

NPHS Meeting, February 3rd, 2020.

Ms. Verano
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Chris Sullivan
Jim Anderson
Monica Cantelli
Emily Nelson
Mary Kleftis
Tricia Azzarello
Jane Farrington
Milica Golubovic
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Web Site:

We have additional funding from the district, looking for the most equitable way to distribute. Hurley, as a Tier 1 school doesn't qualify for academic support, we were assigned an additional family liaison. We are not allowed to change the position from the description the district will provide, but it's the same as the position Karen G. is in now. District will provide the position description.

They will work with Karen to re-define her role, more about being accurate with what it is that she is doing.

Position to be posted soon, focusing on family engagement. This position would be just for the school, still discussing the role of the Bodega director.

Ms. Verao sent some links for policies via web site spreadsheet, for Jim to add to the web site.

Arts:

Committee went to CMCB, and met with their education coordinator. Last week Emily spoke with Handle and Haydn Society education director. Both seem like good partners, BPS approved. CMCB will come back to the school with a proposal, for when we apply for a grant.

H&H schools are expected to pay \$2-6K after the grant.

Grants are due in March, both programs are fluent in this work a lot with other schools.

Outside partners were assigned to be with teachers, because they could not commit for the whole year. There was coverage only for part of the year. With older grades, it was done during PE time, so the kids had to choose. It was a trade off between dance and gym, so for kids it seemed like they were not getting their PE.

For k-2 the biggest issue is finding the space (most likely in the classroom). For 3-5 the principal may adjust the schedule. The main issue making sure they can guarantee they can be there the whole year around.

Principal currently reviewing the schedule, one of the goals is to ensure equity.

Emily is also reaching out to Little Groove to schedule a workshop for spring for younger grades.

Emily will work on scheduling a time with CMCB and H&H in the next few weeks.

Parent Square:

Cost- \$5 a student, translates the content, teachers don't need to do that work.

Ms. Verano had a discussion about different communication tools that we use at the school. For now, Remind is the most popular. She would like to schedule a demo at the School Site Council meeting.

One of the issues is the roll out - we could start this year, towards the end of the year for teachers. For parents, we could organize a Back to School night, to help parents set up their accounts.

Ms. Verano just wants to make sure that the teachers are in, and that this is agreed on at the School Council.

Milica and Emily will work on reaching out to Parent Square to get more information and present that at the site council.

STEM

Ideas discussed with Wentworth:

Expand curriculum with new tech

Build after school program

Building out/remodeling, finding new space. Wentworth can provide architecture support.

W is open to all, but all depends on Ms. Verano's priorities. She would like to see more hands on science programs. She would like to see current science/STEM teachers get more curriculum planning support. She would also like to see more computer science incorporated in lower levels.

Erik Miller from Wentworth suggested he could help us with ideas how to make maker space. Chris is working on getting him out to the school for a site visit. They don't have an elementary school program, and no other school is expressing this interest.

The teachers have the materials most of the time, they get kits, but the bigger issue is the space. Also, we need to make sure that the teacher has continuous support. Professional development for the teacher.

<https://stem.northeastern.edu/>

Infrastructure:

Bathrooms - Superintendent is setting a budget to fix all the bathrooms in the district.

Chris discussed the issue of hand dryers, a company can give us 4 hand dryers over February break. The company would instal the hand dryers. That is a potential solution.

Bathroom renovations - district has 3 tiers, we don't know which category we are.

Budgeting process goes through the city council. Full remodel will be Summer 2021.

Projectors - we have an hour left over for training, and we have a service contract to fix the broken. One of the biggest issues is making them wireless, so we need help with that.

Auditorium - no progress. Chris is still working on it. Staff changes at BPS are causing the delay.

Tropi:

We had the first planning meeting. One of the biggest outstanding questions is what is our big ask this year - leaning towards Arts.

One of the big gaps is sponsorships and ads - we need a volunteer to lead that committee.

Not doing a program book, we will increase our electronic presence to fill in the gap.

Discussed small items to sell at the event, we would be able to sell at other events as well (car magnets, etc).

Food on track.

AV. - Avida in charge.

We want to acknowledge supporters of the event during the evening.

We could sell the ticket at Show what you know - Ms. Verano approves.

We can promote at local Neighbourhood associations.

We can start asking businesses for donations.

For our sponsors, we should highlight that their logo will be on our web site until January of the following year.

Last year we had 9 sponsors and 24 advertisers.

Treasurer report:

We are using the Hingham bank, but Jane is looking at BoA. They had an offer no maintenance fees, mobile check deposits, merchant services (POS Swipes), 1.3% APY money market savings.

We have left over money we were collecting for Puerto Rico - Jane will close out the account and send the money to PR.

<https://www.dipjar.com/> - for Tropi, or other events.

Next meeting:

Monday, March 2nd, Jane Farington's house, 95 Warren Ave.