NPHS November 30 2020 Meeting

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Kristen Malerba
Janae Biggs
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Emily Pierce
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Agenda:

Annual Appeal Update

Annual Appeal letters were mailed out. Good sign up for the flower arranging workshop/fundraiser. Event is on December 11, 2020.

There is another event that people who've missed the November 28 deadline can attend, the funds will benefit the Hurley.

Wednesday December 16, we'll post on the web site for people who missed the first event to sign up.

We have 23 teachers signed up for the teachers' event.

Giving Tuesday is tomorrow. Donors Choose is doubling donations and we will add some language to the email going out tomorrow announcing

Committee Updates:

- Events / Fundraising (Alice's Table)

Notes above.

Karen Gonzales wants to continue community events. We supported two events last Sprint - one was a donation, we paid the other one. We should coordinate with the Parent Council on these events.

- Infrastructure

Playground wood chips and parking lot puddle - email sent to Ms. Verano for her to send to BPS to get some support to repair the two areas.

- Arts

No updates. We could coordinate one of the family events to be arts events (music, etc).

- STEM

No updates.

Tropi (strategy if it likely won't happen again?)

We have a deposit out to BFIT, band payment has been rolled over to this year. This would be the last year at BFIT. Lights also have our deposit.

We should have some decisions by January, we should explore outdoor options for May. Perhaps we can move the date to a little later.

We could consider Salsa in the Park (that happens at Blackstone park).

Other/New Items

Emily Nelson reached out to Karen Gonzales about donating clothes/stuff from the house to the school. If anyone has stuff they want to donate, the school will take them.

Barbara has been in touch regarding grant writing - to broaden our reach and involvement with other people within the neighbourhood. In the past, she wrote a number of grants focusing on literacy support, but got only rejections from large financial institutions. It may work if there were no salaries involved, and specific needs - technology in the classroom, for example. BPS has resources that can help guide us a bit. A charter school model - having a Board of Trustees, may be a more successful model.

Charter schools seem more successful, and they have boards of trustees.

Boston Educational Development Fund

Neighborhood House Charter School

Next Meeting

January 11, 2021. @ 7:30pm https://meet.google.com/kop-zggm-xik