Safety presentation-discussed picking a date in May- will have people RSVP for the event.
- School Play- Finding Nemo Jr- March 26th at 6pm, March 27th at 6pm, & March 28th at 2pm-tickets to be purchased through the PAL website.
- Discussed sending thank yous out to families that donated in the fall for the fall fundraiser to try to encourage donations to the spring fundraiser.

Budget

- Current account balances- Checking $26,592.89; Savings $25,872.02.
- We received $427 from the class at Motivate.
- Seacoast Soups- still waiting for a check.

- Also still waiting on a check from Wyhm- we collected $511 in donations that night.
- We made $123 from UNH hockey game- it will be donated to the 8th grade trip.
- Donation- $500 donation from the NH Fire Department for Maple Sugar Event.
- Looking into opening a new bank account for the playground.
- Expenses- Stock the Staff Room-$228; 8th grade trip-$3,600.00; SOS renewal- $75.00
- Maple sugar event budget $1K (includes $500 donation from NHFD)

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

- Spring Spirit Wear- we need to pick the next date- most likely it will be late March/early April
- 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.

Discussion / Other Business

Committee Updates:

Social media & Communications- continuing to update the website- We still need to add headshots for the PAL board members to the website.

Teacher Appreciation- Kind words for great teachers going great- We still need to pick a week for the next Teacher Appreciate Week.

Spring Soiree- We still need to set a date- we have a $6K budget for soiree.

Voting / Position Changes

- PAL Recruitment:

Next Meeting Date

Wednesday March 18th 6pm at the NHS library

PAL 2025-2026 Executive Board

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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.

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.

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

NHS PAL MEETING MINUTES - - - October 15, 2025

Welcome & Introductions; In Attendance

Lynn Sansosti, Erin Ibey, Carah Kiley, Sharon DeColfmacker, Catherine LeCroix, Kristin James, Rebecca Carlson, Emily Greenwood, Sherri Clerk, Crissa Kounavis

Approval of Minutes

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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- PAL to send info about the book club out to the parents.

- Executive functioning skill development- faculty doing some professional development regarding executive functioning- admin would like ideas on how to include the parents- discussed asking classroom coordinators to help with this.

- Faculty kitchen renovation- the project incurred some unexpected costs for plumbing and electrical work- we received a bill for $5,680- PAL to cover the extra costs.

- Upcoming enrichment requests- new bleachers and a new sandbox for pre-K- more info on both to come.

Budget

- Current account balances- Checking $22,915.15; Savings $15,077.33.

- Harvest Festival total cost $2,118.18.

- We also purchased T-shirts for Kindergarten.

- We received a check for $11,043.12 from Oceanfront gaming.

- We received $1,475.00 in direct donations in September.

- Trail maps- PAL has been selling the maps framed and unframed-all money raised is donated to the forestry department- to date we have made $192.

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

- The Brook charitable gaming- we are on their waiting list.
- Next Community Night- Thirsty Moose Thursday October 16th
- Harvest Festival- successful event- approximately 200 people attended.
- UNH sporting events- discussed trying to plan a UNH hockey/basketball game community night.
- We need to recruit more volunteers for playground committee.
- 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. The goal is to no longer have to ask families to donate items 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- School Board is requiring us to create a Sponsorship Policy to be sure the participating businesses are aligned with our mission and values. We submitted our Sponsorship Policy- now waiting for School Board approval.
- Next spirit wear drive to be held end of Oct/early Nov- we discussed looking into some lower cost options for upcoming sales as well as finding out the cost to purchase shirts for teachers.

Discussion / Other Business

- 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.
- Teacher Appreciation- we provided snacks/beverages in faculty kitchen for parent-teacher conference week.
- Discussed different lunch and coffee options for professional development day and the next teacher appreciation week.
- Discussed adding donation thermometer to website with fundraiser goal to try to encourage more donations.
- Classroom coordinators- all classroom coordinators positions are filled except for 7th and 8th grades.
- We are looking into reactivating the PayPal account and looking into Stripe as a lower cost credit card processor.

Voting / Position Changes

- PAL Recruitment:

Next Meeting Date

November 18th 6pm 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.

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

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.

APRIL MINUTES

NHS PAL MEETING MINUTES - - - April 16, 2025

Welcome & Introductions; In Attendance

Sherri Clerk, Lynn Sansosti, Carah Kiley, Sharon DeColfmacker, Rebecca Carlson, Yvonne LeBlanc, Erin Ibey, Crissa Kounavis, Megan Chartier, Nick LaPointe, student presenters

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the March meeting were approved.

Administrative / Enrichment Update

- Maple Sugaring Update- some NHS students put on a presentation on the maple sugaring project
  - Jake LaPointe- 6th grader- gave a presentation on the history of maple syruping and how the program got started at NHS.
  - 4th graders shared their maple sugaring experience this year.
  - This is year three of the maple syrup project.
  - They drilled the trees- 16 taps in total.
  - They collected weather data starting in February.
  - March 13th was their first boil.
  - The new evaporator reduced the boiling time.
  - March 17th was their second boil.
  - 150 gallons of sap were collected which produced almost 3 gallons of syrup.
  - Students held a maple syrup craft sale.
  - They went to the kindergarten classroom and read them a maple sugar book and gave them ice cream with maple syrup.
  - 4th grade students loved the project and it was a great experience for them.
  - They were very thankful to PAL for the donations.

- Jaggy Awards- Friday 4/18.

- Service Dog- The service dog Goliath visited the school. He was a huge hit with the students. He will be coming in to visit for 2 days a month for the rest of this school year.

- May 14th – There are a lot of events on this day. Early release day, art show, plant sale, book fair, and family fun night.

- April 22nd - Author Melissa Stuart coming to the school to give presentations. The school will be using one of her books for the first story walk.

- Family Book Club update- Betsy would like to do another one this year but she's not sure she will have time before the end of this school year. Going forward she would like to do two a year. The first one was a big success.

- Staff Room/Kitchen Renovation- Nick LaPointe attended the meeting. He works for Home Depot and was able to get a $5,300 grant approved for the renovation. It will include cabinets, countertops, and appliances. It should be completed around April vacation. Dustin will do the install with help from Home Depot. Home Depot will also do the painting. The goal is to try to surprise the teachers.

- Discussed starting Kind Words for Great Teachers project- students can recognize a teacher or staff member each month and it will be spotlighted in the school.

Budget

- The account balance is approximately $25,000- checking and saving combined.
- We received a $625 check from the Community Oven.
- We are waiting for a check from Seacoast Soups for $1K.
- We made $2,310 from our March charitable gaming dates.
- The Brook charitable gaming- working on our application for next year.
- We paid a $100 deposit for the photo booth for GALA.
- Retirement gifts- discussed different ideas and will fund the gifts.
- Retirement gifts, 8th grade yearbook, and teacher appreciate week- outstanding items to be paid for between now and the end of the year.

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

- Next Charitable Gaming dates- July 1-4.

- Teacher Appreciation Week- around the world theme. Each day will have a different country theme of special treats. There will also be a daily gift card raffle. Still in need of some more donations.

- GALA update- GALA- the theme will be Sweet Celebration. It will be held on 5/31 from 6pm-8pm at the school. We will have raffle items, a DJ, a photo booth, and a few activities. We discussed maybe bringing back the cake walk. We also may need lighting so we can use the playground.

- We will put on a Fall Festival and/or a Pumpkin Stroll. We will need to start thinking about putting a committee together soon so the planning can begin before the start of the next school year.

Discussion / Other Business

- We have a new PAL logo.
- The PAL website continues to be updated.
- The May meeting will be the last meeting of the year.

Voting / Position Changes

- **PAL Recruitment:**
- **Seeking Co-Chair for next year (2025-2026)**

Next Meeting Date

Wednesday May 21st 6pm at the NHS library

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 7:30 p.m. and was passed unanimously.

MARCH MINUTES

NHS PAL MEETING MINUTES - - - March 19, 2025

Welcome & Introductions; In Attendance

Sherri Clerk, Catherine LaCroix, Carah Kiley, Kristen James, Sharon DeColfmacker, Caitlin McCowen, Susan Synder, Lynn Sansosti

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the February meeting were approved.

Administrative / Enrichment Update

- Maple Sugaring Update- The sugar shack has been a great addition. The new evaporator is making a big difference- cut boiling time in half. We have produced over two gallons of syrup. We discussed maybe doing a Maplefest next year. We will get a flag for next year to let the community know we are boiling so people can come watch. We will have a meeting in the fall with the 4th grade teachers to brainstorm ideas for next year.

- Preschool playground playhouse update- Seacoast School of Technology is still working on it. Expected to be completed by late April/early May.

- Family Book Club update-Betsy's goal is to do one book club in the fall and one in the spring. She would like to do one more this year. We will donate $300 for the next book club.

- Fundraising Goals for the playground- FY 2028 $100K in budget for playground. Tube slides need to be replaced. Swings may not need to be replaced. Maybe add another basketball hoop. The middle piece is at the end of its life. We may need to raise as much as $100K-$150K. We discussed starting a committee for this. We will ask families to take pictures of playgrounds they like and give feedback and ideas.

- Kindergarten parent info night 3/20.

Budget

- The account balance is approximately $25K.
- We received a $560 check from Minted.
- Still waiting on community night checks from Community Over and Seacoast Soups.
- Family Book Club night- we funded the first book club and will fund the next book club.
- 8th grade yearbooks- we will funding.
- We will purchase gifts for retiring staff- will start thinking of ideas.

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

- Charitable Gaming dates- March 22-26 & July 1-4.
- May 31st date for the GALA.
- ELO program wants to do a Family Fun Night- either 5/9 or 5/16- they want us to help promote it.
- Still working on planning an April community night- maybe Los Cantaros.
- Discussed ideas for teacher appreciate week.

Discussion / Other Business

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

Voting / Position Changes

- Voted unanimously to approve Erin Ibey as Enrichment Coordinated for next year.
- Voted unanimously to approve donation of $300 for the next book club.
- **PAL Recruitment:**
- Seeking Co-Chair for next year (2025-2026)

Next Meeting Date

Wednesday April 16th 6pm at the NHS library

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 7:30 p.m. and was passed unanimously.

FEBRUARY MINUTES

NHS PAL MEETING MINUTES - - - February 19, 2025

Welcome & Introductions; In Attendance

Sherri Clerk, Catherine LaCroix, Carah Kiley, Kristen James, Sharon DeColfmacker, Deena Jenson, Caitlin McCowen, Yvonne LeBlanc, Crissa Kounavis, Ashley Haas

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the January meeting were approved.

Administrative / Enrichment Update

- Principal Search Update- Superintendent will be giving us an update soon.
- Waiting for update from the Seacoast School of Technology on the preschool playhouse.
- Family Book Club- 18 families signed up- PAL to provide pizza for book club night.
- Fundraising Goals for the playground- we need to get a quote and also need to get an idea from Susan of how much we will be getting from the school board. Once we have that info we can come up with a fundraising plan for next year- set a goal of amount to raise over the next couple of years.
- Sugar Shack update- shack not in place yet- weather not cooperating.

Budget

- The account balance is $23K.
- We received a $2K playground donation.
- We discussed putting aside $13K to start a playground fund. Will look into opening a money market account for it.
- We received a $500 donation from North Hampton Fire charitable foundation.
- And also a $1K donation from Greg Mason's company.

- Treasurer update- Catherine LaCroix will fill the position for next year. Erin Ibey will take Catherine's current position.
- Funded this month- sandwiches from Joe's Meat shop for teachers for parent/teacher conferences, Water Street Book Store for books for the Family Book Club, $250 to the Raucci Family.
- The raffle raised $589 for the sugar shack.
- We made $83 from Spiritwear – will also be doing a spring spirit wear store.
- Waiting on Minted check- $560.57.
- Waiting for Seacoast Soups and Community Oven checks.

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

- Charitable Gaming dates- March 22-26 & July 1-4.
- GALA- Caitlin and Lisa stepping down from planning the GALA.
- Looking at 5/31 or 6/7 for possible dates for the GALA.
- We discussed venue ideas- decided to pass on the farm this year and have it at the school.
- Parents Night Out- C'est Cheese- March 14th.
- Will work on planning an April community night.
- Discussed booking Lexi's food truck for teacher appreciate week.
- Discussed starting a Welcome Committee- for new families to the school.

Discussion / Other Business

- Have finalized the new PAL logo.
- The PAL website has been updated.

Voting / Position Changes

- Voted unanimously to approve Catherine Lacroix as Treasurer for next year.

