

NPHS Meeting

October 2, 2019

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Emily Pierce
Avida Michaud
Jane Farrington
Monica Cantelli
Emily Nelson
Kristen Smith
Jen Anderson
Ben Dambman
Courtney Peterson
Mary Chesler
Frances Blair

Welcome & Introductions:

A goal of NPHS this year is to have more parents involved, especially from K1 and K2. Principal Verano is new this year to the school and is eager to engage parents. There is a great opportunity to partner with her as she and NPHS think about what we want to do going forward and to help improve communications.

Chris Sullivan has offered to be VP of NPHS.

Committee Structure:

Alicia and Jen suggested creating a committee structure with a committee leader, along with interested members, to help focus on the different areas:

Website: Gina Cothey, Committee Leader
Matt Smith and Milica Golubovic, Committee Members
Jim Infantino is going to build (pro-bono) and host (for a monthly fee) a new Hurley School website.
Gina and Alicia will meet with Principal Verano to discuss content.
Hoping to have new website live by the holidays.
BPS website has a blurb about the Hurley, which has incorrect and outdate information.

Tropi: Emily Nelson, Committee Co-Chair
Looking for another Co-Chair
Gina can print the save the date cards.
Opportunity to focus on 2020 vision, new decade, new changes.

Discussion to create a committee to consolidate email lists for Parent Council and NPHS (Padres group) to help streamline communications throughout the year. Ben said he would help Milica.

Infrastructure/Long Range:

Possibly Chris Sullivan as the Committee Leader

Principal Verano is thinking about her long term goals.

- Redo auditorium
- Redo the playground
- Other capital investments

Arts:

Emily Pierce, Kristen Smith and Monica Cantelli, Committee Members
Decision was made last year to discontinue performing arts (music and dance). Mr. Mac will continue visual arts.

NPHS and Principal Verano agree that there is now a void and something should be offered within the curriculum. It's not possible for this year but we should plan ahead for next year. NPHS is offering to pay for monthly visiting artists - this will allow exposure to different forms of art throughout the year.

Goal of this committee is to explore long term partners in the arts.

Could we bridge the gap by adding field trips to performing arts shows?

Bodega:

Division of NPHS and generates significant amount of money but doesn't have its own board. Should it have its own board? We have the funding to provide oversight and more support.

BPS still pays Bodega staff salaries, although its under our 501c3.

NPHS could help to expand and invest more in the after-school program. Looking for 4-5 parents of Bodega students to help figure out payroll and discuss with Karen and Principal Verano to confirm that this could be a vision for Bodega.

STEAM:

Avida is interested in helping with this committee, specifically adding more technology outside of Chrombooks.

There is more that we can offer at Hurley.

Principal Verano is engaged and passionate but is still working on her vision for the school.

Still have the Wentworth lead that Mary is working on. Hoping to set up a time to meet.

Goal is to find additional STEAM partners outside of Ms. Morales and Mr. Gaines.

Treasurer's Report: Jane reported that they met in the Spring with the Principal to go over the annual budget. We spent about 110K last year. We have \$430,652.17 between each of the NPHS and Bodega checking and savings accounts.

Fall Fundraiser: The fundraiser is on Sunday, October 20. It's more about building community and engaging families. For the past 2 years we have had about 50 people attend.

Goals and Annual Appeal: Would like to have the annual appeal go out around Thanksgiving. Waiting to hear from Principal Verano about her long term goals but we'd like it to be something tangible.

Other Business: Ongoing concern over the state of the school bathrooms. Parent Council has tried various solutions but it continues to be a problem. We talked about installing electric hand-dryers and faucets to eliminate paper products.

Talk about the recent incident with an Eliot student being pricked by a needle near the school in the North End. Is the Hurley playground safe with what could be hidden in the wood chips? Jerry does a sweep of the grounds every morning. Should we consider motion sensor lights to ward off nighttime activity?

Principal Verano would like to keep up the morning coffee hour - dates are TBD. The next "coffee hour" will be combined with the Parent Council meeting on 10/29 in the evening.

Next meeting will be on Monday, November 4 at 7pm at Jane Farrington's home, 95 Warren Ave.