

## NORTH HAMPTON PTO-PAL (PEOPLE ACTIVE IN LEARNING)

North Hampton School  
201 Atlantic Ave  
North Hampton, NH

**Attendees**—Frances Mitchell, Yvonne LeBlanc, Breanne Moore, Nermina Peterson, Megan Chartier, Melissa Romanowsky, Jillian Donnatelli, Angie Lombard, Susan Snyder, Stephanie Somerville, Wendy Wallus (briefly to check-in), Susan Grant, Susan Leonardi

- **Welcome and Introductions:** Minutes from 11/21/19 and 12/19/20 reviewed and approved
- **Budget update by Breanne:** CycleFierce update on how many bikes have been sold to date and the dollar amount thus far is \$247. Box tops \$373.90 thus far. \$75 from the US Treasury with no note, under misc. assume to be a refund. PAL is still registered in two banks. Breanne and Cindy will go to Citizens to close that account. Breanne is also speaking with Dunkin Donuts to have them donate (or PAL purchase) donuts & coffee to the staff for Friday 1/31. Yvonne asked about Spirit Wear; there is a negative number and still awaiting payments. Tracking by the person in charge didn't account for who paid and who didn't.
- **Formal Events:** Melissa Romanowsky asked about the survey, which happens to be printed on the agenda. Majority of the respondents wanted two formal events. Discussion on what a boy's event (chaired by Mel) on May 9th should look like. A social event for the boys with possibly using some of the items in the school. Should refer to Patrick Guidi about using items. Patrick had looked at Project Adventures but their cost is high. Could PAL help? Ping Pong tables are available. CycleFierce also donated all of their old bikes from their studio. Mel said she is excited to organize and wondered if it's possible to survey the boys in the school to see what they'd like to do. What about the Rye Airfield as a possibility? NHYA could offer Knowles Field. As for the Glitter Ball, it will be co-chaired by Wendy and Stephanie. A parent emailed because the Glitter Ball conflicts with a personal event. Yvonne discussed the options (keep the event on 5/16, switch the dates, combine events), The dates have already been sent out to the entire school and there is concern about changing the event dates since they have been announced. Also, Wendy Wallus had noted in an email that the DJ was already booked for the Glitter Ball on 5/16. Unanimous vote to keep the Glitter Ball on 5/16 (some staff and library members are in attendance and could not vote). Boys event is 5/9 and Glitter Ball is 5/16.

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- **Administrative Update:** Update by Susan Snyder. Parent conferences week of February 3rd. The afternoon of February 5th is early release; hoping to accommodate parents with time slots for conferences. Professional Day on February 11th (no school). Staff development for Social Emotional Learning, Suicide Prevention Training, and a speaker from Sandy Hook Elementary will also be in attendance. The Middle School Student Gov't wants to sponsor a Spirit Week the week before February Vacation. Hoping to have Spirit Days that raise awareness for certain causes instead of crazy hair day etc. Follow up with charities. The buzz-in at the front door is being replaced as is the camera at the front door. The exterior door will begin to be locked. The office staff will buzz in the person at the door. Administration is in the process of identifying other updates needed that will have to be brought to the school board. Susan also discussed the possibility to celebrate reading with Read Across America in Early March in sort of an Academy Awards style event. Parents could come and take pictures as the kids walk the red carpet. It will be a "real celebration of reading!"
- **Spring Play:** Marsha Zavez will be requesting funds for the Middle School Play, The Little Mermaid for grades 6th, 7th, 8th. Marsha needs help with lighting for the play; doesn't have a specific dollar amount yet to request. Marsha is looking to rent the lighting from an outside company; not purchase. Plus someone to run the spotlight, etc. Marsha wonders if the cost could be around \$1000? Angie asks if the playbill will be online and Marsha thinks that is a great idea. Angie and Yvonne think that there are no color ads left to sell for the playbill. Marsha will fill out a formal request form and give it to Megan.
- **Artist in Residence:** Linda Donohoe and Karen Haas—The Artist in Residence this year is Lizz Van Saun of Kast Hill Studio and the 4th grade will create mosaic art during the first and second weeks of June. Artist required a deposit. Linda and Karen asking for \$681.50; they sent her \$1000 last week from a student account for a deposit. They have a Federal Grant that will help them pay the balance of their fee. There will be a permanent mosaic made for the school. Next year they would like to have her back so that the current 3rd grade (next year will be in 4th grade and working with the Artist in Residence) will make a much bigger mosaic next year; possibly outside. The kids will get fully hands-on. Marsha Zavez and Brad Johnston will also be involved. All PAL members voted in approval of the request!
- **Public Library Expansion Project:** Susan Grant and Susan Leonardi from the Public Library are in attendance to discuss the expansion. The current library is small. Years ago looked at a campus expansion. Now looking at an expansion to the

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current building and the vacant lot next to the library. Session discussions began in 2018 and ongoing today. The question of expansion will be on the March ballot for the town to vote on it. Some Selectmen asked four months ago to go in a different direction; to build a new library on the vacant lot. Those Selectmen have been working on a different plan. There might be two warrant articles and a citizen's petition. Susan Leonardi says getting information to people is difficult. Information regarding the expansion is available at the library.

- **Kindergarden T-Shirts:** Shirts for the incoming Kindergarteners. The meet the teacher event is June 5th. PAL needs the invoice from Becca (who is the vendor?).
- **Sponsored lunch for teachers and staff:** Seacoast Soups on February 21st? Three different types of soups (tomato, chicken noodle, spicy Thai). Plus platter of assorted wraps and salads. Looks like \$800 total. Yvonne asked if it's too much money or to forgo something to lower the cost. Susan suggested that the Weds or Thurs before vacation would be better due to leftovers, and that soup and salad would be sufficient. All agreed to soup and salad. Frances asked Yvonne if SS could donate a gift card to the Social.
- **CycleFierce and Adult Social:** Frances gave an update on both events.  
CycleFierce: There are 32 bikes available, 13 have been sold, more flyers were distributed for Friday Folders, and there will be another push on FB. Emails were sent by grade liaisons. Becca Carlson has a friend that Frances is contacting re: wine donation for after the ride. Big thanks to Jen Sebeny for donating her time and studio. Adult Social: March 14th at Cisco Brewers. Cisco has cut the room fee in half. There will be a DJ, silent auction, raffle, cornhole, heavy apps, cash bar. Frances gave a brief overview of the auction and raffle items that she and Caitlin have acquired. They continue to look for donations and are hoping to get a few businesses to sponsor the event.
- **The next PAL meeting is on Thursday, February 20th**

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Mitchell, PAL Member-at-Large (in place of Wendy Wallus, PAL Secretary)