

NISS PAC Meeting Minutes:

Meeting Date: Sep 30, 2020

Attendance: Stacia Johnson, Shelley Frost, Bonnie Barrett, David Jack, Christina Mardell, Amanda Jorgensen, Megan Dickinson, Kathy Walker, Laurie Garrett, Melody Watson, Renee Windsor, Lisa Hanuse

Call to Order: 6:04 pm

Additions to the Agenda: Arts & Music teacher – Request for Supplies (#7)

Acceptance of the Agenda (with additions): Shelley Frost 1st – Amanda Jorgenson 2nd

Approval of Minutes from May20, 2020: David Jack – 1st, Bonnie Barrett – 2nd

Reports:

1. Principal's Report:

- a) We have an newly updated Code of Conduct.
- b) Good news report – NISS is the 4th most improving school of BC.
- c) Pete Nelson-Smith is championing a focus group called the Future of Port McNeill. He is looking for 4-5 students to be on the group for youth to be a part of and use their voices for the future of Port McNeill.
- d) Interim reports will be sent home on Oct 16. Every student will get one for each class. At the end of the quarter, each student will receive a regular report card.
- e) We have a new secretary in the NISS office – Melissa Tonkin. Elizabeth Farrant has retired.
- f) We need to get PAC meeting Zoom info out to outlying parents and guardians to participate in monthly PAC meetings.

2. Chair Report:

- a) N/A

3. School Trustee:

- a) Nothing new to report. The next Board meeting is Oct 5 at 6:00pm. Stacia will find out the Zoom info and send it out.

4. Treasurer's Report:

- a) \$45 in the General acct.
- b) Approx \$3300 in the Gaming acct.
- c) Diane has emailed the Gaming Association to find out when we will receive funds. It takes approximately 12 weeks.

5. DPAC Report:

- a) Melissa Fletcher couldn't make the meeting as she had conflicting meeting times

Old Business:

a) Grammarly licenses for all of NISS would cost \$2000. Ask the students who would use it specifically. Who would pay? Does the school pay half and the parents pay the other half? Any students that are interested are to contact Stacia and we can go from there to see what the cost would be.

New Business:

- a) Covid Bad Behavior - students not following rules. Teachers have made lists of students not wearing masks and have contacted parents. Kids that are not comfortable when sick kids are around them, they should contact WorkSafe BC. Staff will monitor each grade entrance to make sure hand sanitizer is being used and masks are worn. The staff is thinking about trying a ticket rewarding system to reward students noticed at that time are wearing mask or social distancing they receive a ticket to go towards a draw on Fridays to win a gift card. There are 3 child care workers on staff that could talk to kids to why they are not wearing masks, etc. There is 3-5 Staff on supervision in the morning and 5-8 staff monitoring regularly. No one can be in the school without a mask.
- b) Are all kids getting 2 masks from the school as mentioned at the beginning of the year? NISS has received 100 cloth masks. Anyone that has not received their cloth masks are to go to the office and ask. Stacia will make an announcement.
- c) Distance Learning through NISS – About a week ago SD85 noted that student numbers were going down as more students are doing distance learning; SIDES, NIDES, online platforms. A program needs to be developed to work from home until the student is able to return to school. There are K-12 home bound teachers: 1-primary, 1- secondary. There are 8 students with doctor's notes currently. Those 8 students will be transitioning back to the school. The projected number was 306. NISS lost about 40 students, 10 moved away and 8 are home bound. There are 288 students as of today. There are 4 students trying to get back to school.
- d) A lot of kids are sick and away; approximately 10%. Parents are doing well with calling in and asking questions about symptoms. Gargle testing and temperature testing is being done but it has to be done by Public Health and then wait for confirmation that it is a positive test which can take 5-6 days. The process is much slower North of CR. Laurie is going to bring it up at the Public Forum.
- e) There are rumors about Covid in Alert Bay. They are just rumors. Follow what Public Health says, not Facebook, etc. We have no positive cases. If any positive cases come back, Stacia will be contacted. If students arrive at school sick, there are 2 isolation rooms for students to be isolated to and their parents are called right away. Kids coming home to Alert Bay or Sointula are exhausted and not getting home until 5:30pm each day due to the staggered start time at the school. The Ministry and District are in contact with BC Ferries to see if their schedule can be changed to help accommodate the students different school start times. If the NIAD Whale Watching boat is used to transport students it would cost \$1600/day. Jodi Lukow will be doing tutorials before class for kids starting class later and not being able to participate in full classes. The school is open for kids coming early on the ferry as they need somewhere to go. Grade 10-11s missing a half hour of class at the end of the day and grade 8-9s missing a half hour of class at the beginning of the day.
- f) The Music & Art teacher is requesting a donation to support her program. The total is \$524 but the shipping is \$128 which is too high. Recommendation to find somewhere closer to get the supplies so shipping is not so much.

Parent's Corner:

SF – If your child is sick, let the teacher know, check in with the student and complete the Covid questionnaire. If symptoms are normal to you such as allergies; self-identify. Privacy can't relay that information.

KW – For kids who are in grade 12, we need to start the process and meet for Grad. The first Grad meeting will be the 3-4 week of October and it will be a Zoom meeting.

LH – Are there any scheduled Pro-D days? There will be a pro-D day on Oct 23. There will be an In-service/Pro D day on Nov 20 and one on the first Monday in January.

CM – What do kids do at lunch that stay at the school? Grades 11-12 have the foyer at their entrance, the gym, room #102 (Nina Mitchell's room) and the drama room. What about the grade 8s? A list will be posted on the front window of the school for kids to see. Maybe a color coded map would be better for kids to differentiate between rooms as they don't know where each room is.

AJ – A big shout out to the Grade 8 Science teacher as he has an excellent Google Classroom set up! Her child showed symptoms, they followed all instructions, it took 4 hours for her to get tested. They found that none of the phone numbers work on the VIHA site. Because of the child's age, the child had to call as the parent can't do it for them. Call the direct line 250-209-6091 and leave a message and they will call you back. 811 is overrun as well as the alternative number so the Health Authorities all got their own local.

MD – Her child is the only grade 8 coming from Sointula. She is worried about a super light semester and then a heavy one. Worried about where she should go.

DJ, MW, RW – N/A

Next PAC Meeting: Oct 21, 2020 @ 6:00pm

Adjournment: 7:13pm