PAL Recruitment:

- Seeking Co-Chair for next year (2025-2026)

Next Meeting Date

Wednesday March 19th 6pm at the NHS library

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 7:30 p.m. and was passed unanimously.

JANUARY MINUTES

NHS PAL MEETING MINUTES - - - January 15, 2025

Welcome & Introductions; In Attendance

Sherri Clerk, Catherine LaCroix, Carah Kiley, Susan Snyder, Kristen James, Yvonne LeBlanc, Sharon DeColfmacker, Dave O'Brien and Loren Tennent

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the November meeting were approved.

Administrative / Enrichment Update

- Sugar Shack update- will be getting a new evaporator- still needs to be inspected by the fire department.
- 18 families have signed up for the Family Book Club.
- Forestry Department- expressed an interest in making a story walk on the nature trail.
- Forestry Map- original print will go to the North Hampton Historical Society for safekeeping and to share with the community. Susan will make sure the Superintendent approves. PAL approved to pay $250 to have the map digitally scanned. The image can then be used for school projects and curriculum. The map is from 1964 and is a hand drawn map of the school property.
- Discussed coming up with a new name for Community Nights as many events now are all day events.

Budget

- The account balance is $26,834.00.
- Still looking for treasurer for next year.
- We received donations this month from Hannaford, Allstate, McDermot family, and the Reed family.
- Thirty Moose community night raised $1,202.77.

- Minted Fundraising raised $560.57.
- PAL funded- we gifted Nurse Mara a $250 gift card for snacks and misc. needs.
- We paid $1,800 for the Preschool Playhouse.
- We paid $1,750 for the Sugar Shack and an additional $250 to Mrs. Donohoe for misc. expenses.
- We will purchase books for the Family Book Club- approximately $245.

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

- Charitable Gaming dates- March 22-26 & July 1-4.
- The Brook Gaming- too late to apply for 2025- we need to apply in Sept/Oct for 2026.
- Still working on new PAL logo and branding.
- Website update- added upcoming events and accomplishments.
- Going to start selling school play tickets on PAL website- will drive traffic to website.
- Classroom coordinator program going well. We have received positive feedback from teachers.
- Holiday cookie event was successful.
- Staff room refresh- good idea to work on for teacher appreciation week.
- Teacher appreciation week- discussed ideas such as food truck, gift cards, coffee cart.
- Discussed expanding Teacher Appreciation Committee- would be good to get more people involved and expand the committee in time for teacher appreciation week in May.
- Winter event- possibly a family bingo night- maybe a Thursday or Friday in March.

Discussion / Other Business

- New PAL logo & branding update- Jose came up with a couple different logos, we are still working on finalizing.
- Website update- PAL website in the process of being updated.

Voting / Position Changes

- Voted unanimously to approve $250 for digital print of Forestry Map.

PAL Recruitment:

- Seeking Treasurer for next year (2025-2026)

Next Meeting Date

Wednesday February 19th 6pm at the NHS library

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 7:30 p.m. and was passed unanimously.

NOVEMBER MINUTES

NHS PAL MEETING MINUTES - - - November 20, 2024

Welcome & Introductions; In Attendance

Sherri Clerk, Lynn Sansosti, Catherine LaCroix, Carah Kiley, Yvonne LeBlanc, Susan Snyder, Megan Chartier, Ashley Haas, Caitlin McCowen, Joe Tran, Kristen James, Yvonne LeBlanc

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the October meeting were approved.

Administrative / Enrichment Update

- Maple sugaring update- the gravel has been delivered, the area will be leveled soon, the school is hiring someone to move the shack into place, the 4th grade will be doing a fundraiser.
- Preschool playground playhouse update- we paid Seacoast School of Technology, and they are starting to work on it right away.
- Ukeleles for next year's 5th grade music Curriculum is in operating budget for next year.
- Family fun night- Ms. DiPietro may do small events each month and one big event in May like last year's family fitness night- she may want PAL's help with that one.
- Family Book Club update- PAL has agreed to help Mrs. McCombs with purchasing the books- she estimated the books will cost approximately $250-$500.
- NHS visitor secure Wi-Fi- there are security concerns so instead the school will look into getting a cell phone booster so parents can have cell service at school.
- NHS spirit wear – maybe it could be a possible ELO partnership – kids could use CANVA.
- Discussed starting to plan to raise money for playground- will start getting quotes- then will come up with a plan to fundraise for it.

Budget

- The current budget is $28,297.68.
- Update on Treasurer search- Joe Tran attending meeting and is considering taking over the Treasurer position for next year.
- We sent a check to the Seacoast School of Technology-$1,800.00 for the Preschool play house.
- We spent $850 for the evaporator for the maple sugar shack.
- We gave a $250 gift card to nurse Mara for snacks.
- We don't have any Charitable Gaming dates for 2025 yet.

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

- The School Directory will be sent home this week.
- Holiday Cookies- will set date after Thanksgiving break.
- Food Drive for the North Hampton Food Pantry -collection boxes at school.
- Staff Room Refresh- reaching out to local businesses for donations.
- November Community Night at the Thirsty Moose was a big success- raised $1,200.
- Upcoming Community Nights- Not doing one in December- booked Seacoast Soups for January and Community Oven for February.
- Winter event – will have update by next meeting.
- UNH Hockey Game – looking at either Jan 24th or 25th for dates.

Discussion / Other Business

- New PAL logo & branding update- Jose came up with a couple different logos, we are still working on finalizing.
- Website update- PAL website in the process of being updated.

Voting / Position Changes

- Voted unanimously to approve Sharon DeColfmacker's position as Member at Large- Sharon to be added as a signatory on the PAL bank account.
- Voted unanimously to approve purchase of books for the Family Book Club.

PAL Recruitment:

- Seeking Treasurer for next year (2025-2026)

Next Meeting Date

Wednesday January 15th 6pm at the NHS library

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 7:30 p.m. and was passed unanimously.

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.

SEPTEMBER MINUTES

NHS PAL MEETING MINUTES - - - September 25, 2024

Welcome & Introductions; In Attendance

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the August meeting were approved.

Administrative / Enrichment Update

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.

Budget

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 yeast 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.

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

- 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.

Discussion / Other Business

- 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.

Voting / Position Changes

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

PAL Recruitment:

- Seeking Treasurer for next year (2025-2026)

Next Meeting Date

Wednesday October 16th 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

Member(s) at Large: Wendy Wallace

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

AUGUST MINUTES

NHS PAL MEETING MINUTES - - - August 20, 2024

Welcome & Introductions; In Attendance

Sherri Clerk, Caitlin McCown, Lynn Santosti, Sharon DeColfmacker, Catherine LaCroix

Budget (Year End is July 31)

Caitlin McCown :

- Looking into application for the gaming night at The Brook casino
- Current PAL account balance is $18,379.69

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

- Need to put together an email about kids back to school social on 8/26
- Smuttynose adult social, charge $10 per person. Sharon to add ticket sales to website. Lynn to coordinate headcount and food selection with Smuttynose
- Possible adult event in future-Gatsby themed- Whodunnit event
- Discussed having a fundraising goal based on what the school may want/need in the foreseeable future. Brainstormed possible needs:
    - Preschool playground equipment
    - New lobby stuff
    - Stuff for the teacher room
    - Maple Sugar Shack
    - Hiking trail in the back - forestry committee
    - Athletic uniforms
    - Environmental Camp - 6th
    - NY - 7th
    - DC - 8th grade

Discussion / Other Business

- Planning to roll out the Class Coordinators at the back to school social. Will have sign-up sheets and flyers to hand out.
    - Grades K-5, 1-2 coordinators per class
    - Grades 6-8, 2 per grade
- Planning to roll out Konstella at the back to school social

    - Need to print out the poster with QR code
    - Social media for Konstella for Kyla to get buzz going
    - Possibly conduct a raffle for Konstella sign ups?
- Discussed the need for sub-committees to help with upcoming initiatives and events
    - Social media committee - Sharon/Kyla/(Carissa)new parent going into 5th grade - add the student government for the social media posting (Piper) - update the web site, participate on content for Facebook and Instagram, develop new logo
    - Teacher Appreciation Committee - Teacher Appreciation Week, Cookie Swap, Stock the Teacher Room, update the staff room, coordinate gifts for the teachers who are retiring
    - Event Committee - Fall event, community nights at the restaurants, Gala, Parent social, Parent Fundraiser
- Discussed the possible need for a storage unit due to former PAL members storing PAL things in their own houses. Discovered that PAL has a closet in the school that needs to be gone through. Sharon, Lynn and Catherine will work on this

Voting / Position Changes

- Sharon DeColfmacker voted as Member at Large
- Carah Kiley has accepted role as Secretary, her first meeting will be in September

Next Meeting Date

September 25, 2024

PAL 2024-2025 Executive Board

Co-Chairs: Sherri Clerk & Lynn Sansosti

Enrichment Coordinator: Catherine LaCroix

Treasurer: Caitlin McCown

Secretary: Carah Kiley

Member(s) at Large: Sharon DeColfmacker (Web/eCommerce Administrator)

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

MAY MINUTES

NHS PAL MEETING MINUTES - - - May 22, 2024

Welcome & Introductions; In Attendance

Sherri Clerk, Megan Chartier, Caitlin McCown, Lynn Santosti, Yvonne LeBlanc, Sharon DeColfmacker, Deena Jensen, Catherine LaCroix

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the April meeting and approved.

Administrative / Enrichment Update

Deena Jensen/Catherine LaCroix

- SAU is currently looking into a new communication app called Parent Square. It is a multi-functional platform for teachers and parents and includes auto translation.
- The end of school is always very busy and lots of field trips and events planned.
- 8th grade graduation is scheduled for 6/11 at 6pm.
- Last day of school is scheduled for 6/12, early release at noon

Budget (Year End is July 31)

Caitlin McCown :

- There is currently $17,362 in the PAL account with no outstanding substantial items.
- PAL sponsored the Solar Eclipse Party refreshments
- PAL funded 8th grade yearbooks
- PAL brought in Lexi's burger bus for teacher appreciation week
- Received community night checks from Los Cantaros ($425), Seacoast Soups ($850) Sweet Chix ($122).
- From 7/14-7/18 PAL is the non-profit beneficiary at Ocean Gaming in Hampton
- We have received $1300 so far in ticket and raffle sales for the Gala

Events / Fundraisers / Direct Donations ('23-'24)

- Jaguar Gala scheduled for 6/1, 6pm-Governor Dale Farm.
    - Tickets are currently on sale

    - Raffle tickets can be purchased in advance. Raffles are for higher value items than last year and the cost of the raffle tickets has gone up.
    - PAL is currently seeking raffle donations and volunteers for event set up and break down, and during the event. If volunteers are low during the event PAL might ask some 7-8th graders or student government to assist.
    - Next week PAL plans to market the event on social media.
    - There will be pizza, cookies, mocktails, and gluten free options
    - PAL is asking adults to make sure the kids are better behaved than last year.
- Family Fitness Day is coming up on Friday 5/24
    - Whoa Nelly Food Truck will be selling food, they have a $1500 minimum, if not met, PAL will need to cover the difference.
    - ELO team is looking to increase awareness of fitness activities at the school.
- May look to cut back on the amount of community nights and focus on the most successful ones, maybe just host one every other month.
- Brainstormed ideas for upcoming events, including Halloween trails, welcome back to school event with bubbles/foam party. Adults only event at Centennial Hall in Jan or March, maybe Gatsby themed.

Discussion / Other Business

- Fingerprinting day went well. 7 people attended. Plan to host another one during back-to-school time frame. Hoping to get more parents of younger students involved.
- PAL received 21 responses to their teacher survey regarding classroom liaisons.
    - 80% of respondents were in favor of having a classroom liaison in some capacity.
    - PAL will set a framework for ways the parent liaison can be of use to teachers and have a board member be responsible for communication with the parents
    - PAL is aiming to prepare to have information regarding the parent liaison program at the back to school event in August
- Looking to build social media presence, Lynn Santosti may know someone interested in taking over the social media account and will reach out to her.

Voting / Position Changes

- Board Members voted unanimously to purchase the Konstella app for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year. Plans are to roll it out at the back-to-school event in August.
- Board voted unanimously for Lynn Santosti to replace Maggie Clifford as Co-Chair
- Board voted unanimously for Sharon DeColfmacker to join PAL as Member-at-Large and to replace Angie Lombard as Technical Liaison.
- Sherri Clerk will remain Co-Chair for the upcoming school year. This will help to eliminate so many positions from turning over at once.

