

NovaPTO Upper School Parent Advisory “Strengthening the Nova Community” Minutes – November 13, 2018, 4:05 pm to 5pm in Room 131

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.

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I. Welcome and Roll Call (Jane was ill, Kimberly Dumetrica led meeting)

- 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

- **Discuss Nova's Building is open from 8 am-4.15 pm.** How will this function with winter weather.
 - Topic brought up due to a parent’s comment about being late picking the child up and them waiting outside
 - Mr. Pelofske explained that due to supervision, the building will have strict hours of 8-4:15 unless participating in after school activities
 - A suggestion was made to ensure the someone is managing the phones until 4:15 so if a parent needs to call and communicate, there is a path

- **Parent Ed Night - Youth Services Bureau Presents Raising Resilient Kids Nov 28, 6-7.30 pm, Room 131**

What can parents do right now to raise resilient kids ready for adulthood? Learn what to do (and what not to do) to help your child develop the skills and traits they need for a happy, healthy, and successful life.

- Mr. Shuman mentioned that they are trying to line up the next YSB parent night on the night of the SoL January dance
- Christina will send Mr. Shuman the name of a speaker she is aware of on diversity

- **Winter Treats**

- Discussed concerns with making the cocoa in the small sink
- Christina offered to see if a local business would be willing to donate pre-made cocoa

- **Upper School Conferences - Thursday, November 15 from 4:30-8:00pm and on Tuesday, November 20 from 8:00am-4:00pm**

- conference meals - Sink is needed of upgrade to be usable.
- Reminder that sign-up for serving including set-up and clean-up is on raptor
- Sign up for food is out via an email today (11/13) with a sign-up genius

- **Update on 7th grade field trip**

- Mr. Pelofske is still trying to connect with US Bank for the 2019 schedule

- **Great Gatherings results**

- Raised ~32k, spent ~7-8k, NPTO profit of about 25k; slightly less than last year, but a better than average year

- **Give to the max**

- Usually a specific project is designated. Goes to Nova, not to NPTO. Description page on Give to the Max describes what effort will go to.

- **US news best school**

- 4th time in 5 years that Nova is in the top 10