

# Nova PTO Meeting Notes (draft)

## April 13, 2009

Meeting called to order at 3:55 PM.

In attendance were:

Kate Tetmeyer, Mary Corrigan, Dawn Ellerd, Jennifer Solon, Lisa Keljik, Jan Beebe, Elizabeth Sonnier, Betsy Kershaw, Maria Marchand and Karen Michaelson.

### **I. UPDATES**

#### **A. 501(c)(3)**

- Updated policies are posted to the web (2<sup>nd</sup> reading). New policies will be approved at the next PTO meeting.
- NPTO has insurance through R.V. Nuccioi

#### **B. Budget**

- NPTO has decided to keep account at TCF for the time being.
- There is \$12,000 in the NPTO account. If there is a balance over \$10,000 by June 31<sup>st</sup>, the difference will be given to the school.

#### **C. Student Council**

- Sock Hop is April 25<sup>th</sup> 7-9 PM in Quinn Hall.
- Ms. Buri is asking that the PTO will cover snacks and game prizes. She is also looking for parent volunteers for decorating, chaperoning as well as someone to donate use of sound system and disco ball.

#### **D. Board Meeting**

- Next meeting is Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Our sponsor signed off on Nova's extension plan.
- There are policies that will be voted on at the next meeting – they are posted at the top of the steps in the hallway.

#### **E. Carnival**

- Next meeting scheduled for Monday, April 27 @ 7:00 at Champps on W 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Scholastic Book Fair will be at the carnival.

#### **F. Staff Appreciation Day**

- Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>
- Breakfast will be served in the workroom from 8:00 – 10:00AM. D'Amico lunch buffet will be served in Quinn Hall 11:30-1:00PM.
- Mary Larson will have massage chair available Wed-Fri from 11:00-1:30.
- Mailboxes are available Mon-Fri for teachers K-5 + staff.

- SOL workroom door will be decorated for Friday & workroom will be cleaned.

### **G. Legislative Update**

- As of 5/26, the bill concerning Charter School oversight has moved on to the next committee. Much of the language and some of the content still have to be hammered out. To date – the cap on the number of charters has been removed. The requirement that charter Administrators hold a traditional state license has been replaced with more open-ended experience requirements. The moratorium on not having a charter move within one mile of a public school that has been closed for less than 36 months remains. (Could be waived with school dist. or commissioners approval.) The statutes concerning building corps. for charters will be addressed at the next committee. (Local and State gov. committee and the K-12 Finance committee.) An establishment of a Charter School Advisory Board is one of the provisions of this bill that will most likely pass.

### **H. Auction Donation**

- \$15,000 donation made to the school was made at the March BOD meeting.

### **I. Last Day of School Treats**

- Jayne Bred has contracted with Schwann's to have a freezer made available and to serve ice cream. A limited number of non-dairy treats will also be available for children with allergies.

### **J. Grandparents/Special People Day**

- Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>
- PTO will organize a breakfast, similar to last year, that will be served in Quinn Hall from 8:30-9:15.
- This day is for grandparents or another special person if a grandparent is not available.

### **K. Elections**

- Congratulations to Dawn Ellerd, who has officially been named for the co-chair position next year.

## **II. NEW ITEMS**

### **A. Scrip**

- New: GC to Linder's Garden Center will be available for purchase after school on Wed & Thurs in Quinn Hall. These can be used at the main store as well as the greenhouses.
- Regular Scrip cards will also be available for Staff Appreciation Day.

### **B. "Parent how-to Guides"**

- Dawn Ellerd is creating a new "un-handbook" – an information piece for new Nova families that gives the ins and outs that the handbook does not cover.

### **C. New Student Assessments**

- Accountability Committee is in charge of arranging assessment times for new students. Parent volunteers may be needed to “be present” while new families are waiting for the assessment to be completed.

#### **D. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition**

- PTO will talk to Administration about 8<sup>th</sup> grade event. Will be discussed at next PTO meeting.

### **III. ACTION ITEMS**

#### **A. Seasonal Decorations**

- Proposal to donate up to \$200 for seasonal decorations for front door space.
- Kate made motion to approve up to \$200, Lisa seconded motion. The motion was approved.

#### **B. Student Council**

- Proposal to cover part of Pennies for Patients Pizza Party and reimburse Ms. Buri (\$60). Kate made motion to cover up to \$60, Jennifer seconded.
- Proposal to cover Sock Hop refreshments and prizes (\$150). Kate made motion to cover \$150 for Sock Hop, Mary seconded motion.
- Both motions approved.

### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Jan Beebe requested that the NPTO help in “advertising” the upcoming BOD election by talking to as many people as possible.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.