

NPHS Meeting Minutes June 3, 2020.

Attendance:

Alicia Erickson
Jane Farrington
Avida Michaud
Frances Blair
Milica Golubovic
James Anderson
Chris Sullivan
Emily Pierce
Mary Chesler
Gina Cothey
Kristen Malerba-Smith
Isabelle Chase
Emily Nelson
Monica Cantelli
Ben Dambman

Arts:

Working whole year to bring the music back - and we got \$7000 from EdVestors for the music program. This is an annual, so we will have to apply every year. We are not sure what the modifications have to be made if we have to do some virtual classes. We will work with H&H to figure that out.

This grant should cover most of the cost of H&H staff. It will cover staff for music 2/week for the younger grades (K1-1 to begin, then hoping to add higher grades, and keep going as they try to re-adjust the specials).

Parent Square:

Emily has reached out to our Parent Square contact. Ms. Verano is committed to doing it. We'll get the contract etc over the summer, and plan for the fall rollout. Another opportunity will be to enroll new families during orientation depending on what that ends up looking like.

STEM:

We had a call with Erik Miller from Wentworth (Chris, Mary Alicia, Ms. Verano, Ms. Gaines, Ms. Morales had a productive meeting. Ms. Gaines was going to continue a conversation with Wentworth. Ms. Morales - her biggest ask was to get a sink in the library. Chris connected that to MyWayCafe, so she will get that next year at the library.

The team set up another meeting to talk about playground expansion. Playground was an easier project to move forward (than the Auditorium). Same team met with Erik Miller on June 1.

Talked about a lot of options/ideas. Next steps: Erik will go back to Wentworth and talk about options that we have to move this project forward. They can help us build a strategy/plan, vision of what we want.

We need to figure out when to we bring the BPS in to help us move the project forward. How do we engage with Kim Janie, our representative with City Council.

Plan to come back together in July to come up with a plan for fall. Chriss will reach out to the city and the district to see what the projects are that have been funded, who is interested in attaching to the project.

We would have to put it in our NPHS budget, potential leverage the Bodega budget since this is a multi-purpose space.

Other Infrastructure:

Sink in Ms. Morales' room will be added. My way cafe plans are expected in the next few weeks, we are on top of the list for the bathrooms. Potentially new flooring tiles for the bathrooms.

Covid-19 updates for school infrastructure? - no information yet, but Chris will ask.

Fundraising:

Saturday morning at 10am. Tickets are on sale now on our home page/Bidding for Good.

Family Support:

Jane and Alicia talking to Ms. Karen to see how we can help vulnerable families. Karen has had one off requests for specific amounts, and products. We have been fulfilling those requests. In conversations with Karen, our suggestion is to give an amount to the school, but Karen doesn't see this as an option because the school doesn't have an account. Another option would be a giving tree model - so that families are directly helping each other. Karen did share that the family support team is doing, and they are doing a lot to support the families.

Budget

Jane has prepared the budget for the year.

We saved on the new school web site platform.

Dropbox fee increased, we went over the budget.

Post office fee increased.

Bidding for Good and Fronsteam - we went over that.

DipJar is a new line item, hopefully we can use it next year.

NPHS Fundraising: expenses under budget for the Bowling, under budget for the Annual appeal as well. Tropi - we carried forward out deposit for the band and venue.

Interventions - we paid literacy and math.

Arts - we had no theater, and came in under budget for music.

Teacher in classroom support - we were over budget for events and support.
Prof. development - we went a bit over, teachers took a writing course through BC. We paid for Steps for Literacy
We paid for the special ed room to have dividers, a little over budget. Also ISEE teacher cost.
Social emotional support - we bought supplies for OT, under budget.
We budgeted mulch for the school.
Overall under budget for supplies.
Covid relief fund.
Overall, we stayed under budget, but did not have Tropi.
We made around \$82,000 this year. Not as much as usually, but given that we did not have our main fundraising event, we can keep our budget the same for next year. Our calendar year ends June 30th.

Last fundraising effort for the year:

What is the message and who should it come from: end of the year message, with general message about our work this year, and plan for the next year.

Elections

Alicia is stepping away after 2 years as President.

For Next year:

Jane will remain **treasurer** for another year.

Chris will continue working with BPS on **infrastructure** projects, and alternative projects with the city and school district.

President role is open:

Frances and Avida will work out the **co-President** model.

Emily Pierce will be **vice-president**.

Milica will continue as **secretary**.

Fundraising chair / committee - James Anderson

Emily Nelson - **Tropi Chair**

Mary Chesler - **Tropi Auction chair**