PAL Recruitment:

- Still Seeking Secretary for upcoming 2-year term (2024-2026)

Next Meeting Date

TBD (before school starts in the fall)

PAL 2023-2024 Executive Board

Co-Chairs: Sherri Clerk & Maggie Clifford

Enrichment Coordinator: Megan Chartier

Treasurer: Caitlin McCown

Secretary: Jamie Walther

Member(s) at Large: Wendy Wallus

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

APRIL MINUTES

NHS PAL MEETING MINUTES - - - April 17, 2024

Welcome & Introductions; In Attendance

Maggie Clifford, Megan Chartier, Catherine Laroix, Sharon DeColfmacker, Susan Snyder

Approval of Minutes

March minutes have not been added to PAL website, committee will review and approve in May's meeting.

Administrative / Enrichment Update

Susan Snyder / Megan Chartier

- New playground equipment has been delivered (Wesaw, swing and picnic table)
- During April break, will conduct $12K in repairs of playground including partial new rubber mat.
- Long term planning for budget includes replacing fire panel, roof, HVAC, and new playground equipment.
- Principal Snyder will be sending out parent input forms this week for rising K-5 students.
- SAS Testing 5/3-5/8
- 8th grade trip to Hurricane Island to be reviewed and receive final approval from board this week.
- 8th grade graduation tentatively scheduled for 6/11.
- Last day of school tentatively scheduled for 6/12, to be announced by SAU.
- Jaggy Awards Friday 4/19
- Earth day celebration 4/18. School plastic bag collection kick off.
- 4th grade Maple syrup event was successful and made over $400 towards funding the future project.
- Eclipse watch event was a fun, successful gathering.
- The Little Mermaid production was a wonderful event and Principal Snyder thanked PAL for the pizza party on Sunday after the final show.

Budget (Year End is July 31)

Megan Chartier:

- There is currently $18,755 in the PAL account with no outstanding substantial items.
- February Charitable Gaming income totaled $3697.96
- Charitable gaming days in Hampton scheduled for July 14 – 18

- Thirsty Moose event raised $814.
- Waiting for Los Cantaros and Seacoast Soups checks, Sherri Clerk to follow up with restaurants.

Events / Fundraisers / Direct Donations ('23-'24)

- Jaguar Gala scheduled for 6/1, 6pm-Governor Dale Farm. More information will be provided at the next PAL meeting in May.
- (Not discussed but holdover from previous meetings) May TBD – Whym with Jaggy appearance.
- Discussion of need for larger fundraising projects to support long term planning for school. Members will reach out to neighboring PTAs to learn what fundraising events have had success.
- There may be a conflict of upcoming events, ELO's coffee house event and the upcoming Family Fitness Day on 5/17. Potential date change to 5/24 for Fitness Day

Teacher Appreciation:

- May – teacher appreciation week – stock the staff room, Lexi's food truck on 5/15, daily raffle. Having success with parent sign up for donations and volunteering.
- Looking to create a pre-order form for Lexie's orders to decrease wait time for teachers.

Parent Social:

- Still brainstorming ideas for Parent Social event(s). Ideas include Whym, Old Salt, trivia, golf fundraiser. Members will reach out to surrounding PTAs regarding successful past events.

Discussion / Other Business

Discussion/Other Business:

- Classroom parent volunteers – PAL will be sending a survey to teachers regarding implementation of this potential program, waiting for approval from administration.
- Konstella-PAL members are currently testing a free trial of this parent communication platform. SAU may be exploring similar platform, more information to come.

Voting / Position Changes

PAL Recruitment:

- Still Seeking Secretary for upcoming 2-year term (2024-2026)

Next Meeting Date

May 15, 2024 @ 6:00 PM in NHS Library

PAL 2023-2024 Executive Board

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:04 p.m. and was passed unanimously.

Co-Chairs: Sherri Clerk & Maggie Clifford

Enrichment Coordinator: Megan Chartier

Treasurer: Caitlin McCown

Secretary: Jamie Walther

Member(s) at Large: Wendy Wallus,

MARCH MINUTES

NHS PAL MEETING MINUTES - - - March 20, 2024

Welcome & Introductions; In Attendance

Officer Kyle, Sherri Clerk, Lynn Sansosti, Megan Chartier, Caitlin McCown, Jamie Walther, Lauren Bottomley, Catherine LaCroix, Sarah Kelly, Kara Kylie, Yvonne LeBlanc, Sharon DeColfmacker, Shauna Reed, Rebecca Carlson

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the February meeting and approved.

Administrative / Enrichment Update

Rebecca Carlson / Megan Chartier:

- The Invention Convention changed to Shark Tank. A lot of excitement with students
- Incoming Kindergarten parent PAL information session and tours 3/21
- Officer Kyle attended to discuss hosting a fingerprinting event at the North Hampton PD to make background checks easier for families.
    - NHS volunteers are required to complete a background check per the SAU. Will present dates to Officer Kyle for approval by the Chief.
    - PAL will make sure that it is financially feasible for all families--work with Nurse Mara.
    - Officer Kyle Would have to bring someone in on OT to be the print taker. They can maybe offer (2) 4-hour blocks of time – could take 15-20 minutes to have prints taken
    - Yvonne said last time PAL did this we packaged all applications and checks and dropped it off to eliminate that step for families.
    - We should Set up sign up genius for people to pick times.
    - We will get back to Officer Kyle with some dates to check and see if they work. Maybe we will coincide with the Jaggy Awards.

    - Fingerprints are required to chaperone field trips and ideally have them submitted before next academic year

- Fourth grade fundraiser for maple syrup project; raise money for a sugar shack; would need parent volunteers for the boiling.

Budget (Year End is July 31)

Caitlin McCown:

- Made $3600 during our February charitable gaming dates
- PAL purchased a digital refractometer for maple syrup for $231.
- Currently $15,603 in operating budget
- Waiting for checks from Sweet Chix, Los Cantaros & Seacoast Soups following community events
- Paid $200 deposit for Lexie's food truck 5/15/24

Events / Fundraisers / Direct Donations ('23-'24)

Community Nights:

- April 11 – Thirsty Moose, Exeter. Will have bookmarks and raffle baskets for fundraising.
- May TBD –
- Fall TBD – ideas for the fall. Whym (?) $750 space + $1350 min. for food purchase with Jaggy appearance–date TBD. Any suggestions for a place with lower reservation minimum. Atlantic Grill $650 space, $1300 food, and beverage minimum. Dough?

Teacher Appreciation:

- April – stock the staff room
- May – teacher appreciation week – stock the staff room, Lexi's food truck on 5/15, daily raffle
- June – end of year treats for students and staff

Family Fitness Day – May date TBD - Family Fitness Day with New Playground Equipment Install Celebration (date TBD based on arrival of equipment)

Jaguar Spring Gala: Saturday June 1 – Governor Dale again, a committee will be formed, and volunteer sign up genius will be sent out.

Discussion/Other Business:

- Classroom parent volunteers–Lynn Sansosti
    - How do we get more involvement? Class Liaisons (room parents)
        - Getting feedback from school, teachers, and parent survey.
        - What would this liaison look like? And what it shouldn't look like.

- They can help with communicating classroom needs with parents ex: organize amazon wish list.
- Maybe have 1 parent per class, try to get dads involved
- Help with stock the staffroom
- Help with class gift
- Organize playground party for beginning of year for K + 1 and an end of year beach gathering
- Reiteration of Susan's emails about days off or events going on.
- Feedback from PAL group; PJ's 5th grade teacher mentioned teachers can go to a teacher council meeting or use the survey. Parents should come in and get ready to go, trying not to interrupt the class curriculum. The survey idea is great. Maybe ask the teachers at the survey stage if they (their class)be open to be part of a pilot program
- There is an app the schools have to use communication. NHS uses "School Now" it has access to PowerSchool and pick up patrol, Sau information, etc. There is also Parent Square, which is more individual school based and classroom communication, forms, and permission slips, etc. And Constella, app and website (free?), is a parent organization driven communication, teachers can also send out communication, easier signup sheets (replace sign up genius), can create committees that all see who's on the committee. All PAL documents could be on one digital shared folder. Ability to message to people's emails if they don't want to download the app.
- Have 3 or 4 pilot classes for a few months.
- Questions about the directory.

- Charitable Gaming Days 2/5-2/9 & 7/14-7/18 – should we try to get on the Brook list?
- Community Night Update & Planning – see below
- Parent event/social/fundraiser – see below, The Brook?
- Family Fitness Day/New Playground Equipment Install Celebration – need a committee, trying to find a day, Fri afternoon, or Sunday? Keep communication flowing about this event. Family Field Day?

Next Meeting Date

April 17, 2024 @ 6:00 PM in NHS Library

PAL 2023-2024 Executive Board

3/20/24: Motion to adjourn was made at 7:00 p.m. and was passed unanimously.

Co-Chairs: Sherri Clerk & Maggie Clifford

Enrichment Coordinator: Megan Chartier

Treasurer: Caitlin McCown

Secretary: Jamie Walther

Member at Large: Wendy Wallus

February Minutes

NHS PAL MEETING MINUTES - - - February 21, 2024

Welcome & Introductions; In Attendance

Sherri Clerk, Megan Chartier, Caitlin McCown, Jamie Walther, Lynn Santosti, Kara Kylie, Yvonne LeBlanc, Sharon DeColfmacker, Shannon Moynahan, Deena Jensen

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the January meeting and approved.

Administrative / Enrichment Update

Deena Jensen / Megan Chartier:

- February 16 – had a 911 assembly with Department of Education.
- February 19 – Student v. Parent backet ball game – parent won
- February 20 – Winnacunnet grades 4-8 jazz band concert
- February 22 – Pride assembly: Focus is Responsibility
- March 6 – School board candidate night; the student council is moderating
- May TBD – Plant Sale and Book Fair
- ELO – extended learning opportunity for middle schoolers are trying more to engage the community.

Budget (Year End is July 31)

Caitlin McCown:

- There is currently $16,320 in the account
- The playground was paid in full
- The early February Charitable games earnings are TBD
- Charitable gaming day July 14 – 18 is also country week.
- Community Oven event brought in $749
- Waiting for Los Cantaros and Seacoast Soups checks

Events / Fundraisers / Direct Donations ('23-'24)

Community Nights:

- March 12 – Sweet Chix 3-8pm
- April TBD – Thirsty Moose
- May TBD – Whym with Jaggy appearance

Teacher Appreciation:

- February – Provided Pizza lunch for teachers for parent/teacher conferences on 2/14
- March – stock the staff room – theme National Nutrition month.
- April – stock the staff room
- May – teacher appreciation week – stock the staff room, Lexi's food truck on 5/15, daily raffle

Family Fitness Day – to coincide with celebration of new playground that should be installed April vacation. Should we have a parent leader with a committee for this?

PAL Recruitment: Megan Chartier has a replacement for the Enrichment Coordinator PAL role.

Gala: Maybe June 1 – Caitlin and Lisa chairs of the committee

Parent Social: Sherri will look into Throwback, how much for renting room and will we (Joe) offer babysitting

Discussion/Other Business:

- The PAL survey results were shared.
- Classroom parent volunteers – Lynn Sanstosti presented examples from other schools. We need more parental involvement. Should we have room parents "grade liaison" to coordinate parents and improve communication. Deena Jensen will run the idea by Susan Snyder. There is an administration team meeting tomorrow.

Next Meeting Date

March 20, 2024 @ 6:00 PM in NHS Library

PAL 2023-2024 Executive Board

2/21/24: Motion to adjourn was made at 7:00 p.m. and was passed unanimously.

Co-Chairs: Sherri Clerk & Maggie Clifford

Enrichment Coordinator: Megan Chartier

Treasurer: Caitlin McCown

Secretary: Jamie Walther

Member at Large: Wendy Wallus

JANUARY MINUTES

NHS PAL MEETING MINUTES - - - January 22, 2024

Welcome & Introductions; In Attendance

Sherri Clerk, Megan Chartier, Caitlin McCown, Susan Snyder, Yvonne LeBlanc, Lynn Sansoti
Approval of Minutes
The minutes were read from the November meeting and approved.

Administrative / Enrichment Update

Susan Snyder / Megan Chartier:

- All computers in the computer lab have been replaced with new Mac desktop computers.
- Food drive kicks off 1/26 through 2/8
- Good teacher and UA collaboration monthly meetings. Space project. New 5th grade drone unit.
- May 15th teacher appreciation week, good to go with Lexi's food truck.
- Jaggy Awards planned for the Friday before April vacation, 4/19
- Plant sale/book fair in May

Budget (Year End is July 31)

Caitlin McCown:

- The charitable gaming application was submitted to Ocean State Gaming. 2024 Dates are Feb 2-9 and July 14-17. Need to market charitable gaming days. Work with Joe Manzi and NH Talks to advertise
- The operating account has $15,713 with no outstanding items.

