

NISS PAC Meeting January 26, 2022 on ZOOM

Attendance

Jen Turner- Principal at NISS
Lawrie Garrett
Nicole MacDowell
Nicole James
Diane Turgeon – sent regrets but sent a treasurer’s report
Melody Watson
Dave Jack
Melissa Fletcher
Christina Mardell

Ms. Jen Turner opened the meeting at 6:03 pm

1. Additions to Agenda

-Approval of minutes from last meeting

-New business - none to be added

2. PAC Chair Report- Dave Jack has nothing to report other than he would like to step down as PAC President and would like to canvass Parents for someone to step in. Jen Turner to add a request for this in the school newsletter

3. DPAC Report- Gave a list of possible DPAC Sponsored workshops that will be emailed out to Parents and put on the school’s website

4. School Board Trustee Report - Lawrie Garrett

- Draft Budget to be voted on
- Draft Calendar 2022-23 to be sent out to Parents when approved

5. Treasurer Report – Diane is away but emailed the account information and requesting

- Gaming grant \$5740 (this year grant) Total is \$7507.90

-Need a signer for cheques – Melissa Fletcher Volunteered. David Jack motioned that, “Melissa Fletcher becomes the new signer on PAC Accounts”. Melody Watson Seconded. All present at the meeting in favour.

-Art and Music Lunchtime Clubs request PAC Monies for supplies. Jen Turner doesn’t have letter but will to email out Sarah’s Letters and PAC to vote on the request.

Old business, a donation from an anonymous volunteer made it possible for students in the Grad class to get grad hoodies for those who cannot afford it. This request is now taken care of.

6. Principal's message- Jen

- Re-opening of school in January with Functional Closure plans
- Jen Shared Communicable Disease Plan on School's Website
- Communication Plan if functionally closed due to staff shortages
- Survey for Semester or Quarter System to go out in February

7. Parents Corner – Questions/Discussions

- Vaccine Mandate – Question to District (As vaccine will become the vehicle to keep our school systems open). PAC requesting employer-based vaccination of employees. District has not made this decision.
- Continuity of learning – not all teachers have google classroom set up. Communication with families when students are missing work and assignments.
- Why are we doing quarters still? Not in favour of quarter system. The science of how this is not working is already there. We continue to have the same concerns (long classes, no breaks, not preparing students for post-secondary to name a few). We are wanting Senior leadership to make this decision, rather than a survey. PAC is requesting a stand alone meeting moving forward. PAC is requesting to ask other districts about the system that they have found successful for students. If a survey is necessary that is go out to all school community (students, Parents, staff). Offer possible incentives to give feedback.
- Climbing wall – belays have been sent away, plans in place for course once belays return. Jen has the list of interested parties wanting to be certified.
- Mental Health- Workshops for students and parents, especially around VAPING (suspension is not the answer). We need to learn to talk to our kids about hard topics (VAPING, addictions, drugs), and build Parent skills. DPAC workshops, and Jen to help organize for the school.

Next PAC meeting Wednesday February 23, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm