

**NISS PAC Meeting Minutes:**

**Meeting Date:** Dec 16, 2020

**Attendance:** Stacia Johnson, Shelley Frost, Bonnie Barrett, Christina Mardell, Megan Dickinson, Kathy Walker, Laurie Garrett, Melissa Fletcher, David Jack, Leighton Wishert, Diane Turgeon, Glen Watson, Megan Hanacek

**Call to Order:** 6:00 pm

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

**Acceptance of the Agenda (with additions):** Shelley Frost 1<sup>st</sup> – Melissa Fletcher - 2nd

**Approval of Minutes from Nov 23, 2020:** Bonnie Barrett – 1<sup>st</sup> Christina Mardell – 2nd

**Reports:**

**1. Principal's Report:**

- a) 12 students entered poetry and art in the Poetry & Art Contest
- b) Report cards are coming soon
- c) Science room upgrades should be completed in January. The new floors are going in today.

**2. Chair Report:**

- a) N/A

**3. School Trustee:**

- a) There was a School Board meeting on Dec 14. It was short and sweet.
- b) Good news – the first new school bus with seatbelts installed is in Vancouver. It will arrive sometime in January.
- c) Attendance at schools in PM is low due to a Covid scare. However, there are no identified cases in any of the schools.

**4. Treasurer's Report:**

- a) The Gaming account balance is \$8,896.59.
- b) The balance in the general acct is \$43.95

**5. DPAC Report:**

- a) They are still looking for a secretary for DPAC.
- b) DPAC thinking about having some Zoom seminars. If anyone has any ideas to let Mel know.
- c) Advised for NISS to revisit our Constitution and Bylaws.
- d) DPAC next meeting in January.

**6. Old Business:**

- a) Grade comparison – Elective courses and senior English course marks have gone up.
- b) Sciences and math have gone down.
- c) If students needed an extra 2 weeks they could. We'll find out what that looks like at the end of January. Also looking at weighting marks differently, time to do test corrections and take home practices for tests.
- d) Students that have chosen to stay home and do school are struggling more. There is extra support already in place. Can we find out more before next meeting? Bonnie and Stacia will touch base. Corrections for tests are important and weighted differently.

- e) Teacher and EA tutor times – Science & Math – Wednesdays after school. Stacia will make up a one-pager. Parents are encouraged to talk to the teachers; don't hesitate to email. Watch your Spam folder.
- f) Alert Bay Ferry – still waiting to hear about 2 boats. Friday late run – the Captain should have already known to go earlier. When the ferry is late (Fridays), it gets there the same time as the foot ferry. The foot ferry should be taking the students to Alert Bay who live there and the regular ferry should take the Sointula kids to Sointula.

**New Business:**

- a) Covid scare – Need better transition. There was a lot of confusion of what was going on and kids working at home and what that looks like. Our district is set up for face to face; possibly look at a larger out than 2 weeks at a time? Online school? Some families are asking for paper copies. Maybe the bus drivers could deliver. Where do we go as a district? The schools are face to face. There are so many different platforms. We need a more consistent system and a baseline for school moving forward and all schools on the same page. Could we look into video lectures for students at home as the teachers are teaching the course anyway? With the recent incident with the Covid scare, families and students need communication back on what is going on in a timelier manner. There was miscommunication of how many students were missing from school. We should not have to rely on social media and not feeling comfortable to send kids back to school. Workplaces are being affected as well. There needs to be clear data corrections and the communication that needs to take place for clarification. Island Health won't tell us who is affected but there should be transparent data that needs to be addressed by VIHA in a timely manner.
- b) 3 hour block update – teachers talked to twice. Seeing more movement and activities within a block. Senior math classes still have a lot of sitting but are looking at getting out on field trips or to the skating or curling rinks.

**Parent's Corner:**

**MF** – Her daughter is curious about the trophies that haven't been updated with engraving.

**MW** – Her daughter was at home during the Covid scare. It is going smooth and she appreciates what the schools are trying to help. If her daughter has to write tests, could it be on one day a week instead of multiple trips from Sointula?

**JL, MD, MG, KW, BB, SM, MH, DJ, DT – N/A**

**Next PAC Meeting:** Jan 20, 2021 @ 6:00pm

**Adjournment:** 6:45 pm