Events / Fundraisers / Direct Donations ('23-'24)

Spirit Wear: Talk to Frances about selling spirit wear at plant sale/book fair

Community Nights:

- November 13 – Community Oven made $749
- January – Los Cantaros – Jan 22 for dine-in only and Jan 29 for take-out only. PAL meeting 1/22
- February 12 – Seacoast Soups – all day

- March 12–Sweet Chix
- April 11 –Thirsty Moose
- May TBD Whym with Jaggy and PAL recruiting

Teacher Appreciation:

- January – stock the staff room 1/25 Sherri & Lynn
- February – Order pizza 2/14 for half day
- March – stock the staff room – theme National Nutrition month.
- April – stock the staff room
- May – teacher appreciation week – stock the staff room, Lexi's food truck on 5/15, daily raffle

PAL Recruitment: Add flyers to Friday folders we are seeking new members! Conduct survey to see what families are looking for from PAL and ideal meeting times

Gala: June date TBD

End of AY: treat for staff and students TBD.

Next Meeting Date

February 20, 2024 @ 6:00 PM in NHS Library

PAL 2023-2024 Executive Board

1/22//2: Motion to adjourn was made at 6:55 p.m. and was passed unanimously.

Co-Chairs: Sherri Clerk & Maggie Clifford

Enrichment Coordinator: Megan Chartier

Treasurer: Caitlin McCown

Secretary: Jamie Walther

Member at Large: Wendy Wallus

NOVEMBER MINUTES

NHS PAL MEETING MINUTES - - - November 15, 2023

Welcome & Introductions; In Attendance

Sherri Clerk, Megan Chartier, Caitlin McCown, Jamie Walther, Rebecca Carlson, Ashley Hass, Yvonne LeBlanc, Jillian Donatelli, Shauna Reed

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the October meeting and approved.

Administrative / Enrichment Update

Rebecca Carlson / Megan Chartier:

- Thank you from the staff for stocking the staff room on the 7th.
- Inclusive Playground Fundraiser feedback was positive and was nice to have a K-8 event to all come together. Feedback mentioned by a community member was that the kids didn't realize it was lap capped.
- Friday at 6pm is the talent show and will include a number from the staff!
- May 15th teacher appreciation week, good to go with Lexi's food truck.
- Request for 8th grade yearbook PAL donation of $750 (30 x $24.98). All were in favor to donate.
- Outdoor education is lead by Patrick G and Officer Kyle. This includes forest Fridays and project adventure and working to build this into NHS's identity by embedding it into the curriculum.
- There will be a funding request coming from Jeff Lukach for additional tools for the shed.

Budget (Year End is July 31)

Caitlin McCown:

- The charitable gaming application was submitted to Ocean State Gaming. 2024 Dates are TBD. From the October 5+6th games, we received $2,546.
- The operating account has $35,432 that includes $19,532 for the playground. True funds are $15,900.

Events / Fundraisers / Direct Donations ('23-'24)

Spirit Wear: feedback was to have more colorful items alongside the green and gray school colors, as well as keeping the font consistent.

Community Nights:

- November 13 – Community Oven feedback from the establishment was that there was an expectation to have a table with a person covered for the 4pm-9pm block. The table should have handouts, spirit wear, and maybe a raffle basket. The request for the *Square* credit card swipe will also be needed along with the cash box. Other thoughts were to have an appearance by Jaggy and have 8th grade students create promotional videos.
- January – Los Cantaros – Jan 22 for dine-in only and Jan 29 for take-out only.
- February 12 – Seacoast Soups – all day
- March TBD – Adult/Family Social to recruit for open spots on the PAL board, looking to host at Thirsty Moose Exeter.
- April TBD – family fitness day with new playground installation celebration
- April TBD – Art show, plant sale, Booksale and a PAL event?

Teacher Appreciation:

- December – Cookie Day – Ashley Hass submitted form to facilities. Sign up genius will be circulated.
- January – stock the staff room. A sign-up genius will be circulated.
- February – Espresso Dave for parent teacher conferences = $300 +/-
- March – stock the staff room – theme National Nutrition month.
- April – stock the staff room
- May – teacher appreciation week – stock the staff room, Lexi's food truck on 5/15, daily raffle

PAL Recruitment: March, adult social TBD at Thirsty Moose, Exeter. Add flyers to Friday folders we are seeking new members!

Gala: June date TBD

End of AY: treat for staff and students TBD.

Next Meeting Date

It was voted to skip the December 20th virtual board meeting due to the proximity of holidays.

January 17, 2024 @ 6:00 PM in NHS Library

PAL 2023-2024 Executive Board

11/15/23: Motion to adjourn was made at 6:56 p.m. and was passed unanimously.

Co-Chairs: Sherri Clerk & Maggie Clifford

Enrichment Coordinator: Megan Chartier

Treasurer: Caitlin McCown

Secretary: Jamie Walther

Member at Large: Wendy Wallus

OCTOBER MINUTES

NHS PAL MEETING MINUTES - - - October 18, 2023

Welcome & Introductions; In Attendance

Sherri Clerk, Megan Chartier, Caitlin McCown, Jamie Walther, Susan Snyder, Sharon DeColfmacker, Gina Carey, Yvonne LeBlanc

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the September meeting and approved.

Administrative / Enrichment Update

Susan Snyder:

- Camp Kieve was successful with great weather.
- Forestry Update: Run by Jeff Lukach, and steward leads, hosted the disk golf tournament and raised $600.
- 6th grade kayaking field trip led by Brad Johnston and Lize Fiore. Both are Woofa and Woofer responders.
- Trimester 1 will end on December 1; report cards will be ready on December 11.
- Haley Hutchinson, the school psychologist will offer workshops for anxiety and depression after the December break. Open to staff and parents and will provide counseling for mental health crisis.
- Resource Officer Kyle is still part time and has been promoted to Seargent.
- The playground mat and other items on the playground should be addressed right away. 4 years from now there will be an $80k warrant article to maintain the playground.

Budget (Year End is July 31)

Caitlin McCown:

- The bank co-signer on the PAL account is Megan Chartier.

Events / Fundraisers / Direct Donations ('23-'24)

My Booster Fundraiser: Raised $18,683+ with donations from 8 countries and 25 states. Next steps will be for Sherri to order the equipment (the school board has approved the order) and target for installation in the spring. The playground committee will continue to run and get more items such as a ramp.

NHS Directory: is finished and sent to Sue McLoughlin. The next step is to print and send home with the youngest in the family.

Spirit Wear: Frances Mitchell has new items such as hats and pajama bottoms.

Charitable Gaming: Caitlin will send the application to apply for the next set of dates.

Community Nights:

- November 13 – Community Oven from 5pm-8pm
- January – Sweet Chix
- February 12 – Seacoast Soups
- March – plan and adult social and recruit for open PAL board spots.
    - Ideas are Throwback, kids at gym with Joe and pizza, or family social with 8th graders watching kids. Or Family Fitness night for Nutrition month, hosting Planet Fitness, shots of kale smoothies, small fitness stations. Or Touch a Firetruck block party, with library, town hall, new safety station, Joes.
- April/May – Megan will check with Whym.

Teacher Appreciation:

- November – stock the staff room for professional development day.
- December – Cookie Day – Ashley Hass is taking over from Gina Carey. Sherri will source boxes. Will be using sign up genius. Expect to create 100+/- boxes of cookies for the teachers, staff, bus drivers, etc.
- January – stock the staff room
- February – Espresso Dave for parent teacher conferences = $300. Possibly looking at lunch instead of coffee.
- March – stock the staff room – theme National Nutrition month.
- April – stock the staff room
- May – teacher appreciation week – stock the staff room, Lexi's food truck, daily raffle

PAL Recruitment: March, adult social TBD

Gala: June date TBD

End of AY: treat for staff and students TBD.

Next Meeting Date

November 15, 2023 @ 6:00 PM in NHS Library

PAL 2022-2023 Executive Board

10/18/23: Motion to adjourn was made at 7:01 p.m. and was passed unanimously.

Co-Chairs: Sherri Clerk & Maggie Clifford

Enrichment Coordinator: Megan Chartier

Treasurer: Caitlin McCown

Secretary: Jamie Walther

Member at Large: Wendy Wallus

SEPTEMBER MINUTES

NHS PAL MEETING MINUTES - - - September 20, 2023

Welcome & Introductions; In Attendance

Sherri Clerk, Megan Chartier, Maureen Fritz, Caitlin McCown, Jamie Walther, Rebecca Carlson, Shauna Reed, Sharon DeColfmacker, Jillian Donatelli, Yvonne LeBlanc

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the May meeting and approved.

Administrative / Enrichment Update

Rebecca Carlson:

- Field trips are up and running.
  - Camp Kieve was great with the 7 graders.
  - 4th Graders are going to Gundalow
  - 1st graders are going apple picking
  - 5th graders are going to Boston
- Curriculum Night was a success.
  - There will be conversations to discuss attendance and improve the model for next year.
  - The robotics grant was received. CoderZ enrichment around coding was added.
- The forestry staff is fundraising with a disc golf event. October 14 from 9am-1pm, $7 suggested donation. There will be sets to lend out. Donations will go back to the forestry department for upkeep of forest (ex: backpack leaf blower). The staff members help clean up the trails on Thursdays once a month.
- Forest Friday is back.
- There was an assembly for the fun run and playground fundraiser.

Meghan Chartier:

- The idea of Joe Manzi and the rec department to take over trunk or treat this year was mentioned. It would be on a Sunday during the day. Last year we had $2500 income with $758 in expenses.

Yvonne LeBlanc: Is working on the student directory. It must be in print, electronic version not allowed.

Budget (Year End is July 31)

Maureen Fritz:

- The tax return was passed around to review.
- Contributions: $19k.
    - Ocean Gaming: $15k - $2.2k fees = $13k net
    - Plus, Community nights, amazon smile and Hannaford.
- $21k income less $16k in expenses = net positive $5k
- Gala income was $7412 – expenses $4.3k = $3.1k
- Cash: $13k in the bank
- Expenses: $216 for Kindergarten bags, $828 for back to school Kona Ice,
- Sales: +$93 for t-shirts

Events / Fundraisers / Direct Donations ('23-'24)

My Booster Fundraiser: October 2nd kids will get T-shirts, planning on 2 swings, picnic table, and wee saw. $20k goal

Community Nights:

- November TBD – Los Cantaros
- January TBD – Community Oven
- Other ideas – Thirsty Moose, Whym, Seacoast Soups, Throwback

Teacher Appreciation:

- October
- November – stock the staff room
- December Cookie Day
- January – stock the staff room
- February – Espresso Joes for parent teacher conferences
- April – stock the staff room
- May – teacher appreciation week

PAL Recruitment: March, adult social TBD

Gala: June

End of AY: treat for staff and students TBD

Next Meeting Date

October 18, 2023 @ 6:00 PM in the North Hampton School Library.

PAL 2022-2023 Executive Board

9/20/23: Motion to adjourn was made at 7:12 p.m. and was passed unanimously.

Co-Chairs: Sherri Clerk & Maggie Clifford

Enrichment Coordinator: Megan Chartier

Treasurer: Caitlin McCown

Secretary: Jamie Walther

Member at Large: Wendy Wallus

MAY MINUTES

NHS PAL MEETING MINUTES - - - MAY 17, 2023

Welcome & Introductions; In Attendance

Sherri Clerk, Megan Chartier, Maureen Fritz, Caitlin McCown, Jamie Walther, Rebecca Carlson, Jeff Lukach, Marsha Zavez, Jillian Donatelli, Yvonne LeBlanc

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the April meeting and approved.

Administrative / Enrichment Update

Jeff Lukach (ELA Teacher): Tool Shed Request: Shared handouts and a PowerPoint presentation. The shed is for the tools used for trail maintenance. Trail volunteers include staff and students to clean up the trail, move logs, rake leaves, etc. This has a direct connection with the student curriculum and outdoor adventure. Seacoast School of Technology (SST) quote to build is $3,500, compared to Reed's quote of $7,500. SST has premade 8x10 sheds.

The request for a PAL donation to the shed was made. All board members were in favor to donate $3,500 from PAL funds and that would be reduced by any donations made by the green house. *(For example, if greenhouse can donate $500, then PAL's donation will be $3,000)*

Marsha Zavez (UA, Art Teacher): Rolling Panels/Dividers: to be used for Art displays and shows, Musicals, invention convention. A request was made for (1) rolling panel for $1,500-2,000 with shipping and handling. With more panel requests in the future. PAL was all in favor to donate the remainder of the pending final cost and after the deduction of $1,000 from the school's UA budget.

