

## NISS PAC Meeting Minutes:

**Meeting Date:** Sep 25, 2019

**Attendance:** Stacia Johnson, Shelley Frost, Bonnie Barrett, Diane Turgeon, Emma Robertson, Laurie Garratt, Christina Mardell, David Jack

**Call to Order:** 4:35 pm

**Additions to the Agenda:** N/A

**Acceptance of the Agenda (with additions):** Bonnie -1<sup>st</sup>, Christina-2<sup>nd</sup>

**Approval of Minutes from Apr 30, 2019:** Bonnie Barrett – 1<sup>st</sup>

### **Reports:**

#### **1. Principal's Report:**

- a) For this year 292 students were predicted but actually 309 students were registered. Administration is looking at extra staffing and adding blocks and putting more money into it. Included were 4 new special ed students which will equal extra E.A time.
- b) Levels of the Code of Conduct will be reviewed. Would like to come back to our core vision and where do we want to be in 5-10 years
- c) The NISS mission statement paper was handed out and the staff is asking for feedback.
- d) The teachers have been asked to pick any 2 students to see what their vision of student success will look like in June 2020.
- e) **Priorities & Action Steps:**
  - Pamphlet of Speakers from the Community / Field Trips (2)
  - Schoolwide project (garden, art, etc)
  - Combining Classes
  - Student Exchanges
  - Bring in the community to share
  - Hands on opportunities, Garden, Outdoor classes, woodwork, etc
  - Red Seal Training and specialized training (Forestry, hair, cooking, ECE, hospitality, healthcare, first aid, Foodsafe, etc)
  - Outdoor activities
  - Reflection & Acknowledgment of Learning
  - Recognized routines ie. (being on time everyday)
  - Identifying goals and effort
  - Work that matches the student level
- f) Teachers are to pick 1 intention to add to the above
- g) The Garden committee would like to grow potatoes in tubs this year in the garden. They would like to request \$100 for Spuds N' Tubs for the project. An email request was submitted.

#### **2. School Trustee Report:**

- a) Sep 9 – The first meeting on the Strategic Plan. It is on the website.
- b) The mission statement is to be in line with the Schoolboard
- c) Sep 30-more bodies in the seats – some schools are up and some schools are down
- d) Additional \$30,000 funding for in the district for mental health. Anxiety and depression you kids grade 1-3 has grown a lot. Instead of one on one treatment, working with the whole family for treatment. Wanting to bring in speakers for the family and staff.

- e) Sunset has Anxiety Awareness. Families are experiencing it everyday. Want to have a forward movement to talk about it instead of suffering in silence.
- f) Class sizes are 18 – Primary, 22 – Intermediate, 30 – Senior / highschool . We need variation but the Union wants it cut and dried.
- g) Teachers speaking of job action as the contract expired June 2019. There will be no extracurricular activities. Supervision will be shared by management if there is job action.

**3. Treasurer's Report:**

- a. Gaming acct: \$721.28
- b. Chequing acct: \$43.95

Diane Turgeon printed out statements for Bonnie

**4. DPAC Report: N/A**

**5. Chair Report: N/A**

**Old Business:**

- a) Bonnie organized food trays for the staff at the end of last school year. The cost was \$109. The teachers really appreciated it.

**New Business:**

- a) Update on the Forestry Program -used to be done by Sean Pendergast. Who's going to run it? It's more than just Forestry.
- b) 2 websites are running parallel. The new site has a new look however the links for the old and the new are the same. With an old site you usually get redirected but that is not happening. Stacia will look into it.

**Parent's Corner:**

**Christina** – Asking for a better process for families to do online courses that is more user friendly with possibly a one page "How To" parent registration guide. NIDES is automated and SIDES is Manual.

**Shelley** – Is someone in the works to coach the boys/girl's soccer teams? A person has been asked but no answer yet.

**David** – His son mentioned how boring long block is. It's up to the parents and teachers to email Stacia and the trustee, Christine Macdonald to voice concerns. Options are open to discussion to look at the 2.5 hours and how it could change.

**Bonnie** – Concerned about grade 8s participating in PE with grade 12s and would like clarification how it works. 2 classes are running parallel at the same time and sometimes they do events together. She doesn't feel that it's appropriate for them to be participating together as the younger students don't feel comfortable and probably won't participate to their potential as they feel awkward.

-Also, what is happening with the climbing wall now that Greg Muirhead is gone and no one else is certified to run it as well as the thousands of dollars the community has donated to it and now it's not running? There was no communication that Greg was leaving or plan of someone else to take the program over. Maya Wold will be getting her CFI certificate to be able to teach and Ashlyne Walker is taking the same course. Can a CFI certified member in the community come in and teach the climbing wall?

**Next PAC Meeting:** Oct 23, 2019

**Adjournment:** 5:45pm