

NPHS Meeting

September 26, 2020

Attendees:

Avida Michaud	Kristen Maledba
Frances Blair	Mary Klefits
Penny Caicedo	Gina Cothey
Janae Biggs	Emily Taylor
Emily Pierce	Alicia Erickson
Jane Farington	Chris Sullivan

Agenda:

Confirm Priorities and Next Steps (Air Purifiers, Playground wood chips)

Air Purifiers:

- We agreed that this is a worth while investment. One of the parents has a connection with a company that makes these purifiers, and can help us with a discount.
- We have the funds, and could focus our Annual appeal on this.
- The least amount we would get is 18, and we could get 4 for the specialists. It would be a total of \$15K, and every few years we would be spending \$7-\$9K every few years for upkeep of filters.
- They use a high filtration hepa filter, higher end models neutralize Covid.
- Frances will do some research and do a price comparison.
- Ms. Verano is interested in having filters in the school. Sounds like BP S is prioritizing filters for nurses.
- We can make it work, and need to make sure to add this line item to the years when we need to update the filters.

- Boston.com article about fans in schools highlighting the need for these filters:
<https://www.boston.com/news/education/2020/10/26/boston-public-schools-teachers-wins-fans-ventilation-coronavirus>

Woodchips at the playground:

- BPS has many other priorities, but our approach is to send an email to BPS Facilities to start off the process of replacing woodchips.
- We will ask Gerry to send us pictures of needles, etc.
- Ms. Verano could send an email to BPS, and Chris and Josh would pursue State and City representatives.
- Most effective approach would probably be to frame this as a safety issue. We could also add the “outdoor learning space / sport court” as a need in the current environment.
- We should hang signs with link / QR code to our web site for people to donate. We'll look into getting a banner that can
- Usage of the field sign - examples of signage would be helpful for annual appeal.
- Next steps - write up an email to send to Ms. Verano to use when reaching out to city / BPS facilities.

Wentworth

- Mary has not been able to reach our contact at Wentworth.

Annual Appeal

- We can reuse the banner and hang in front of the school.
- In past years we sent a paper copy, and mailed out a letter.
- In the past we made more from people who sent checks that it's worth sending a letter.
- Focus of the letter this year:
 - Air purifiers
 - Playground (getting it ready for flexible, online learning)
 - Updated yard signage
 - STEP specific project
 - Art Specific project
 - Adding matching gifts language

Committee Updates:

- Events / Fundraising

- a) We had a great brainstorming session last week.
- b) We should start doing something monthly - starting with fitness session, weekend before/or after Thanksgiving - Emily will reach out to her contacts for this event.
- c) December - Alice's table or Vintage garden (first two weeks of December) - we could do two events, one within the community as a fundraiser, and another for the teachers as an appreciation event. Jane is reaching out to Vintage gardens

- d) January would be another fitness event.
- e) DipJar - we still haven't reached out to any establishments, but will reach out to local establishments.
- f) We can also post flyers to local businesses with our letter and our QR code.
- g) Remind people about Amazon smile; Stop and Shop does the same thing with the Stop and Shop Card.
- h) If we host events - should we consider having a prize to use as an incentive to get more people to participate?

- Infrastructure

- a) Bathrooms are still lined up; My Way Cafe is done.

- Arts

- a) Music starts on Wednesday for K1-1st grade. Sounds like K1 will have it 1xWeek, 1st grade 2xWeek.

- STEM

- a) No updates.

Other/New Items?

- Ms. Caro and Karen Gonzalez will try to get a Parent Council in place - we should work with them on event planning, we could combine efforts with them.
- Alicia, Janae, Sullivan will help organizing a campaign around giving Tuesday.

Next Meeting

- November meeting: November 30th, 7:30pm.