Playground Fundraising: A brainstorming session of fundraising ideas: Bingo or Color Run. Use a giant thermometer to track the goal. Discussion of the playground pieces desired and we will need to the costs to determine which ones to purchase.

Budget (Year End is July 31)

Games of Chance: year-end total income $9,723. Next game dates are July 10th and 11th. October 5th and 6th.

Net income: YTD $3,300

Gala income: YTD $1,062 income (Gala is June 3rd) still more RSVP's coming.

Earth day shirts: YTD $158 income

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

Community Nights: Last one of the school year, May: Sweet Chix 5/24/23 donating 15% of sales between 10am-6pm. Seacoast Soup, check is coming from that event.

Spring Gala: June 3rd at Gov. Dale Farm in North Hampton. (June 10th rain date). LOTS of raffle baskets. All children welcome up to grade 8.

End of year: Treats for staff and students. Could we tie this into K-4 and 5-8 field day and provide popsicles?

Back to school party: Should we have a catering truck, or request donations?

Next Meeting Date

September 20, 2023 @ 6:00 PM in the North Hampton School Library.

PAL 2022-2023 Executive Board

5/17/23: Motion to adjourn was made at 7:16 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

APRIL MINUTES

NHS PAL MEETING MINUTES - - - APRIL 19, 2023

Welcome & Introductions; In Attendance

Maggie Clifford, Megan Chartier, Maureen Fritz, Jamie Walther, Susan Snyder, Courtney Leimanis

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the March meeting and approved.

Administrative Update

Jaggy Awards: Is this Friday morning. It's a red-carpet event with presenters that lasts about 45 minutes. The whole school is invited. Parents can take photos of the students outside as they make their way from the exterior gym doors up through the front entrance lobby. Parents are welcome to stay and view the presentations from the lobby.

SAS Testing: The schedules have been sent out. New this year is online access to see the kids scores rather than wait until mid-summer to receive them by mail.

Playground: NHS Facilities department is considering updating the rubber mat on the playground. A fundraising event would be needed. They would like to remove the rocking ducks on springs permanently. Megan Chartier mentioned this could also be a chance to look at the all-inclusive playground options for slides and swings and PAL could fund some of these items. Susan will give Megan the catalog to look at and estimate prices. The idea of partnering with Seacoast Technology School was mentioned.

Maple Syrup: NHS has purchased an evaporator through the kids fundraising, selling ornaments and bookmarks.

Budget

Games of Chance: March 8th and 9th game dates brought in $867. Next game dates are May 1st and 2nd. July 10th and 11th. October 5th and 6th.

Cash Position: $14,267

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

Community Nights: Last one of the school year, May: Sweet Chix 5/24/23

Spring Gala: June 3rd at Gov. Dale Farm in North Hampton.

Next Meeting Date

May 17, 2023 @ 6:00 PM in the North Hampton School Library.

PAL 2022-2023 Executive Board

4/19/23: Motion to adjourn was made at 6:53 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

MARCH MINUTES

NHS PAL MEETING MINUTES - - - MARCH 29, 2023

Welcome & Introductions; In Attendance

Sherri Clerk, Maggie Clifford, Megan Chartier, Jamie Walther, Yvonne LeBlanc, Ashley Hass, Caitlin McCown

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the February meeting and approved.

PAL Announcements & Updates

PAL Treasurer: Caitlin McCown will officially be joining the PAL Board as the Treasurer for AY23-24

Budget

Games of Chance: March 8th and 9th game dates brought in $867. Next game dates are May 1st and 2nd.

Community Night: Community Oven fundraiser received over $600 in proceeds to PAL.

School Play: NHS worked with PAL for the use of the PAL website to purchase play tickets. PAL will distribute $4,249 back to the NHS for the play. PAL covered the platform Square fees.

Enrichment Update

Maple Syrup: Megan Chartier created a slide showing the kids at work and a description of the process. A sugar shack opportunity was discussed, eventually would like to get to that point of the maple syrup project. The kids will be doing an informational essay on the syrup. They raised over $1,000 during their fundraiser!

Nurses Office: Nurse Mara could use spare clothes for the closet. Sherri will reach out to Susan to possibly do a Stock the Nurses Office, similar to Stock the Staff Room.

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

Teacher Appreciation Week: May 8th – 12th – Early Release May 10th. We are receiving lots of donations from local companies! Lexi's will provide lunch to the teachers and staff on May 10th.

Community Nights: April: Seacoast Soups, date TBD. May: Sweet Chix 5/24/23

Spring Gala: This is planned for June 3rd at Gov. Dale Farm in North Hampton. The rental fee is $2300, 50% of food we serve must be produce purchased from the farm. Thoughts are to have this dry event include, mocktails, swag table, produce menu, silent auction or raffle.

Playground: Discussion around forming a committee to build an inclusive playground at NHS. The next step after the committee is formed would be to schedule a fundraiser; maybe at the Sagamore Golf Club?

Next Meeting Date

April 19, 2023 @ 6:00 PM in the North Hampton School Library.

PAL 2022-2023 Executive Board

3/29/23: 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

FEBRUARY MINUTES

NHS PAL MEETING MINUTES - - - FEBRUARY 15, 2023

Welcome & Introductions; In Attendance

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the January meeting and approved.

Administrative Updates (Susan Snyder)

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 21st.

8th 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 middles school. Every classroom is already equipped with a smart board and document camera. The technology committee is working on what 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. to 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: 4th grade tapped some trees. They have the evaporator ready and will submit syrup for an April 7th contest. PAL will post pictures to the website.

PAL Announcements & Updates

PAL Treasurer: Recruiting for an upcoming vacancy.

Budget (Maureen Fritz)

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

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.

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

Teacher Appreciation Week: May 8th – 12th – Early Release May 10th. 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.

Next Meeting Date

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

PAL 2022-2023 Executive Board

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

JANUARY MINUTES

NHS PAL MEETING MINUTES - - - JANUARY 18, 2022

Welcome & Introductions; In Attendance

Sherri Clerk, Maggie Clifford, Jamie Walther, Courtney Leimanis, Susan Snyder, Maureen Fritz, Ashley Hass, Megan Chartier, Officer Kyle Manlow, Yvonne LeBlanc, Katie Trowell

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the December meeting and approved

Administrative Updates (Susan Snyder)

NHPD: Officer Kyle Manlow will be on campus 12 hours a month as part of the SRO (School Resource Officer) Warrant Article. Next year could lead to full time on campus, PD needs to be fully staffed first. Officer Kyle is attending lunch, recess, K-3 reading, working on health class for middle school. 4th and 5th grade visits. He has knowledge on internet crimes and can train kids on safety.

Budget Update: Less than 1% increase. Deliberative season next month; needs are a ceiling fan in the cafeteria, a drape in the gym to separate 2 courts, special education trust. Target is $400k, need $50k more. Looking to remove current tech plan, and no need for a rainy day fund.

Year Books: for 8th graders request $800 from PAL / 40 books @ $20 ea.

Parent Night Suggestion: PD host a forum to talk to parents about safety, mental health, or any other concerns

Maple Sugar Project: Adding this project as part of 4th grade curriculum, kids need to fundraise for jelly jars, tapping kids, firewood, sandpaper, boiling pots, firesafe gloves, magnets and drill bits. They will also need a used maple syrup evaporator (est $360)

PAL Announcements & Updates

PAL Treasurer: Recruiting for an upcoming vacancy.

Enrichment Update (Megan Chartier)

Maple Sugar Project: Megan will fill out enrichment form. Approved for PAL to donate $400 to 4th Grade (see administrative update from Susan Snyder above)

Budget (Maureen Fritz)

Cash: $14,267 cash position

Chemical Free Graduation WHS: PAL donated $500 last year and will donate $500 again this year

Games of Chance: Dates approved for January 7 + 8, Next dates will be May, July, and October

Community Night at Los Cantaros: profit $640

Spirit Wear: profit $293

Cookie Budget: - $142

NHS Painting: -$500 for Martin Luther King, Jr. painting paid to guest painter Rob Surette (hosting fees were covered by NHS)

Year Books: Budgeted $625, ask is $800 this year due to larger class

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

Teacher Appreciation: Ashley Hass stocked the staff room on 1/11/23 – thanks Ashley! Espresso Dave on 2/2/2023. Stock Staffroom planned for 3/14/23.

Teacher Appreciation Week: May 8th – 12th – Early Release May 10 (Lexi's?)

Community Nights: February: Whym TBD Maggie talking to owner to hold Feb 8 or Feb 15. March: Dough 3/29/23 and April: TBD Seacoast Soups

Spring Gala: Planning – Caitlyn and Lisa coming to February meeting to discuss: looking at June 3rd date

End of Year treats for students and staff

Topics for the next meeting

Color Run

Spring Gala

Next Meeting Date

February 15, 2023 @ 6:15 PM in the school cafeteria

PAL 2022-2023 Executive Board

1/18/23: Motion to adjourn was made at 7:10 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

November Minutes

NHS PAL MEETING MINUTES - - - November 16, 2022

Welcome & Introductions; In Attendance

Sherri Clerk, Maggie Clifford, Jamie Walther, Courtney Leimanis, Rebecca Carlson , Maureen Fritz, Ashley Hass, Gina Carey

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the October meeting and approved

Administrative Updates (Rebecca Carlson)

Tissues: Request for tissues from PAL to distribute to nurses' office and other common areas – Sherri will go to BJ's to purchase

Training: Literary training, curriculum, and professional development is provided to staff and faculty on student days off

NHPD: Officer Kyle will be on campus 12 hours a month, floating around between, PE, recess, lunch and after school basketball games. Having a officer present at school connects students to safety and community. His commitment is shared between NHS and NHPD as part of his regular hours.

PAL Announcements & Updates

Enrichment Update (Megan Chartier)

Amazon: has teacher wish lists so parents can help with classroom items. Susan approved. Megan working with teachers to get their lists and will be sent out to parents.

All State: Ask for grant again

Enrichment Grant: $2500 budgeted?

Budget (Maureen Fritz)

See special budget meeting minutes attached. Last year was a $300 loss due to purchasing humidifiers and air purifiers. Presented budget was unanimously approved by board.

Class Gift: Mo giving check for $300 to Rebecca tonight from activity funds for the class gift.

Historical Horse Racing and Games of Chance: Application went out. We will have 10 days split with Tier 1 and Tier 2. Will depend on how much the rental fee is. 2024 will be split with same tiers.

Taxes: 2021 tax return is done. Due 12/15/22. Board unanimously approves to submit.

Cash: $14,183 cash position as of yesterday

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

Fundraising: Do we need to do additional fundraising for the Spring Gala?

Spirit Wear: How did we do on the drive?

Donor Board: We should create a donor acknowledgement board with business logos

Holiday Concerts: we should hand out flyers during these events (band and chorus)

Teacher Appreciation Week: Do Lexi's food truck again

Professional Development Day: March 14, provide staff /faculty with something other than stuff staff room

Community Nights: Community Oven – Confirmed for January 23rd // Whym – Would like a standard form/contract to be provided to them

Holiday Cookies and Cards: for teacher appreciation, is Dec 9th. Bake cookies at home, kids bring to school. Cookies are distributed to all staff, faculty, bus drivers and school facilities. We will need 6 people to help assemble cookies. Background check at SAU or DMV for finger printing must be passed before volunteering for school events. Ashley is at the school on Fridays and can copy cookie flyers and put them in teachers mailboxes to put in Friday folders.

Topics for the next meeting

Next Meeting Date

January 18, 2023 @ 6:00PM in the school library

PAL 2022-2023 Executive Board

11/16/22: Motion to adjourn was made at 6:45 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

NHS Special Budget Meeting 11/2/22

Attendees: Megan Chartier, Wendy Wallus, Maggie Clifford, Maurine Fritz, Sherri Clerk

Meeting Notes:
The PAL Board reviewed budgeted items. We finished 2021/2022 -$3137 with current year activity driven by the $3300 for air conditioning units and air purifying units during Covid. We still had a positive cash position but negative net income. New addition to drive income this year is charitable gaming with net this fiscal year $6k. We discussed ways to have incremental income in 2022/2023 with donations and potential events. Strategy will be developed to formally acknowledge donors.

We budgeted income and expenses conservatively based on last year's results and what the organization has planned for the current year. This results in an overall deficit of about $800 as budgeted; however actual amounts may differ. As COVID restrictions have lessened from last year, we hope to meet that goal and have more fundraising opportunities but we felt we should be conservative. Our goal is to break even while still fulfilling our mission to bridge communication between teachers, parents and administration to enrich the overall experience for North Hampton School students and to show appreciation for all the efforts of the NHS school staff. The Board discussed various line items and the 2022/2023 proposed budget was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm.

