

NHS PTO Meeting Minutes -- October 10, 2017

Present: Thea Hardigg, Rhys Eppich, Zoe Johnson, Laura Frogameni, Ananda Lennox (Northampton Prevention Coalition), Molly Burnham (School Committee), Sylvia Shread (Student Presenter for the Feminist Collective club), Elizabeth Solaka, Wendy Cooper, Vicky House

Topic	Discussion	Action Plan
Feminist Collective	Laura introduced guest speaker Sylvia Shread, a senior leader of the Feminist Collective. The Feminist Collective, 5 years old, focuses on the calling-in technique of discussion and education. There are approximately 35 members, numbers increased this year, influenced in part by the JFK march. They participate in several community based events to education and inspire including a drive for diaper and menstrual supplies. They raised awareness last year by building a tampon sculpture. They create posters that are placed around the school of historical figures (hero posters. The Feminist Collective also partners with other clubs including SOCA, to host Social Justice Week (January 8 - 13, 2018). They meet weekly, talk about "everyday sexism) and share their experiences, how to handle appropriately and best way to educate.	
Introductions	Went around the table to introduce ourselves to new people.	
Thank yous	Thea thanked everyone for all their work on the Directory.	
NPC	Ananda Lennox opened discussions on sustainability of the Safe Homes project. NPC has funding for the next 3 years but after that they'd like the PTO to think about taking on the Safe Homes directory project.	Ananda will come back and discuss further in the spring.
RFPs	Zoe went through the RFPs, the PTO voted on approving all with the exception of changing a cash award to a gift card for the Permanent Art funding request.	Zoe to send list to Rhys for payment and notify awardees.
Spanish Translation	Thea discussed having PTO letters translated into Spanish. Suggestions came up to have Spanish students do the translation for extra credit, reaching out to the ELL department and the Honors Society.	Vicky will follow up.
Spring Open House	The PTO would like to host food and beverages following the Open House to open the opportunity up for parents to continue discussion with each other and build community. Looking for volunteers to spearhead.	
Next Meeting	Tuesday, December 12.	