

NovaPTO Lower School Parent Advisory “Strengthening the Nova Community” Minutes – September 30, 2019, 4:15 pm ; 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.

LSPA 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.

Grades	First	Last	Email	Raptor Registration
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Welcome and Attendance (Stefanie)

- a. LSPA 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:

- 1) Welcome Room Parents
 - Many room parents were in attendance-still looking for more
 - Heather reviewed room parent responsibilities - doc attached at end of minutes
- 2) Family Fun Night - Friday, October 4th
 - board games, playground and movie in gym with popcorn and water
 - It was a big hit with over 200 families signed up!
- 3) After school activity offerings discussion
 - Patti Mumford and Carli Anderson presented concerns regarding extra-curricular after school offerings
 - Admin will continue discussion with this group of parents
- 4) Open discussion
 - We are working on getting SoL students to help with childcare during future meetings

Future Events:

- 10/4 Lower School Family Fun Night
- 10/5 NPTO Barnes & Noble Bookfair
- 10/17-18 MEA - no school
- 11/2 Great Gatherings Kickoff Party
- 11/14 Give to the Max Day
- 11/21 Fall conferences - evening
- 11/25 Fall conferences - daytime

Future Meeting date - Monday, December 9 at 4:15 pm in Exhibition Hall

Grade	Big Activity: Grade Parents will coordinate event & staffing	Carnival – May 9, 2020
1	Teacher Appreciation (1 st week of May, 2020)	Inflatable 1 & 2
2	Fall Conference Meals (Nov 21 & 25, 2019)	Inflatable 3 & 4
3	Winter Break Treats (December 20, 2019)	Bean Bag & Hula Hoop
4	Roller Skating Party (March 2020)	Junk Food Walk & Gaga Ball
5	Last Day of School Treats (June 2020)	Soda Pop Ring Toss & Nail Polish
K	Kindergarten Picnic (August 2020)	Fish Pond & Duck Pond

What are Room Parents?

Room parents act as the intermediary between the NPTO and the class rooms for activities and volunteer requests. It is a great way to get to know other families at Nova and build our community. We ideally like two room parents per teacher. You are also welcome to join the Lower School Parent Advisory (optional).

Shared responsibilities (per grade)

- Attendance by one room parent per grade at NPTO meetings to report necessary information to class families.
- Reach out to new Nova Families in your grade - answer questions or direct them to someone who can.
- Coordinate a Get-Together at the playground for families
- Help with donations for Silent Auction Grade Baskets for Great Gathering Kickoff Event
- Assist with coordinating and recruiting volunteers for one 'Big Activity' (see chart below)
- Assist with recruiting volunteers for Carnival Station (see chart below)
- Serve as a support for teachers
 - **This will vary from teacher to teacher (as well as by grade)**
 - You do not need to do everything, just help the teachers find volunteers, send out requests if the teachers need something, etc.

What do I do next?

- Introduce yourself via email to your teacher.
- Introduce yourself to the other families in your child's class
 - How do I do this? Ask your home room teacher to send out a message via email from you and the other room parents to gather up family emails, use the family directory, and the contact information in raptor. The NPTO is also gathering a directory....I know.... too many directories! It is a work in progress (but once you generate the first list, it is very easy to build from.)
 - Please blind copy (bcc) the parent emails. Respect everyone's privacy.
- Check for your 'Big Activity' /Carnival Events & mark your calendars!

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Need Help?

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

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