NEXT PAL MEETING: November 16

NHS PAL MEETING MINUTES - - - October 19, 2022

Welcome & Introductions; In Attendance
Sherri Clerk, Megan Chartier, Maggie Clifford, Jamie Walther, Courtney Leimanis, Deena Jenson, Yvonne LeBlanc, Ashley Hass
Approval of Minutes
The minutes were read from the September meeting and approved
Administrative Updates (Deena Jensen)
Hero Art by Rob Surrett is TBD, this is separate from Artist in Residence. $500 to purchase artwork.
The gaga pit is opening soon

Friday, Oct 21st is a safety assembly and Chief Malone will be present
Looking into grant funded flex seating, wiggle seats, and standing desks
PAL Announcements & Updates
We will try to recruit more donations and volunteering with the PAL newsletter.
We will try to boost communication such as Facebook invitations and provide remote links to meetings.
Enrichment Update (Megan Chartier)
Amazon: has teacher wish lists so parents can help with classroom items. If we issue $100 gift cards to primary teachers, they will have to submit the receipt of supplies. In case of an audit, the receipts are required.
Budget (Maureen Fritz)
Games: Mo will submit another house gaming application. We made $6000+ last year. We're in good shape and will finish well. Mo will present the budget at the next meeting.
Events / Fundraisers / Direct Donations ('22-'23)
Spirit Wear Drive: When is sprit week and when should the flier be sent out to order spirit wear?
Shirts for New Students: Deena will give PAL a heads up when a new student arrives. They will receive an NHS t-shirt.
October 21: Truck or Treat:

- 5:30pm to 6:45pm. Allotting 1 hour and 15 minutes for open trunk time.
- Best Truck voting will be at 6:45pm.
- Looking for a few people to help direct cars backing up when they are departing the "trunk" area.
- We are receiving 30 hot chocolates for free from Dunkin's. PAL will pay for the rest. We are estimating 200 cups of hot chocolate will be needed as well as 200 medium bottled waters (Yvonne: water to be purchased at BJ's).
- Charging $2/slice of pizza and $1 for water.
- Sharpies will be placed on the tables so kids can add their names.
- Sherri will pick up the hot chocolate.
- $250 (including tip) for the DJ.
- We'll put a PAL donation jar out.
- YTD $545 revenue / budgeted $1000.

Directory: Yvonne is double checking the information. Should be coming out at the end of October. There are no more ads. The entire school will be in the directory even if they did not provide contact information, the student's name will be listed under their respective homeroom.
Teacher Appreciation: Will be in November/December. PAL will create a sign-up genius for donations and volunteers.
Community Nights:

- Los Cantaros is confirmed for November 7th dine in only and November 14th take out only. They would like to do one in the spring as well. We will need a flier made up for this.

- Community Oven for January 23rd is confirmed.
- Maggie will reach out to Whym and see what type of discount they can provide.
- Lauren Bottomley will reach out to Seacoast Soups for interest in having a community night.
- Courtney will check with Throwback after the new year.
- We will follow up with Sweet Chix after new year.

Holiday Cookies and Cards: looking at December 9th or 16th. Gina Carey and Ashley Hass are on the Cookie Committee

Topics for the next meeting
Budget Review
Next Meeting Date

November 16, 2022 @ 6:00PM in the school library

PAL 2022-2023 Executive Board
10/19/22: Motion to adjourn was made at 7:07 pm and was passed unanimously
Co-Chairs: Sherri Clerk & Maggie Clifford
Enrichment Coordinator: Megan Chartier
Treasurer: Maureen Fritz
Secretary: Jamie Walther
Members at Large: Wendy Wallus

PAL Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2022

Introductions of people present (attendees did sign in on separate form)
Maggie Clifford, Ashley Hass (substitute secretary for Jamie Walther - absent), Yvonne LeBlanc, Wendy Wallus, Megan Chartier, Gina Carey, Mary Hodgins, Frances Mitchell, Susan Snyder

Review of minutes from last meeting- informal summer meeting to prepare for the new year

Discussion of Budget- Budget for Aug 1, 2022 - July 31, 2023 hasn't been established yet
Review of profit & loss report. NH Gaming income was significant contribution to budget ($6,463.44) and PAL will continue to apply to participate in this program. Application will need to be resubmitted every year.
Expense of t-shirts for incoming Kindergarteners was included in the Back to School expenses on this budget breakdown but will be taken out.
There will be a separate meeting next month by the board to establish budget to present at the general meeting.

Susan Snyder present to give administration update.
Two visiting authors are coming to the school this fall
Trudy Ludwig is traveling from Oregon to hold a student assembly for grades K-5. She is also doing a presentation for teachers and presentation for parents. Joe Manzi has agreed for the Rec department to provide free child care at the school for parents who want to attend the parent presentation on October 12. She asked PAL if we would be willing to donate pizza for the kids at that time, hoping to support parents by making it easy for them to attend this important presentation. PAL voted and unanimously approve purchase of pizzas for Oct 12.
Susan also presents the option of PAL using book sales from the visiting author as a fundraiser. Trudy Ludwig offers to sell her books at 40% off as part of this presentation. Administration and PAL discussed possibility of the savings from that discount going to PAL.
Concerns discussed include the logistical sides of how parents would pay, how the money would get transferred to PAL, and how books would be ordered/delivered. Other concerns included the accessibility of the books if sold at full price. The idea would be to get more books into more kids' hands, so allowing parents to take advantage of that 40% off discount would be best for that cause. PAL decided to not go forward with using this as a fundraising opportunity, but is willing to support the program by providing pizza, helping to spread word, and organizing books sales as needed.
Susan is going to confirm the 40% discount offer and PAL will look at creating a link/QR code for ordering.
Visiting author Ellie Schwartz is coming this fall for middle school grades. Her presentation might involve items similar to Trudy Ludwig. The Trudy Ludwig visit has been paid for with grant money, but PAL may be asked to fund the Ellie Schwartz visit.
Susan Snyder updated on curriculum night and confirming dates and times. It was decided to ask Joe Manzi if rec could offer childcare for that evening as well.
PAL Facebook page will put a reminder about Curriculum Night and will include that it is a parents only event and will reinforce times

Susan also said Artist in Residence program is expected to return, possibly involving the nature trail. It was asked if students would be making up field trips that they missed due to covid restrictions. Susan said that for some of the larger trips/experiences, they have been working on ways to have classes make up those missed opportunities. But for the majority of more typical day field trips, it isn't possible to have all grades make up those missed trips.

Megan Chartier speaks on enrichment topics.
Is it possible to order staff shirts to have on hand for incoming teachers or teachers who need to update a shirt if they received theirs years before. PAL agreed this would be a good method of ensuring each staff member has an NHS shirt.
The Sunshine Committee also asked about baby onesies/clothes for Spirit Wear to gift teachers when they have a baby. Baby clothes and dog bandanas/accessories are suggestions that will be looked into in adding to the spirit wear orders. Frances will look into pricing of staff shirts and update at next meeting. Fliers for the October Spirit Wear drive will go out (tentatively) Nov 3.
Meghan also suggested teacher stipends in the form of gift cards. Teachers would need to provide receipts for items they purchase with PAL stipend. There are currently 42 total teachers/ contracted service providers- 19 classroom teachers
Susan Snyder reminded PAL that teachers have opportunities to go through administration or apply for grant money before turning to PAL for their classroom needs.

Fingerprinting reminder- any parent who wishes to volunteer or chaperone needs to have their fingerprinting done. We have been told by some parents that there is currently a bit of a back log with this, so people should do it sooner rather than later.

Teacher Appreciation options- events like the food truck are hugely appreciated and enjoyed, but also can be difficult to coordinate and quite costly. Teachers appreciate the smaller gestures/ events and goodies donated by families just as much.
Morning of October 19, PAL will run a "stuff the staff room" event. PAL will establish a signup genius for parents to donate items (snacks, drinks, candy, etc.) Ashley Hass will be available to help set up that morning.

Trunk or Treat October 21st with a rain date of Oct 28. Megan would like help setting up for that event. Frances will contact Dunkin about hot chocolate. Voting procedure should be altered this year to ensure fairness. Megan may ask a group of 8th grade students to join her in a voting panel.

PAL would like to offer "community nights" at restaurants once a month (where portion of the proceeds go to the fundraising.) Whym may be able to be included in this- Maggie is going to reach out to them with more clarification.

There is a question posed of the student directory, if it is still worth creating for families. Consensus was that it is very useful for new families in particular and people enjoy having the contact info of their kids' classmates, so we should continue to create the directory.
A color run is proposed as a new fundraiser event- maybe something to look into for spring
PAL will make their meeting outline available so parents can see what topics will be discussed before they attend. Wendy is going to work on posting more material and being more active on the PAL Facebook account so that the posts are more likely to come across people's feeds.

Co-Chairs: Sherri Clerk & Maggie Clifford
Enrichment Coordinator: Megan Chartier
Treasurer: Maureen Fritz
Secretary: Jamie Walther
Members at Large: Wendy Wallus & Frances Mitchell

NHS PAL MEETING MINUTES - - - August 11, 2022

Welcome & Introductions; In Attendance (ALL VIA ZOOM)
Sherri Clerk, Megan Chartier, Maureen Fritz, Maggie Clifford, Wendy Wallus, Jamie Walther
Approval of Minutes
The minutes were read from the May meeting and approved
Administrative Updates (Susan Snyder/Rebecca Carlson/Deena Jensen)
Susan, Rebecca or Deena will attend and provide current happenings at NHS. They will rotate between the 3 of them and provide their update first, then leave the meeting.
PAL Announcements & Updates
Calendar: Pre-academic year with new chairs to discuss the PAL calendar of events. This will be published for families to plan ahead and get involved.
Future Meetings: Board members agreed up on holding the meetings on Wednesday once a month at 6:00pm in the school library. Will add zoom link.
Enrichment Update (Megan Chartier)
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Budget (Maureen Fritz)
Community Nights: Restaurants will provide 15-20% of proceeds
Kindergarten Shirts: Frances will send Mo the invoice. Used the same vendor as last year. 40 shirts were ordered.

Gaming = dates have changed. The checks come in 2-3 weeks after August 9th which was the last day. There is no rental fee.
AC/Purifier = experienced a 1x loss due to buying AC and purifiers for the school. Net loss $3100
Events / Fundraisers / Direct Donations ('22-'23)
September = Spirit Wear Drive: Frances Mitchell will manage this.
September = Back to School Social = Kindergarten Shirts: Frances will manage this
October = Truck or Treat: Pizza table; ask for help from parents to chaperone the pizza and drink tables. Form an assembly line and have 1 person handle cash. Maybe ask parents not to have inflatable decorations that require power from their car to eliminate idling and fumes. The greenhouse is not available for power since the DJ uses that outlet.
Directory: Yvonne LeBlanc may be able to run this project again, Sherri will confirm. Discussion on whether the directory was needed any longer. It's not so lucrative anymore and must do cold calling for ad placement. We are unable to run this program through the school due to privacy policy.
Teacher Appreciation: Food truck was a hit, ideas of Lexi's again (+/-$1900) and Espresso Dave (+/-$450), Clyde's Cupcakes, on a teacher's conference day.
Community Nights = Goal is to have one every month at a restaurant, we need to add a few more places, maybe Whim, Copper Lantern? Last year we had: Dough, Los Cantaros, Sweet Chix, Seacoast Soups, Community Oven. Give a heads up to the restaurant that it will be packed. Los Cantaros is interested in doing this again, take-out may be eliminated, may be limited to dine-in only. Board members take the lead in arranging the community night, and non-board members volunteer to manage a table to sell bracelets, shirts, etc., at the event.
November = Los Contaros community night. Maggie will follow up with Frances
January = Community Oven community night. Kate T. friends with owner and can lock down date. Maggie mentioned that the Oven fills up fast. Try for January 9, 23, 30.
February = Might be suitable time for Whim community night. They have a big downstairs to rent but it may be pricey.

March = Seacoast Soups, reach out to Lauren B to connect with Dina.
April = Sweet Chix.; Sherri will ask Lisa T.

May = Dough, brought in 2nd largest amount.

