

NovaPTO Upper School Parent Advisory “Strengthening the Nova Community” Agenda – October 10 -2017, 4:05 pm to 5pm in Exhibition Hall

NovaPTO Mission - Nova Classical Academy PTO is an organization of volunteers engaging families, teachers, and staff in fostering a school community that actively supports Nova’s mission and enriches the students and the school. Any and all current Nova parents and staff are considered members. There are no dues.

USPA Mission - Interaction between Parents and Administration in an informal setting to discuss particular events and issues, thoughts and perspectives in a positive and proactive manner.

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I. Welcome and Roll Call (Jane)

- a. USPA Mission - Interaction between Parents and Administration in an informal setting to discuss particular events and issues, thoughts and perspectives in a positive and proactive manner
- b. Represent not only our family but other families. Be respectful.
 - a. Provide time for all parents in the group to respond.

2. Discussion items

- a. Nova Traffic issues
- b. Parent Ed nights coming up
 - i. **October 24 - World's Best Workforce/Assessment Data Parent Education Night** - AT 6:30 Explains results of assessment tests. Lower school results and plans at 6:30?, Upper school at 7:00?.
 - ii. **November 14 - Classical Education 101** - Approximately 30 people attended. Its open to all grade family, Its staggered Parent ed night. Explaining is the SoG at 6:30 pm, SoL at 7:00 pm, SoR at 7:30pm (times are approximate)
- c. Writing program
- d. Dance format
- e. Absences and assignments, Due to Illness or School events
- f. Math Scope and Sequences

3. Upcoming Events

- Teacher Conferences
- Great Gatherings, Nov 4
- Give to the Max
- SoR concert in November SoL concert in December

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4. Past Events Events (brief feedback on the following events.)

- Homecoming Dance 9/23
- Homecoming Week, Homecoming Parade 9/29
- St. Croix Retreat 10/7-8
- Barnes and Noble Book Fair 10/7
- Masquerade Dance

Parent Ed nights

- **January 9 - School of Logic Orientation at 6:30 pm.** includes pizza, childcare etc.
- **January 30 - School of Rhetoric Orientation at 6:30 pm.** Starts at 6:30. 3 sessions in rotation, very popular in 2016-17 school year.
- **February 6 - PSEO** This Parent Education Night is developed and supported by our Guidance/College