

Nova PTO Meeting Notes

December 8, 2008

Meeting started at 3:55 PM and in attendance were:
Kate Tetmeyer, Mary Corrigan, Barb Guth, Jane Breid, Jennifer Solon,
Lisa Keljik, Dawn Ellerd, Jan Beebe, Heather Grace, Betsy Kershaw,
Becky Lund, Gina Zelinka and Bill Kansas

I. UPDATES

A. Working PTO Meeting, November 14th

- Met to discuss the following: defining chair duties, new web page content, Dec. conference meals

B. Conference Meals

- A big thanks to Mary Corrigan, who made all of the sandwiches for SOG conferences. Next conferences are March 10-13 (SOG & SOL are together).

C. Room Parent Update

- SOL's Team Building event went very well on Friday. The next events are:
December 19 – Winter Celebration (food, games, sledding)
January 31 – Family Bowling @ Memory Lanes

D. Student Council

- No update

E. Board Meeting

- Wendy Swanson Choi and Dawn Ellerd are working on the parent communication process for Board meetings. There will be a process in place so parent communication is consistent.
- Next meeting is Monday, December 15 @ 6:00 PM.

F. Committee of the Month – Accountability

- There are policies that never actually passed, policies that aren't actual policies. The Accountability Committee is sorting through paperwork to determine what is an actual policy and what is not.

G. Annual Appeal

- It's our goal to get 100% of Nova families to donate something. It can be as little as \$20. We will qualify for more grants if we have 100% involvement from our families (dollar amount is not considered, just number of families participating).
- Room parents will be sending out reminders for donations.

H. Scrip

- We made \$900 on Scrip last month.
- PTO will be putting together a “Scriptastic” program this holiday season for teachers. There will be \$5 or \$10 Scrip vouchers available to buy – your teacher can save their Scrip vouchers and choose how he/she wants to spend those dollars. Vouchers will be available starting this week.

I. Community Auction

- A big thanks to Beth Magistad and her committee members for putting together a fun and beautiful evening!
- Approximately \$16,000 was raised at the auction, just shy of our \$20,000 goal. (\$20,000 was raised last year.)

J. Book Fair

- \$700 was made at the Barnes & Noble book fair. A big draw was the teachers reading for the students.

II. NEW ITEMS

A. Grandparent Newsletter (Bill Kansas)

- Bill talked about the abundance of volunteer opportunities available for grandparents. If they will be working with children, they will need a background check. Currently, there is no way for the school or NPTO to cover \$8 fee associated with the background checks.
- We didn't get much of a response for the grandparent information. Email or physical addresses received will not be used to solicit money, that information was gathered so a newsletter could go out to grandparents.

B. Letter Writing Campaign (Independent Parent Group)

- There is a small group of parents who will be encouraging families to write letters to local legislators with positive feedback about Nova. This is in anticipation of budget cuts (Charter Schools) the state will be forced to make next year. It is our hope that these letters will ensure that Nova does not get closed because of budget cuts and lack of funding.
- This group cannot be overseen by NPTO.

C. P.E.N. – December 11th @ 6:00PM

- Homework @ Nova will be discussed.

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. 501(c)3

- NPTO will be filing as their own non-profit. A Federal ID number was just obtained. Next steps include: opening a checking account, draft by-laws and apply for tax-exempt status.

B. Cocoa & Cookies (December 19th)

- 3 volunteers needed. Time commitment is about 2:00PM – 3:30PM. Current volunteers include: Lisa Keljik, Heather Grace and Jennifer Solon.

C. Rollerskating

- It was decided that the spring roller skating event would include SOG and SOL students.
- Ms. Lund volunteered to call Saints North to book a date (Feb/March).

D. Head of School Search Committee

- A new parent member is needed.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Ms. Zelinka brought up exploring the possibility of a scholarship or partial scholarship for the enrichment program for kindergarten.
- B. Kate Tetmeyer asked if NPTO wanted to sell neck warmers. It was agreed that NPTO didn't want to start selling things for fundraising.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55PM.