December = Holiday cookies and cards were well appreciated by the staff. Maggie spoke with Gina and would like to train someone else how to run this program. Send out flyer and post on FB asking .for parent volunteer to train. Use sign-up genius

Stock the Staff Room = with candy, chips, k-cups, etc. We should get a date(s) on the calendar. Maybe 1x a month or every other month throughout the AY and have parent volunteer(s) run this. Send out a flyer and post on FB asking for help with the monthly or bi-monthly stock room stuffing. .Use sign-up genius. Drop items in the lobby

February = Candidate night = Student Government and Becca Carlson run this. Becca will walk us .through as we get closer to the date

Background Check = School volunteers need to have a fingerprinted background check at N. Hampton Police Station. This is led by school. Divide into two dates for convenience. Use signup genius. Ask PD what dates, times and max # of slots available. Is there room in budget for PD ?appreciation for running this program

April = Spirit Wear

Spring = Color Run (walk) = Try to hold this before April vacation. Sponsored run or walk on NHS track. Kids ask for donations directly to extended family, friends. This is in place of selling .wrapping paper. Road race would not be safe with our roads

.May = Teacher Appreciation = well received with the food truck, lexis. Wendy will ask

June = Gala = Sherri will ask Lisa G to take part in the set up again. The photo backdrop was donated by Christina. Should we ask her to come back to town to be a photographer or ask Carly. .Sherri to follow up with Lisa to ensure she received the reimbursement check from the last gala

Topics for the next meeting

Budget and walk through each line item

Next Meeting

September 21st, 2022 @ 6:00PM in the school library

PAL 2022-2023 Executive Board
8/11/22: Motion to adjourn was made at 1:00 pm and was passed unanimously
Co-Chairs: Sherri Clerk & Maggie Clifford
Enrichment Coordinator: Megan Chartier
Treasurer: Maureen Fritz
Secretary: Jamie Walther
Members at Large: Wendy Wallus & Frances Mitchell

MAY MINUTES

NHS PAL MEETING MINUTES - - - May 24, 2022

Welcome & Introductions; In Attendance

Wendy Wallus, Yvonne LeBlanc, Jamie Walther, Megan Chartier, Frances Mitchell, Maureen Fritz, Caitlin McCown, Aisha Weaver, Ashley Hass, Jamie Medeiros, Shauna Reed, Lynn Sansosti, Melissa Romanowski

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the April meeting and approved

PAL Announcements & Updates

Yvonne will present to the school board on June 2nd at 6:30 PM in the town hall, what PAL has done over the year.

Administrative Update (Aisha Weaver)

Student Government will be checking coats and have a donation jar at the Gala

Field Day Aisha will inquire about parent involvement/volunteer for field day at the next administrative meeting

Spirit Wear will be student led if there is one last drive

Enrichment Update (Megan Chartier)

Sensory Path will be installed over the summer. Idea to have a red ribbon ceremony.

Budget (Maureen Fritz)

Spreadsheet handout (please email info@nhspal.com to obtain the spreadsheet if interested)

All State grant total was $1000, a $500 matching grant

Academic Year total is almost $4,000 including the Dough community event

Gala expecting expenses and reimbursements

Kona Truck expecting expenses

Kindergarten swag, shirts, bracelets, bags expenses

Tax returns, the fiscal year is end of July and have 5 months after that to file

Charitable Gaming PAL is on the list for the historical horse racing (HHR) at Ocean Gaming in Hampton. Maureen will be working on filling out the gaming application for the NH Gaming Commission. There will be 10 days in a row that will be designated as our dates. Net proceeds from these days generated by HHR gaming will go directly to PAL. The gaming application fees are $25/day ($250 total). Generally, there is also a facility rental fee and waiting to hear what that is.

Wellness Cookbook Melissa will work on that this summer. It's a few hundred dollars for publishing. Thinking of digital ways too. Thanksgiving is the goal. Will try to incorporate a soup exchange.

Budget Year End: started with $8,000 at the beginning of the year, we have increased over last year. We are ending in a good place.

Events / Fundraisers / Direct Donations ('21-'22)

Kona Truck is scheduled for June 16th for all students, teachers, and staff.

Spirit Wear will be here the week of May 30th. Bulk orders: you must order 37 shirts to get free freight, $10/shirt, 37 tie die shirts $12.50/shirt, 44 baseball shirt $12.50, 27 hats/$15. Sell at the bandstand? 2 orders of hats? Sold in Medium and Large or Large and EX, you can mix and match sizes in bulk order. Order it soon so we can get it by the summer for the bandstand. Will investigate pricing for sweatshirt but will be pricy.

Gala, correction from April's meeting minutes, the photographer and DJ cost $300 each plus tip (not $250 each plus tip as previously noted)

Topics for the next meeting

- Teacher stipends
- Friday Folders – need grade level reps (a PAL representative) Lynn Sansosti will outline
- After school program for cooking
- Parent social
- Digital directory
- Plan for the year in the future - front load, back load events fall and spring

Next Meeting

For AY '22-'23 --- TBD in September in the NHS cafeteria

PAL 2021-2022 Executive Board

5/24/22: Motion to adjourn was made at 7:20 pm and was passed unanimously.

Co-Chairs: Yvonne LeBlanc & Stephanie Somerville

Enrichment Coordinator: Megan Chartier

Treasurer: Maureen Fritz

Secretary: Jamie Walther

Members at Large: Frances Mitchell & Wendy Wallus

APRIL MINUTES

NHS PAL MEETING MINUTES - - - April 13, 2022

Welcome & Introductions; In Attendance

Yvonne LeBlanc, Jamie Walther, Caitlin McCown, Becca Carlson, Stephanie Somerville, Ashley Hass, Lisa Gagalis

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the March meeting and approved

PAL Announcements & Updates

The PAL Board is seeking a replacement chair (or 2 co-chairs) for Yvonne LeBlanc and Stephanie Somerville, who are finishing three years of service this school year. Their last month will be in June.

Please email info@nhspal.com if anyone is interested.

Administrative Update (Becca Carlson)

The Sensory Path quote is $1,370; Rebecca submitted the request form. The plan is to place the path in the hallway on the West side of the library. The request will be presented to the next school board meeting on May 5th at 6:30-8:30pm. The board won't need to vote because the request is under $5,000.

Student Government (SGA) received a check for $1,062 from PAL. This is for the SGA funds for the Earth Day t-shirts. Yvonne LeBlanc, PAL co-chair, signed the form.

Plant Sale is May 4th which is also an early release day at noon. The plant book sale will start at 3:30. Betsy will be sending more information very soon.

Jaggy Awards will be the first full school, K-8, event since covid! Get word out to mamarazzi and paparazzi. This is a red-carpet event. Parents will need to remain outside.

Enrichment Update (Megan Chartier)

Budget (Maureen Fritz)

Community Events have been successful events.

Events / Fundraisers / Direct Donations ('21-'22)

Dough community event is tentatively scheduled for May

Teacher Appriciation Week: PAL has organized May 4th lunch with Lexi's food truck at NHS. May 5th a signup genius will be created for parents to sign up to deliver snacks, candy and soda, to supply the teachers' breakroom. Ashley Hass and Megan Chartier will be collecting the snacks in the parent drop-off line in the morning. There are 9 gift cards so far for the raffle. The winners will be selected by using the random mode selector. PAL will advertise the winners and donators on Facebook.

Kona Truck is scheduled for June 16th for all students, teachers, and staff.

Spirit Wear not as many people have bought this time around. Looking to buy items in bulk (in size medium and large for shirts) such as, the classic green shirt, a tie-dye shirt, baseball style shirt, sweatshirts, trucker hat.

School Dance is being chaired by Caitlin McCown. The dance will be a school-wide, all-inclusive, event for grades K-8. The possible dates of May 14th and June 4th were approved by Susan Snyder. Rain date could be June 11th. The event will take place at NHS as a hybrid in the gym and outside. The SGA dance for 7th and 8th graders will still occur. Questions to consider are what is the budget? What is the cost of a ticket? Can we put up an electronic sign-up and payment on the PAL website? Should it be themed (Hollywood)? Should we rename the event to "Sweetheart's Dance"? Who is available to volunteer?

Dance: 1st annual Jaguar spring gala is scheduled for Saturday, June 4th at 6:00-8:30pm. Students should bring someone special if that person is an adult. Only desserts will be served, and a sign-up genius will go out for dessert donations. A DJ and a photographer have been locked down. The DJ is $300 + a tip for the evening. Kristina, the photographer, is $300 + a tip for the evening. We have someone donating a backdrop. The florist will sell boutonnieres and corsages, perhaps this is added to registration form? Online registration only via a QR code. The cost will be $20 couple/$30 family. Wendy's neighbor will be donating a tent that needs to be professionally set up and not sure if all parts are there. Decor, what is the budget? The PAL closet has a bunch of props. Registration could have a spot for volunteers. PAL will email out the event details and registration QR code. Susan Snyder can remind folks with her weekly email updates. PAL will be advertising this after April vacation, after May 4th. SGA will be focused on the 7th and 8th grade dance. Just them, not other towns Hampton Falls? Megan creating flyer Wendy doing face book post.

Topics for the next meeting

- Plan for the year in the future - front load, back load events fall and spring
- Parent social plan for next year

Next Meeting

Thursday, May 19th, 6pm- 7pm in the NHS cafeteria

This will be the last public meeting of the academic year.

4/13/22: Motion to adjourn was made at 6:45 pm and was passed unanimously.

Co-Chairs: Yvonne LeBlanc & Stephanie Somerville

Enrichment Coordinator: Megan Chartier

Treasurer: Maureen Fritz

Secretary: Jamie Walther

Members at Large: Frances Mitchell & Wendy Wallus

March Minutes

NHS PAL MEETING MINUTES - - - March 17, 2022

Welcome & Introductions; In Attendance

Yvonne LeBlanc, Frances Mitchell, Megan Chartier, Maureen Fritz, Susan Snyder, Jamie Walther, Lynn Sansosti, Sarah Kelly, Cheryl Kasztejna, Lauren Bottomley

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the February meeting and approved

PAL Announcements & Updates

The PAL Board is seeking a replacement chair (or 2 co-chairs) for Yvonne LeBlanc and Stephanie Somerville, who are finishing three years of service this school year. Their last month will be in June.

Wendy Wallus will be replacing Frances Mitchell as Member at Large beginning for the 22-23 school year.

Administrative Update (Susan Snyder)

Covid Response Plan Update, from Meredith Nadeau on 3/7/22, as reported by the CDC, NH DHHS, and NH Department of Education, masks are now optional for indoors and on school buses. Social distancing is no longer in effect.

Earth Day event, sponsored by SGA, will be held on Saturday 4/16/22, as a town and beach clean-up. Participants can pick up supplies (bags, gloves, etc.) in front of the NHS greenhouse between 9am + 11am on 4/16. T-shirts expected to arrive and distributed the week of 4/11. SGA will sell left over t-shirts at the Sweet Chix community event on 4/20; SGA will also share the outcome and photos of the Earth Day event.

Field Trips are being planned for in-person again. There are no overnight field trips planned for 7th and 8th grades due to vaccination requirements within organizations. Some day trips planned so far are:

8th Grade: Peaks Island, whale watching, ropes course

7th Grade: Appledore Island, ropes course

Field Day date is TBD. The PE department should fill out a PAL enrichment form for funding.

Kindergarten Info Night is March 30th from 5:30-6:30 pm. This event is in-person at NHS. PAL will be handing out flyers.

Kindergarten Playground Social is June 1st at 5:30 pm at the NHS playground. This will be a tour of classrooms for students and parents, and after, head out to the playground for popsicles.

Kona Truck could be an option for school wide event @ $3 per/person – Date TBD

JAG Awards will take place before April vacation. The red carpet may loop inside and outside to accommodate all students and adhere to gym capacity requirements. Other details are to be determined.

State Testing will take place in May for grades 3-8. 4th grade has an extra writing test and grades 5th + 6th have extra math and science tests.

Teacher Appreciation Week will take place May 2nd – 6th. Estimating 100 faculty and staff.

- 5/2: TBD
- 5/3: Dunkin for breakfast (or Espresso Dave?) hosted by NHS. Dunkin's requires a letter of request on letterhead 1 month in advance for donuts and box o'joes donations. Donation for up to 100 people.
- 5/4: Lexi's food truck hosted by PAL
- 5/5: TBD
- 5/6: TBD
- Teacher's Pay Gift Cards: Goal is 15 gift cards. Seeking (2) $25 gift cards or (1) $50 for donation from each of these establishment: Lindt (Brianne), Ohana (Jamie), Juice Box (Elizabeth), M&Y (NHBA), Beach Plum, Dunkin's, Joe's Meat Shoppe.

Last Day of school will be voted on by the board at the March 30th meeting.

