

NISS PAC Meeting Minutes:

Meeting Date: Jan 20, 2021

Attendance: Stacia Johnson, Shelley Frost, Bonnie Barrett, Christina Mardell, Megan Dickinson, Kathy Walker, Lawrie Garrett, Melissa Fletcher, Leightan Wishart

Call to Order: 6:03 pm

Additions to the Agenda: N/A

Acceptance of the Agenda (with additions): Shelley Frost 1st – Christina Mardell - 2nd

Approval of Minutes from Dec 16, 2020: Kathy Walker– 1st Melody Watson – 2nd

Reports:

1. Principal's Report:

- a) The new science wing renos will be completed soon and the final windows will be going in too.
- b) The senior girls soccer team (grade 11 – 12) has been given permission to train together. The girls will stay in their cohort. Kathy Walker will be working with them afterschool on Tuesday and Thursdays. Kathy Walker will be having a meeting with Kathy Mitchell to go over Covid protocols.
- c) The grade 10s went on a field trip today to San Jo. They had a great day! There will be field trips with each grade through to the end of June.
- d) Jan 29, 2021 will be a Support Day for students to make up tests, and work that is outstanding. Kids who don't have anything outstanding can take the day to do whatever.
- e) Extra supports (these will change slightly each quarter depending on the courses– Bonny Branham – Math 8 Mon/Tues afterschool, Cassandra Bleaney – Math & Science 10 Tues/Thurs at lunch, Jodie Lukow – 3:30 – 6:00pm Weds all subjects (can do senior math and sciences), Kyli Griffith – 3:30 – 6:00pm Thurs junior humanities subjects, Char Purdey – office hours are posted on her door. Each teacher will support at lunch or after school; students just need to arrange a time with them.
- f) Students have been doing great with finishing "I" assignments.

2. Chair Report:

- a) N/A

3. School Trustee:

- a) There is nothing to report for now. Next Board meeting is in Feb.

4. Treasurer's Report:

- a) The Gaming account balance is \$8,896.59. No new money spent.
- b) The balance in the general acct is \$43.95

5. DPAC Report:

- a) Nothing new to report. Next week is the next meeting.

6. Old Business:

- a) 3 hours block update – Stacia will have more news the next time we meet on Feb 17, 2021. Expect similar from the Ministry next year. There will be surveys going out to the students and parents. Can we ask other districts what they are doing, even out of district to get different ideas and bring different perspectives?

New Business:

- a) Char Purdey has requested \$1000 from PAC to go towards a 1 year subscription for Google Read & Write. It has outlines of essay writing, word definitions, can read back to student's passages, etc. It has a lot more capabilities than Grammarly. Do other students have it? No. Looking at a 1 year pilot and see how it goes. If it works, we can spread the word throughout the district. Talk to Sunset as they have used it in the past. Hopefully kids don't abuse it when it's live. Be prepared to take full advantage of it from the "live" date. Can we use some of the Covid funds to offset the cost? Ask the board.
- b) Motion put forward to pay the \$1000 Shelley Frost (1) Kathy Walker (2) Will get Diane to write a cheque.
- c) Casey Mork has requested gym equipment for Pickleball – 24 racquets and 24 wiffle balls. A motion was put on the table for \$1500 for the equipment. Shelley Frost (1) Kathy Walker (2)
- d) Bhearni McAleer has requested enough Chromebooks for 2 grade 8 classes. We need to find out best price, etc through the supplier for the school and the number of Chromebooks and price for each. After that we can have an impromptu meeting to approve them or not.

Parent's Corner:

CM – Curious if there has been someone hired for the French position? Stacia will find out tomorrow. If she accepts, she also has Spanish.

MD, MW, KW, BB, SF, MF – N/A

Next PAC Meeting: Feb 17, 2021 @ 6:00pm

Adjournment: 6:31 pm