

Nova PTO Upper School Parent Advisory
1-9-2014 Meeting Minutes – Draft
“Strengthening the Nova Community”

Attendance: Jane Lagerquist, Russ LaPlante, Miranda Morton, Amanda Granse, Charlene Hess, Kim Adelsman, Kim Nelson, Sara Waters

2. Review Last month

Winter Treats - a lot of food left over, went well, kids were excited, we have gluten free but the kids didn't know; may have been too many volunteers; need less volunteers next year
Candy Grams will be back next winter (some issues with the administration being aware of the logistics of the event in Ms. Morton's absence.)

3 Upcoming Events

Legacy Events

6th grade event, Jan 27 - Grand Slam; if we like it we may want to schedule a year in advance. Grand Slam in Burnsville for a fantastic time with trampolines, bumper cars, laser tag and more! Students should meet at Nova at 12.30pm and will return to school at 4.00pm. Permission forms will be sent home soon.

Legacy events for 7th and possibly 8th grade also. Suggestions made were Water park of America, Zero Gravity, Sky zone, (Ms. Morton will have these options researched); Memory Bowling Lanes (one of the grades). Discussed having it at school, but an offsite one was preferred - no school setup logistics required; also – wanted to have something equal to the 6th grade event.

White and Black Dance. Discussion was made to add a game/activity room to the event. Can we have additional rooms and activities at school dances for our diverse interests? Is it possible for this next dance (in 3 weeks)?

Snow Daze, Feb 3-8, SoR - - nothing to report, other than the events are focused on them

Snow Daze dance, Feb 8 - do we have any events that overlap like Boys basketball?

Teacher Appreciation week, April 21-25 - Ms. Morton suggested mini boards around school for kids to post comments on teachers, teacher candy gram, coffee gram, cookie gram.

May 3 (or 8th) 8-11 PM Prom - at Humanities Center in St. Paul. Site is cost effective.

Discussed the graduating class preference of an Afterprom 11-2AM (last years was too long for the kids) or an end of year party. Benefits to either option. End-of-year overnight party, less long party, too much for the kids if it goes all night? Do something during the day instead? It sounds like we think having too much of a party at the end of the year is too much.

Kids will likely still want to get together for something after all of the school events, tests, etc are really finished. N Nice thing about grad party is it separates the cost of the party from the overall cost of prom.

8. Meeting Adjourned (about 6:20 PM)