

## NovaPTO Upper School Parent Advisory “Strengthening the Nova Community” Minutes – May -1-2014

**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 (Jane)

- a. Agenda Additions – none.
- b. Minutes and approval Motion passed unanimously.

### 2. Review past EVENTS April 2014

- a. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards – Each student was recognized for a positive attribute. The breakfast went well.
- b. Staff Appreciation week **April 21st-25<sup>th</sup> - Ms. Morton** reported that all went well. There was some concern that teachers did not go to the breakfast, but Ms. Morton reported that all went well and the teachers did eat and enjoyed it.
- c. **Parent Education Night: Child Safety in the Modern World April 22nd 6.30pm** . 30 Upper School parents and 20 Lower School parents attended. There will be links on the website to resources discussed, including a teen website explaining cell phone safety, internet safety.

### 3. General Topics

- a. Board Meeting – The Interim Director candidate was approved. Differentiated Learning and the Topic of Rigor and Classical Education were discussed. See Board packet pp 10-12. The topic will also be discussed at next month’s meeting.
- b. Theft of iPhones, iPads, etc. - Ms. Morton plans to make an announcement about being careful with electronics. Students will be encouraged to keep devices put away, advised to just keep them in your pocket so as not to advertise who has what.

### 4. Upcoming events 2013-2014

- a. **May 2** Spring Fling Dance & Open Gym, 7-10pm – The sign up sheet was emailed. The Dance takes place the night the 8<sup>th</sup> graders return from DC
- b. **May 3** Nova Prom, 7.30pm
- c. **May 9** Grandparents Day – Teachers are encouraged to plan appropriate things for guests to observe. Kids will be encouraged to be polite and give up their seats for the adults.
- d. **May 17** Nova Carnival & Book Fair, 10.30am-4pm – Volunteers are still needed, in particular for facepaint. Two Houses are sponsoring an activity – a craft room and soak a staff member.

Coffee and a bake sale will benefit future school trips.

**e. May 20** Parent Education Night: School of Logic Orientation, 6.30pm This will be preceded by an orientation for the 5<sup>th</sup> graders. They'll have the opportunity to visit classes and learn more about how the School of Logic differs from the School of Grammar.

**f. May 21** Honors Science Symposium, 4-6pm

**g. May 28** College Q&A, 4.15pm – for parents and students.

**h. June 3** Junior Book Awards Assembly, 1.00pm – possibly moved to last day of school.

Colleges sponsor 10 awards in various subject areas, ie leadership, science, language arts.

**i. Senior Breakfast and Grad Party** – The breakfast will be a potluck. The sign up will go up soon. We are still in need of a high ticket item for the Grad Party.

**j.** Graduation – Target cupcakes will be served.

**5.** Meeting adjourned at 6 pm.