

**NISS PAC Meeting Minutes:**

**Meeting Date:** Jun 16, 2021

**Attendance:** Stacia Johnson, Shelley Frost, Bonnie Barrett, Lawrie Garrett, Leightan Wishart, Christina Mardell, David Jack

**Call to Order:** 6:07 pm

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

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

**Approval of Minutes from Jan 20, 2021:** Bonnie Barrett 1<sup>st</sup> – David Jack 2nd

**Reports:**

**1. Principal's Report:**

- a) There was \$56,000 for Grad raised by the community for scholarships and bursaries. Next week will be the awards ceremony which will be held by grade (Cohert).
- b) Thank you to Bonnie and Shelley for their positions (Chair and Secretary) on PAC over the last 5 years. Each were given a thank you card from Stacia.
- c) 2 teachers are retiring – Jen Marshall and Casey Mork.
- d) 5 teachers are moving away. A new Learning Assistant teacher and a new French LL teacher have been hired.

**2. Chair Report:**

- a) Bonnie Barrett is stepping down as Chair of PAC for the last 5 years. There is no one to replace her yet.

**3. School Trustee:**

- a) The last School Board meeting was Jun 14, 2021. They passed their annual budget for 2021/2022 for \$20,000,000. 16.8M is for benefits and salaries.
- b) The Coal Harbour School is going to be taken down but the gym will remain there for the public to use. An abatement assessment will need to be done first for any asbestos and then it will be taken down.
- c) Enrollment for September for the District is currently at 1240 students.
- d) The Assistant Superintendent has been posting jobs. They currently have enough positions for filled for September.

**4. Treasurer's Report:**

- a) The Gaming account balance is \$1,767.90.
- b) The balance in the general acct is \$43.95
- c) All cheques have cleared the account.
- d) Diane will stay on as PAC Treasurer for next year.

**5. DPAC Report: N/A**

**6. Old Business:**

- a) The \$1500 cheque for stools for the science lab has been given to the school.

**New Business:**

- a) Hope to get education back to as normal as possible in the new school year. Try and get away from cohorts. The school won't announce what is happening with masks and will wait to August to decide depending on what happens with decisions made by the Province with lessening of restrictions and the Ministry of Education. Has the School Board talked about this with other districts? They expect to hear near the end of June or early July what will happen next.
- b) So far, the Quarterly system has been booked for September. There is a core group of 12 people that wants to back to the regular semester system. Also waiting for more direction from the Ministry. It is a big struggle for larger school districts. The Province is looking at doing the same for all districts. If students are way behind, they can't catch up and comprehension is slow for some kids. Not only are the students suffering, but the parents and teachers as well. Students to vote to see if they want the semester or quarterly system and also ask the teachers what they thought and felt about course delivery.
- c) PHSS is running the quarterly system and it is not going well. There has been poor attendance for kids. Hopefully we can get it sorted out before September.

**Parent's Corner:**

**SF** – Thank you to everyone. It has been a great term on PAC.

**CM** – When are the kids done? Jun 24. There will be exams all next week.

**DJ** – He is disappointed with the ferry schedule for the kids from Alert Bay. The students had to miss a ½ hour of instructional time each day. This affects all the communities. They are trying to get it back to 1 ferry for next year.

**BB** – Thank you to all parents, trustees and staff who attended meetings on a regular basis.

**Next PAC Meeting:** To be determined

**Adjournment:** 6:39 pm