

NovaPTO Upper School Parent Advisory “Strengthening the Nova Community”

Agenda – September 12 -2017, 4:10 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.

x	6th Grade	Beth	Hawley
x	6th Grade	Theresa	Nelson
x	6th Grade	Liza	Halverson
x	7th Grade	Christina	Selander Bouzouina
x	8th Grade	Kimberly	Adelsman
x	9th Grade	Jane	Lagerquist
x	10th Grade	Maura	Hackenmueller
x	11th Grade	katherine	scheil
x	U.S. Principal	Mari	Bergerson

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. intro of new counselor - Mr. Shuman was unable to attend, Ms. Bergerson gave an introduction and background. Ms. Danforth will work with seniors’ applications and recommendation letters this year.
- b. intro of new members & discussion of purpose of USPA

3. Upcoming Events

- Homecoming Dance 9/23 - 7-10pm. The student senate will be communicating the details via posters and Nova Notes notifications. Theresa suggested a “Homecoming 101” type of discussion is House for 9th graders that might not be familiar with homecoming dance. Jane and Christina are compiling a list of questions that students and parents might have about the event, and will forward for Ms. Broen and student senate.
- Homecoming Week, Homecoming Parade 9/29 - dress up days have not yet been determined for SoR
- Masquerade Dance - Friday October 6th. There is confusion whether this is a costume or masquerade dance. Jane will compile a list of questions that students and parents might have and will send to Ms. Broen for student to communicate.
- Comedy Sportz will be returning for SoL this year.
- St. Croix Retreat 10/7-8 - 9th grade only. Forms were sent home with students, communication in Nova Notes. Chaperones will be solicited soon.
- Barnes and Noble Book Fair 10/7 - 9am-10pm. There will be a raffle for gift cards, many US teachers have submitted wish lists. US students are encouraged to volunteer
- Senior Breakfast

Parent Ed nights

- **September 26 - Financial Aid** -This Parent Education Night is developed and supported by our Guidance/College Counselor and attendance has varied from 5-25 parents/students in attendance. specific to 11th and 12th grade. Possibility of another class in the spring for sophomores
- **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?. Nova is mandated to hold this meeting. This will clear up confusion that parents have with the test results, especially ACT Aspire, which is a new test for Nova students.

- **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**
- **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 . Discussion of possibly piggybacking a CIS & AP info session this same evening. There was discussion about a parent coffee where parents could ask students and other parents about their experiences with PSEO.
- Jane suggested to the US Parent Advisory team that we give her at least a 5-6 day notice if there are topics and concerns we would like to discuss at our monthly Tuesday meeting.