

Nova PTO

Meeting Minutes

July 2015

“Strengthening the Nova Community”

Our Mission: Nova Classical Academy NPTO 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.

I. Welcome and Roll Call (Sam)

- A. In attendance: Sam Fisher, Chair; Sara Knudsen, Co-Chair; Jessie McClary, Co-Chair; Claire Helin, Secretary; Robin Cerio & Beth Hawley, Board Liaisons; Dr. Jennifer Marker Johnson
- B. Agenda Review

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting– June Minutes were approved.

III. Officer Reports

- A. Board Meeting Report (Robin)
 - i. Not enough members to have a quorum.
 - ii. Information was presented about the homework survey.
 - a. Results will go out to the Nova community soon.
 - b. Parent comments were scattered but a consensus that there is too much homework in the upper school.
 - c. Discussion on the definition of rigour.
- B. Advancement Committee Update (saved for Sept. meeting)
- C. Executive Director’s Update (saved for Sept. meeting)
- D. Treasurer’s Report (Jennifer)

- i. 2014 Great Gatherings profit was \$16,370.57. This is approximately \$4,000 less than estimated.
- ii. The spring carnival profit was \$837.59. Jessie is looking into using food trucks next year because volunteers were not consistent in showing up for time slots, etc.
- iii. The income total for '14-'15 school year was \$43,630, and the expense total was \$45,430.
- iv. The projected income (what we hope to earn) for '15-'16 school year is \$43,405.
- v. Discussion about Nova's Solar Panel- a conduit to spread funds to teachers with a particular need or life event (baby, wedding, etc.)

IV. Updates and Upcoming Events

A. Room Parent Events

- i. Briefly checked the dates for each activity.
- ii. Fall conference dates; 2 dinners and a breakfast.

V. Discussion/Action Items

A. Upper School Parent Advisory (Beth)

- i. Discussion on who will take over Beth's role.
- ii. Could Mrs. Bergerson just report the information to us?

B. Kindergarten Picnic Update (Jessie/Sara)

- i. Working on a powerpoint for the slideshow.

C. Back-to-School Nights Update (Sam)

- i. "Open House" is the official name for these evenings.
- ii. Aug. 26 & 27 all NPTO board members plan to attend.

D. First Day Coffee Update (saved for Sept. meeting)

E. List of point people for events (Robin)

- i. Robin emailed out responsibilities.

F. Intro Meeting & Staff Orientation Talk (Sam, Jessie/Sara & Robin/
Beth)

i. Dates planned via email.

G. Brochure (Jessie/Sara)

i. Sara emailed out the brochure and brought copies. A few
revisions will be made.

H. Go buy Local Update (Jessie- saved for Sept. meeting)

VI. Adjourn