

NPTO Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 11, 2011

I. Roll Call! (Dawn) - in attendance Dawn Ellerd, Hope Covington Schwartz, Emily Schmall. Kate Tetmeyer, Lisa Reynolds, Tom Lockhart, Jane Lagerquist. Julie Sheahan, KD Athow, Anrea Johnson Berlin,

II. Minutes/Agenda Additions (Dawn) - No minutes.

III. Parent Check-in (Dawn)

a. Oldies Dance- several people mentioned that the dance was fun, great for the kids. More lower campus kids than Upper.

IV. Quick Updates

A. BoD Liaison Brief (Kate) - Board of Directors Candidate question forum will be held on Wednesday, April 13th at 6:30pm.

B. BoD meeting on April 18th there will be a Facilities update, there will be a tentative plan for the new facility. A site plan study will be presented.

C. Treasurer's Report - not available

V. Discussion/Action Items

A. PTO Election Updates (Dawn) - There are three candidates interested in running for the Co-Chair position. Amanda Connaire, Linda LaFrombois and Carol Logie. PTO officers will meet with all three candidates to talk about how best to fill Co-Chair and other PTO positions (Room Parent Coordinator and Work Group Coordinator).

B. Carnival Update - get Usborne Book catalog to teachers so that they can create their "wish lists". There was talk about more games and activities at the carnival: sack races, three-legged race, etc.

C. Staff Appreciation Event - this event will be held at Shamrock's. Food and a drink ticket will be provided. PTO would also like to provide staff with a gift. Water bottle, glasses?

D. Uniform Assistance – The PTO will no longer be responsible for Nova Uniform fund. The school has taken over running.

E. Opera for the Young – The fourth grade class participated in this program this year. It was a huge success and Nova would like to have the organization back again in the 2011-2012 school year. Dawn brought a motion that the PTO should fund this program. The cost is \$760. Jane seconded the motion. There was a vote taken and all were in favor. The hope is that this will become an annual event for the fourth grade students.

F. Recess- discussed a proposal put together by Andrea Berlin for more recess materials. (she is also helping to recruit parent recess volunteers, training would be provided) Dawn suggested adding an outdoor storage locker to hold equipment. Some parents also thought that more winter recess equipment would be useful. Jan asked that the PTO consider using some of the money to fund some equipment for the Upper Campus as well. Motion made by Dawn to allot \$1000 for recess materials at both campuses this spring with additional thought to be made in the Fall regarding winter equipment/opportunities. Jan seconded. All voted in favor.

Andrea and KD will work on LC plan, Jan will work with Student Senate on UC plan. Phy Ed teachers will be consulted for ideas/resources as well.

G. Ice Cream social- the summer play is happening earlier this year so the ice cream social will not be that afternoon. The PTO will look for another event so to tie the social into. Someone suggested the Dennis Uniform Sale which is usually held at the beginning of August. Most thought that was a good idea. More discussion will happen at the next PTO meeting.

H. Jan said the Upper School will be putting on Bye, Bye Birdie.

I. Carnival and UC Legacy fundraising: We discussed ways to start incorporating fundraising to support future UC Legacy activities or assistance for such activities. We may start at the Carnival if the Student Senate is willing to lend support.

There was no comment on today's meeting

Adjourned at 7:45pm.