

# NovaPTO Upper School Parent Advisory “Strengthening the Nova Community” Minutes – December 11, 2018, 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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## 1. Welcome and Roll Call

- 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.

## Discussion items:

### December

11 NPTO Chipotle Night 4:00-8:00pm, 33% goes back to the school

- Great gatherings online store is open

- 13 **SoL Music Concert**, 7-8.30 pm, conflicts with band concert mandatory practice  
**Action:** Communication to be sent to the band students that the choral music concert is required regarding conflicting band practices for concert at MOA.
- 21 **Winter Treats** - We need volunteers for during lunch (volunteer portal)
- Options due to sink/faucet issues
  - Upper school and lower school on the same day
  - \$60 sent by Mississippi Market to help out with costs, doesn't help sink issue, but helps with costs
- 21 **US Talent Show**
- Caroling by staff in morning
  - Last 45 minutes of day, altered schedule this day, each class about 8 minutes short
- 21 **Upper School Ugly Sweater Day/Talent Show**  
 Staff and Upper School students are encouraged to wear a holiday sweater. Students will need to be in their uniform bottoms/shoes/etc. The only non-uniform garment allowed is the sweater. If a student doesn't want to wear an ugly sweater, then they are required to be in complete uniform. The talent show will commence at the end of the day during Upper School house. Interested in showing your talent?

## January

- 8 NPTO Meeting, 4 pm
- 10 SoR Rising 9th Grade Info Night, 6.30-8 pm
- Other grades not prohibited in coming, but really geared towards upcoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade
- 15 **USPA meeting at Restaurant (7<sup>th</sup> street social), 4:05pm, casual meeting to brainstorm on what we want with the 2<sup>nd</sup> half**
- 17 End of Quarter 2/Semester 1
- 25 SoL Black & White Dance, 6.30-9 pm, open gym, request form student senate coordinator if interested in inviting guests

## Other items

- Senior Party & Graduation Hospitality Team
  - NPTO has a budget for it, but doesn't plan it
  - Planned by a parent committee
  - Mary Jo came tonight as she wanted to inquire more on this, was unclear on the process, but would like to be involved in that.
    - Action: Jane will talk to Susan Hooge about posting something to Nova notes to inquire if there are other parents interested in helping to drive.
  - Ms. Bergerson would like to see the 11<sup>th</sup> grade parents more active in serving at this and make it the big deal it is. It is a big event to run. Susan Hooge has volunteered to help plan event.
  - Issue brought up: One of the Senior parents brought up that Sunday afternoon graduation is not ideal. Mary Jo feels it would be so much better to have it a week earlier. She has volunteered to poll parents if that is needed to determine the best date and time for them. Mr. Pelofske said he would bring to the leadership team meeting tomorrow. Mr. Pelofske shared that historically there were concerns shared regarding Saturday ceremony in the past.
- 7th grade field trip, still targeting US Bank Stadium
- Discussion around Senior thesis project, first draft was due this past week. Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> draft is required.
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## Past events...

- Conferences
  - Conferences went well
  - Food volunteerism was not good, no one signed up to assist and help on Tues
  - Missing the community aspect now that we can't see *who* is volunteering with using Raptor
  - Next year we will likely move conferences to Monday and staff development to Tues (week of Thanksgiving)
- Give to the Max results
  - Results unknown, but was above last year
- Chronic late busses are causing anxiety for kids
  - Looking at negotiating new bus service next year due to issues