Enrichment Update (Megan Chartier)

Sensory Path updated enrichment form will be submitted. The path ideas and locations for placement have involved NHS's teacher's learning group, occupational therapist, behavioral analyst, and the special education teachers. Susan Snyder mentioned that the custodial department will apply an extra protective coat, for paths placed on the floor, that will last up to 5-years. Paths may also include wall painted items.

Budget (Maureen Fritz)

Allstate Helping Hands Grant Program application for a $500 grant has been submitted by Frances Mitchell, it will take up to 6 weeks to process. PAL's email address was used as the contact email on the application.

Games of Chance and Historical Horse Racing (HHR) inquiries are pending information from the NH Lottery Commission.

Fuller Foundation grants 501c3's surplus funds. Ideas for the proposal include the sensory path, a new sign, or to reinsure the rock wall in the gym. The deadline for application submission is October 1st. We will need to find out if funds have restricted use.

Events / Fundraisers / Direct Donations ('21-'22)

Seacoast Soups was another successful community event and raised $1,000 for PAL! Thank you!

Sweet Chix community event will be on April 20th from 11:30 am – 8 pm. 15% of all sales will be donated to PAL. SGA will have a table set up that day to sell any remaining Earth Day t-shirts and share the outcome and photos of the Earth Day event.

Dough community event is tentatively scheduled for May

Los Cantaros community event is a possibility for June, could be a 2-day event with one day being a dine-in only and one day being a take-out only.

Spirit Wear Drive will be held April 7th – April 15th. Angie will be putting it on the PAL website. Frances Mitchell indicated some new items will include tie-dyed T's, baseball hats, joggers, jacket, socks, sweatbands, and bows. Ideas for buying bulk with the goal of selling at events are water bottles, snap bracelets, socks and medium + large T's.

Seacoast Artspot community event will potentially be scheduled for the half-day on May 4th. A vote was taken, and all were in favor. The event will be a 1-hour craft/art course for grades K-8. The cost would be $25 per student with PAL receiving $10 of the $25. There are 20 students allotted per session with the hopes that we can get 2 sessions on 5/4.

Plant Sale community event date is TBD. Potential dates could be May 8th (pre-Mother's Day) or May 20th (maybe too late?). An idea for selling the plants at home sport games was discussed as well.

School Dance is being chaired by Caitlin McCown. The dance will be a school-wide, all-inclusive, event for grades K-8. The possible dates of May 14th and June 4th were approved by Susan Snyder. Rain date could be June 11th. The event will take place at NHS as a hybrid in the gym and outside. The SGA dance for 7th and 8th graders will still occur. Questions to consider are what is the budget? What is the cost of a ticket? Can we put up an electronic sign-up and payment on the PAL website? Should it be themed (Hollywood)? Should we rename the event to the "Sweetheart's Dance"? Who is available to volunteer?

Topics for the next meeting

- Confirm dates for the dance, plant sale, field day
- Wellness Committee Cookbook
- Change date of PAL meetings from Thursday to another day.

Next Meeting

Thursday, April 21st, 6pm- 7pm in the NHS cafeteria

PAL 2021-2022 Executive Board

3/17/22: Motion to adjourn was made at 7:15 pm and was passed unanimously.

Co-Chairs: Yvonne LeBlanc & Stephanie Somerville

Enrichment Coordinator: Megan Chartier

Treasurer: Maureen Fritz

Secretary: Jamie Walther

Members at Large: Frances Mitchell & Wendy Wallus

Submitted by: Jamie Walther

February 2022 PAL Meeting
Minutes

Attendees: Yvonne LeBlanc, Stephanie Somerville, Wendy Wallus, Frances Mitchell, Megan Chartier, Maureen Fritz, Susan Snyder, Katie Trowell, Lauren Bottomly

- **Welcome & Introductions**
- **New Secretary:** The Board formally accepted the resignation of Wendy Wallus and thanked her for her three years of service and dedication to PAL. The Board unanimously voted to accept the nomination of **Jamie Walther as Secretary**. Jamie has not reported any conflict of interests.
    - Wendy plans to move over to Member at Large in place of Frances Mitchell for the 2022-23 school year
- **PAL Open Board Position**: The PAL Board is seeking a replacement Chair (or 2 Co-Chairs) for Yvonne LeBlanc and Stephanie Somerville, who are finishing three years of service this school year.
- **Budget**
    - **Allstate Helping Hands Grant Program** - will be reapplying
    - **Games of Chance and HHR Revenue -** pending information from the State
    - **Taxes** - Attendees voted unanimously for Cummings Lamont and McNamee to take over preparing annual taxes for PAL. (PAL Board member works here and will prepare and file PAL taxes at no charge)
- **Administrative Update (Susan Snyder)**
    - Earth Day event sponsored by SGA, will be held on 4/16/22 as "Town Clean Up". Design has been selected for the t-shirts (pre-selling them for $15 each) and will be using PAL's website platform 3/7-3/18. T-shirts scheduled to arrive for distribution by SGA the week of 4/11 for use on day of 4/16 event. Leftover shirts from this event will be sold at the Sweet Chix Community Event in April and students will also share pictures of how the clean up event went.
    - No overnight trips for 8th grade due to vaccination requirements, looking at extended day trips instead.
    - Middle school band & chorus being held on May 26 and 6/1 at 6pm
    - Kindergarten information night (in-person) will be held on 3/30 and parents will receive a tour of the school
        - June 1 at 5:30pm - Kindergarten playground social
    - JAG awards - April (before vacation) Red carpet event outside, grade levels together.
    - May - Grades 3-8 state tests
    - 8th grade graduation - Will be outside on 6/15 (rain date 6/16)
        - PAL buy signs (Will add as line item to budget for next year)
    - School field day - Date TBD. Possibly split into a 2-day event K-5 & 6-8. Discussed potentially using the allotted Unified Arts budget for this event. Follow up with Susan.

- **Enrichment Requests (Megan)**
    - Sensory Pathy in school - Present to Leadership Council and was very well received. Location approved. Will be presented at next school board meeting

- Enrichment form to be updated with verbiage to ask for Principal Signature for approval. It was noted that any requests above $500 will also need school board approval.

- **2021-2022 Events/Fundraisers/Direct Donations**
  - **Seacoast Soups Community Event**
    - Will be held on Monday 3/14 11am - 6pm; 15% of all sales, no flyer required. Lauren has been the lead. Advertising will be communicated via Facebook (shared on PAL and North Hampton pages), PAL webpage, included in email from Susan, flyer home with students, and email reminder from PAL
  - **Sweet Chix Community Event**
    - Voted to hold event on 4/20 and PAL will receive 20% of sales. Katie T working out the details regarding time and coupon
      - SGA will set up table to sell any remaining Earth Day t-shirts and share how the Earth Day event went
  - **Dance**
    - Discussed organizing a dance for the K-6 sometime in May.
    - Open to all students: "Student bring special adult someone"
    - Administration approved use of outside and noted the gym is available
    - Looking for volunteers
    - Wendy looking into a possible tent and DJ, Christina for photos?

- **Spirit Wear drive -** Next drive will be starting on March 28. Stephanie and Frances reviewing new options to offer with vendor (e.g hats, stuff with paw prints, socks) and possible fresh new designs for our NHS logo)

Topics for next meeting:

- Teacher Appreciation Week (May 2-6, 2022)
- End of year popsicles
- Wellness Committee Cookbook

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Wallus, PAL Secretary

PAL 2020-2021 Executive Board
Co-Chairs: Yvonne LeBlanc & Stephanie Somerville
Secretary: Wendy Wallus
Treasurer: Maureen Fritz
Enrichment Coordinator: Megan Chartier
Member at Large: Frances Mitchell

North Hampton PTO-PAL (People Active in Learning)

August 24, 2021

Planning Meeting

Attendees- Stephanie Somerville, Yvonne LeBlanc, Maureen Fritz, Wendy Wallus, Frances Mitchell

- **Welcome & Introductions:** Board member introductions and explanation of roles, all those present.
- **New Treasurer**: The Board formally accepted the resignation of Breanne Moore and thanked her for her two years of service and dedication to PAL. The Board unanimously voted to accept the nomination of **Maureen Fritz as Treasurer.** Maureen disclosed to the board to clarify that there is no conflict of interest, that she is also the treasurer of NHYA. The Board agrees that there is no conflict.
- **Meeting Minutes**: First Meeting, none to approve
- **Meeting Schedule**: Susan Snyder offered to switch the monthly PAL meeting to the first Thursday at 5p at Town Hall prior to the School Board Meeting because all administrators could attend. The Board has concerns that a limitation of one hour would be restrictive. The meeting has been the third Thursday of each month and discussion is to keep the meeting for that time and at 6p. Consensus is: third Thursday of the month at 6p in the NHS Library, unless virtual meetings are necessary.
- **Email address**: info@nhspal.com is the current email address for NHS PAL which the organization needs to pay for ($6 a month through google suite). PAL has a gmail account: northhamptonpal@gmail.com, which is free. All emails sent to info@nhspal.com are being forwarded to northhamptonpal@gmail.com. Discussion is that we would forgo the info@nhspal.com email address and only use northhamptonpal@gmail.com after Winter Break to give Angie Lombard time to change everything over through the website, etc. However, is it possible to contact google to change the email address to nhspal@gmail.com or nhspto@gmail.com, etc?
- **Fundraisers**: Yvonne has a list of ideas for fundraisers and loves the restaurant idea, where families can get dinner or take out with a portion of purchases going back to PAL.
- PAL Bulletin Board: Yvonne and Megan cleaned out the closet and welcome sharing items with the student government. Ashley Hass decorated the board in the lobby very well! Question is whether she'd be interested in decorating the board in the lobby each month?
- **Espresso Dave**: He is offering a "Welcome Back to the Grind" two hour coffee service and wondered if we would be interested in hosting this in the Fall. Discussion is on an early release day: either September 15th or October 13th. A two hour coffee service costs $450.
- **Enrichment**: Megan will review the enrichment form to see if it needs updating.
- **Note**: Questions about how much money should be cushioned in our account and what the money will be needed for. Thoughts that the school could use a new sign? Not necessarily an electronic modern sign, but something that would fit in with the aesthetics of the town.

- **Directory**: No ads. The directory will be 10 pages with information of the entire student body, instead of a one sheet given to each grade with just grade specific information. Students will be listed by grade and not by family as in years prior. Discussion to ensure that parents who do not want to be included in the directory are omitted (parents who do not want to be included indicate this via Power School).

Budget Update/Planning for 2021-2022 School Year

- **Halloween Event**: We are unsure that Halloween Howl could take place given the county is in the red zone. What about a "Trunk or Treat" event? Thought is $10 or $15 a car to fundraise for PAL. Ideas for places to host the event: Knowles Field, the old Philbricks parking lot, the North Hampton State Beach, Throwback Brewery. Dates will be discussed at the next meeting. A DJ for the event would be exciting for the kids.
- **Spirit Wear**: Fall and Spring drive. The Fall drive should be earlier than last year; beginning of October. We will get with Tom at TL Sports soon to agree on a beginning date. Keep certain hot items. Can Tom give us a spreadsheet of the most popular items? Can Jaggy or Granny Mac make a video highlighting the items to promote the sale?
- **Pure Vida**: PAL had a loss on that line item last year. We will keep pushing the sale on these into this school year. They are a $3 cost for PAL, but sold at $12 each. Goal is to make $100 profit from this in the coming school year.
- **Amazon Smile**: we profited $29.54 last school year. Would be a good idea to plug this to the general school again.
- **Hannaford Helps**: goal is to hit half of the profit from last year which was $1700.
- **Box Tops**: Hope is $50 in profit.
- **Spring Social Events**: On stand-by because of Covid.
- **Direct Donations**: $2825 in profit for the 20-21 school year (YAY!). We hope to make a slightly larger profit.
- **Walk-a-thon**: Idea to do a sponsored walk for the kids to raise money.
- **Outdoor Structure**: NHS is exploring the idea of building a permanent outdoor structure for education. This could be a fundraising goal for PAL to help offset the costs for the structure (the walk-a-thon would be a perfect avenue to do this).
- **Change Wars**: Grade specific change collecting, or school wide, where classrooms try to raise the most change and the winning classroom wins an ice cream party or something similar.
- **Teacher Appreciation**: Increasing the budget $2000 for the year.
- **Various Budget Line items**: see budget.
- **End of year**: Popsicles or Kona Truck?
- **Holiday Cookies**: If it's not possible to have parents make cookies this year, we would need to look for a store option like Pop Overs.
- **Next meeting date: Thursday, September 16th**

Respectfully submitted, Wendy Wallus, PAL Secretary