

NISS PAC Meeting Minutes:

Meeting Date: Oct 21, 2020

Attendance: Stacia Johnson, Shelley Frost, Bonnie Barrett, Christina Mardell, Megan Dickinson, Kathy Walker, Laurie Garrett, Melody Watson, Renee Windsor, Diane Turgeon, Jodie Lukow, Melissa Fletcher

Call to Order: 6:00 pm

Additions to the Agenda: Covid section – “wait for results” instead of positive results

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

Approval of Minutes from Sep 30, 2020: Christina Mardell – 1st, Kathy Walker – 2nd

Reports:

1. Principal’s Report:

- a) 2 students have accepted positions as student trustees
- b) 1 student has applied to BC Youth Parliament.
- c) Grad meeting tomorrow at 4:00pm via Zoom
- d) NISS received \$7000 for mental health for speakers, youth groups, and going to bring Ian Tyson to speak to grade 8 and 12 about staying positive and for grade 12 - looking to the future.

2. Chair Report:

- a) Bonnie listened to the school board meeting on Oct 5 / The district received a mental health grant for \$57,000 split between all schools in SD85.

3. School Trustee:

- a) There was a school board meeting on Oct 5. A mental health grant was received for all schools in SD85. Looking into a zoom course.
- b) The school board is hiring for K – 7 distance learning teachers. Grades 8-12 are high risk with mental health issues.
- c) Students will be transitioning back into the school at the end of October.
- d) Foot Passenger ferry having difficulty with the 2 different groups with the younger kids arriving a half hour early before class starts and the older kids are arriving a half hour later after class starts
- e) Need to see how each school is doing and how covid plans are going.

4. Treasurer’s Report:

- a) The PAC received our Grant on Oct 14, 2020 for \$6160
- b) Our balance in the Gaming acct is \$9555.27
- c) The balance in the general acct is \$43.95

5. DPAC Report:

- a) They had a meeting on Oct 5 and are getting back into things. They voted in a new Chair which is Leslie Dyck, Melissa is Vice-Chair. Only a couple people attended the meeting so they reviewed what is going on in DPAC right now. DPAC chair meeting on Oct 28, 2020. They also received a grant recently as well.

6. Old Business:

- a) How are things going with Covid Protocols? – There are no cases. The 2 minute leave time from class is going well. Most kids are wearing their masks. If they don't have one they need to go home or to the office to get one. There are no exposures in SD85. Some kids still not wearing masks – people not monitoring at the doors. Teachers are remind students when going into class to wear a mask. Kids of all grades have been using the gym foyer door as it is not monitored. Stacia will send out an email.

New Business:

- a) There is a new quote from the Arts teacher – Sarah Nielson. The new quote is for half the stuff but double the supplies. A motion was put forward for \$658 to order supplies from Spectrum. Shelley Frost - 1st and Diane Turgeon 2nd.
- b) Alert Bay ferry schedule – met 2 more times after the school board meeting to discuss more ideas to change the ferry schedule. There will be more support in the morning as the EA will come in 1 hour earlier for students to get help and Wednesdays and Thursdays for 1.5 hours after school.
- c) The idea of using the NIAD was revisited but we would have to cover the cost. The cost of the foot ferry is covered by BC Ferries. What is to the total amount of students each day for the ferry? 20-40 students. The route of Alert Bay to Alder Bay was looked at also but the ramp isn't big enough. It also wouldn't save any time and the location is inconvenient for the whole school and communities.
- d) What about 2 vessels at the same time? How is the EA going to teach kids what they have missed? A teacher at lunch? The students don't want it. They are tired. Have to look at how to juggle personnel to help out.
- e) Power outages – The protocols for power outages will be posted on the website about what students should do doing power outages, etc. Stacia has written something up and will email this Friday with the parent's update. Keep an eye out on the website and Facebook page. What if students are in class? How long do they stay in class without power? As long as it's warm and enough light, the school can keep students 2-4 hours. There also needs to be enough light in halls and bathrooms, the kids can stay.

Parent's Corner:

MF – Will Pre-Cal 11 and Calculus 12 students be in the same class or is Pre-Cal 12 in Q2or Pre-Cal 11 and Calc 12 in Q3? Stacia will look into it.

MW – Doorways and entrances - end of the day someone told the kids they could use those entrances. Her daughter said students have been good with wearing masks.

BB – Grad meeting time – 4:30pm is too early for working parents. Hopefully, the first meeting was just a “one off”. Time and day put on the Agenda to discuss other options. Vaping in the washrooms – grade 8 kids are worried.

SF, JL , DT, RW, KW, MD, CM – N/A

Next PAC Meeting: Nov 18, 2020 @ 6:00pm

Adjournment: 6:42pm