

Nova PTO Upper School Parent Advisory “Strengthening the Nova Community” Agenda – September 10, 2019, 4:05 pm to 5pm

Nova PTO 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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I. Welcome and Roll Call (Jane)

- 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

- 6th grade orientation and transitions
 - Some feedback Jane received included Aug orientation felt a little redundant to mid-year orientation
 - Jane suggested opening the doors an hour early for 6th graders and new students at orientation to allow more time to settle in
 - Recommended to nail Aug orientations dates sent earlier so families can plan
 - Katherine suggested if not too much of a production to pair a 6th grader with an upper classman as a buddy system to help them navigate upper school

- Would be good to distribute the information if people are out of town (Kimberly had to retrieve materials from another person)
- 8th grade trip planning
 - Will be moved into the Great Room due to the RSVP #s
 - Strongly suggest bringing the kids that would like to attend
- 8th grade boat cruise
 - Sep 19th
 - Have seven parents who volunteered
- Upper School Meet the Teacher Night
 - Jane inquired how it will be covered if a teacher is unavailable
 - The teacher will send out a note to parents with info
- Homecoming Week
 - Spirit Days (M-TH only for 9-12)
 - M - Jocks vs nerds day
 - T - Monochrome day
 - W - Cowboys vs future day
 - Th - Squad day
 - F - Spirit day – for all 6-12
 - Suggestion to provide a discount around Nov too for purchasing of holiday gifts
 - Homecoming Parade – same day as Spirit day, F, 9/27; will start about 3-3:25ish, all K-12 will line up along the sidewalk, lasts about 15 minutes; upper school then meets in gym for staff versus student volleyball game
 - Senate has been good about bringing forth ideas
 - Homecoming Dance – 7-10pm, on Saturday 9/28
 - Mr. Pelofsky mentioned it is much earlier than usual, so planning has been a bit more crunched (was based on how soccer game schedule played out)
- Financial Aid Parent Education Night
 - 1st - 10/1 – more geared to FAFSA, 2nd TBD (geared more towards school that require CSS requirement)
- Barnes and Noble Book Fair – Oct 5th; gaining recommendations at this point
 - Kimberly mentioned that Beth will be handing over after this year and it may be reassessed
- St. Croix Retreat for 9th grade
 - Oct 5th and 6th – Parents need to pick up kids by 2 on Sundays
- Masquerade Dance – Nov 15th (moved from 10/11)
 - Will be discussing with the SoL senate to see if during house students can be given time to create masks
 - Semi-formal
 - Each year the senate has collected feedback to improve
- Senior Breakfast, Wed, October 16, 8:45-9:45
 - Relaxing morning to reflect on being Seniors
 - Measured for cap and gown
 - Mr. Pelofsky will share an address
 - Do invite PSCO students
- Comedy Sportz
 - Mr. Pelofsky would like to see it return this year, uncertain as to why it didn't happen last year
- PSAT is on 10/16
 - Practice SAT for 11th and 12th
- Misc

- Kimberly inquired if we will be partnering for the anti-bullying campaign
- We will be covering topics during the month of Oct during House
- We will be doing the pledge poster and encouraging wear orange day to show support
- Next meeting
 - Liza would like to discuss what happened to Honor Roll

Money situation for 2019-2020.

NPTO money budgeted 18-19 (need to confirm for 2019-20)		Person responsible for event
<i>SoL Comedy sports</i>	<i>\$2000</i>	
<i>SoL 8th Grade Honors</i>	<i>\$350</i>	
<i>SoL 5th/6th grade orientation</i>	<i>\$500</i>	
<i>SoR Graduation Expenses</i>	<i>\$3000-3500</i>	
<i>SoR Senior Breakfast</i>	<i>\$300</i>	
<i>SoR House Service project bussing</i>	<i>\$850</i>	
<i>SoR Prom</i>	<i>\$800</i>	
<i>Picnic</i>	<i>\$1000</i>	<i>FYI - must have receipts and expenses presented to NPTO treasurer to get reimbursement.</i>