

NPHS Meeting, January 11, 2021

Attendance:

Milica Golubovic
Mary Chesler
Avida Michaud
Alicia Erickson
Frances Blair
Monica Cantelli
Emily Nelson
Jane Farrington
Kristen Malerba
Emily Pierce
Gina Cothey
Chris Sullivan

Agenda

Annual Appeal Update

We have made around \$16,000, plus around \$5000 from checks and other sources. Overall, good effort. This is roughly on par with previous years. Jane has been emailing acknowledgement letters - no negative feedback, and we will move forward with email in the future.

Committee Updates:

- Events / Fundraising (Alice's Table success. Ideas for other fundraisers?)

Alice's table was very successful. Great event.

Tricia had an event with Boston Harbor Distillery - we will look into it and plan.

We will look into different options - Escape the room, and similar and see how these events can be leveraged for fundraising.

- Infrastructure

Bathroom updates are in progress; school should be getting filters but we don't know the timeline.

The goal is to have a purifier in every classroom, and we will supplement anything that BPS will provide.

Many teachers asked for special equipment through DonorsChoose - we will ask the Principal of the needs in the next meeting with her.

- Arts

Emily Pierce had a meeting with Karen Gonzales and Community Music Center of Boston (CMCB), to discuss what we can do with the older grades. Discussed song writing class for the older grades. Karen had an idea to do it on a Wednesday, since even if we start hybrid Wednesday will be a catch up day.

Karen will discuss two proposals with principal Verano:

1. 8 week long Wednesday afternoon class (4th and 5th grade). It would be after school, and students could opt in.
2. One week long intensive full class during the school day.

There is a grant (Stars grant) that CMCB can help us apply for. It could cover up to \$5000, and we would cover the rest. We could run this program as a pilot this year. CBMC has this program running in two other schools, and they have two bilingual teachers they could use for this program. The plan would be to come up with a bigger plan for next year.

- STEM

No updates.

Tropi (Alternatives to BFIT? Do we renew Bidding for Good?)

We are looking at organizing several smaller events, rather than one large event. We also want to plan for more events for the whole family, including the kids, in addition to tastings/chefinars. We could also do a virtual raffle during these events.

For Tropi month/week, we can organize a series of events that people could choose to attend, and potentially we could sell tickets - larger ticket for all events, etc.

We should renew BFG, it's in our budget, and we can use it for any event - virtual or live potentially in the Fall.

We'll meet as a fundraising subcommittee to strategize around these proposed events. We should meet the last week of January at 7:30.

Next Meeting

February 22, 7:30 pm on GoogleMeet.