

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 Social distancing is no longer in effect.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**