

NISS PAC Meeting Minutes:

Meeting Date: Nov 23, 2020

Attendance: Stacia Johnson, Shelley Frost, Bonnie Barrett, Christina Mardell, Megan Dickinson, Kathy Walker, Laurie Garrett, Melissa Fletcher, David Jack, Leighton Wishert

Call to Order: 6:02 pm

Additions to the Agenda: N/A

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

Approval of Minutes from Oct 21, 2020: Melissa Fletcher – 1st, Bonnie Barrett – 2nd

Reports:

1. Principal's Report:

- a) Zoom meetings are going good. More parents are attending the Zoom meetings.
- b) We have received \$7000 for mental health. We have some online presentations coming up with Ian Tyson. Grade 8s – The Hero Within Us and Grade 11-12 – Future and Uncertainty. There is a seminar for parents on Nov 26 – 6:00 – 7:30pm – Let's Talk and on Nov 30 – 7:00-8:00pm – Why Kids Worry- Anxiety During Covid.

2. Chair Report:

- a) N/A

3. School Trustee:

- a) There was a School Board meeting on Nov 9. Leighton was re-elected as Chair and Jeff Field as Vice-Chair.
- b) Getting funding for Covid response.
- c) Getting 2 new buses with seatbelts; 1 before Christmas and 1 early in the Spring, 1 will be electric.
- d) BC School Trustee Academy will be meeting this Thursday and Friday via. There will be approximately 450 Trustees attending; should be interesting.

4. Treasurer's Report:

- a) Nothing new has cleared the account besides the last cheque for \$658 for art supplies, which leaves our Gaming account balance at just under \$9000.
- b) The balance in the general acct is \$43.95

5. DPAC Report:

- a) They are still looking for a secretary for DPAC. They just had a conference with CPAC where they received a new handbook which includes new tips and how to enhance kids learning.

6. Old Business:

- a) Alert Bay Transportation – still waiting to hear on decisions. Stacia sent an email to the Board office for further discussions and also talked with the Namgis First Nation.

New Business:

- a) Student Mental Health – kids are worried about a second closure and taking them out of their 2nd bubble. The rep hockey team lost practice for weeks. Kids are getting mixed messages to wear a mask at school but they can't be with their cohort outside of school. Going to keep the gym open in the morning

and at lunch for each grade but will need to schedule them accordingly. Grade 11 and 12 are interested in Volleyball. Might be able to open the gym Wednesday and Thursday afterschool. Jodie Lukow and Kathy Walker exploring the idea of doing cohort fitness sessions in January for senior girls.

- b) What about opening the arena for ice time? Break up class time. Max is 50. Can use some field trip funds.
- c) How is the 3 hour block working out? It depends on the course. Grade 11-12 fitting in better. Grade 8's get 2 breaks. Foods is going well also. It's tough with Chemistry to get caught up as the course goes so fast. Going to look at it again next year when they make the schedule as they can't make a change to the schedule now. Kids have to adapt to the curriculum and adapt to the changes in the courses. It's putting a lot more on the students to learn at a faster pace and they have to sacrifice a lot more to stay on top of their learning. Stacia will bring it up to the staff about pace and delivery of the courses. Can we get a comparison of grades from this year to last year and who has been affected? Can trends be reported at the next PAC Meeting? Stacia said yes.
- d) There are 2 new support workers – Miriam Windsor and Rena Hanuse.
- e) Parent Teacher Night – How did it go this year? The Minsitry makes the staff report out 5 times per year but only 2 parent/teacher interviews in the year. Stacia is encouraging parents to contact the school in the first 3 weeks of a quarter. At the end of next week, she will ask staff to get in touch with parents and kids as to how they are doing? In early Spring – Q3 will be another Parent/Teacher Interviews.
- f) Covid Protocol Update – Speak to the new changes over the last couple of weeks. The school has gotten really strict with visitors who come to the school. The only people that are allowed are for people that have to do with health. (Ambulance, Mental Health Workers, etc)All doors are locked and there is a buzzer at the front door. All staff must wear a mask in all common places in the building. Staff is encouraging kids to wear masks in class. Students are pretty responsive. They are also asking for parent's help to ask their kids if they have their mask before they go to school. Can Covid relief fund for more masks? Handling masks? Cleaning ,etc? Start each day with a clean mask.
- g) Admins teaching during the pandemic – Noticing a huge amount of burnout. Pull administration out of their teaching roles. They should be pulled out to be prepared to help out with Covid directly. Stacia has scheduled down admin. Kudos to admin!
- h) Covid Funds – SD85 received \$7000. Where is it being applied? The school is contacting the Tac Han site when supplies are needed; hand sanitizer, gloves, masks, etc and it is delivered the next day. These are dispersed throughout the district. A full shutdown will be a last resort.
- i) The school has put in for another 26 Chrome Books which is not enough for every student. Teachers still put lessons on Google Classroom in case a shutdown happens. Working on improving the wi-fi system between Alert Bay, Sointula and Port McNeill.

Parent's Corner:

SF – Students walking up Campbell Way in the dark in the morning is a little concerning.

DJ – Appreciate all the work with the school that is being done.

MG – Doing a great job!

KW – Thank you!

BB – Super happy with how the visitor not from school procedures were so quick to act and parents were happy with how it was handled. Port Alice students are waiting to be let in in the morning. Set alarms to let them in.

MF, CM – N/A

Next PAC Meeting: Dec 16, 2020 @ 6:00pm

Adjournment: 6:59 pm