

## NISS PAC Meeting February 23, 2022 on ZOOM

In Attendance:

Jen Turner- Principal at NISS

David Jack – PAC Chair

Christina Mardell

Meghan Dickinson

Nicole James

Leighton Wishart – School Board Chair

Lawrie Garrett – School Board Trustee

Jen Turner opened the meeting at 6:03pm (Jen taking notes as secretary is away)

### 1. Additions to Agenda

-Approval of minutes from last meeting. Christina Mardell approved. David Jack Seconded.

-New business – Semesters Quarters survey. Jen to present on this in her Principal's report.

2. PAC Chair Report- David Jack – nothing other than a letter from Robert Head to PAC, but Jen needs to look at it because it is for resources covered by the school. Jen to present to staff on how to access PAC monies.

3. DPAC Report- Melissa Fletcher not present. No DPAC report.

### 4. School Board Trustee Report - Lawrie Garrett

- Draft Board Meeting Schedule 2022-2023 to be put on SD85 Website
- Passed annual SD85 budgets for schools. Schools can now access full allotments of funding
- District enrollment report in January 2022 1290 students attending in our district. Enrollment up 30 from last report
- Community of the Whole passed the 2022-2023 School Calendar which will be going up on the district website shortly
- Gradually opening up schools to visitors and community use as Covid restrictions decrease

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

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

- PAC did approve via email Sarah Nielsen's Music Club and Art Club funding requests for \$500 each out of these monies.

#### 6. Principal's message- Jen

- Joyous fun things around the school lead by students, Spirit Week, Pink Shirt Day, NISS Olympics
- Easing off of Covid Restrictions are allowing visitors, mentors and families back into our building. Meetings can take place in person. Gatherings can again begin. Community use will be happening in the future as district builds guidelines around this moving forward.
- A box of Rapid Covid Tests will be sent home with every student. Jen will be sending a message out to families that if they do not want them to let the school know so we do not waste them, but they will be available for every student and their families.
- Survey – Jen shared the Quarters or Semester Survey with PAC. The survey was made with feedback from Parents, staff and students, and also with PHSS staff and District input. A few suggestions from PAC are:
  - It is offered up to feedback from recent graduates to say how it's impacted them at post secondary
  - Offered to students in grade 7 coming into 8
  - Semester should have 5 bullets each like quarter system so it's equal
  - Semester system aligns with post secondary could be a suggestion
  - On the sliding scale we should give the option of I don't know
  - A question asked – Have you experienced the semester system
- Course Selections are now beginning for students for next year. We will build their courses and classes when we know which system we will be using (Semester or Quarter)
- Mandatory District vaccinations for staff are not happening at this time. Leighton shared out that vaccination rates are high on the North Island, and at this time the District is not considering this.
- NISS Wellness Day – is moving forward. We will be surveying students for workshops of interest to improve their mental health. The school will also be accessing the resources on the North Island so students know what is out there for supports and resources on the North Island. Information for The Foundry and the Crisis line were shared in the chat, and Jen will also include it in the newsletter.
- Vaping and Addictions workshops requested by Parents are being scheduled for students, as well as ones for Parents. More details to come

#### 7. Old Business – Jen touched on old business in her report

#### 8. Other

- PAC Meetings should stay Zoom for now so all of our families can access them, instead of travelling in for them

- David Jack made a motion that PAC spend \$100 on gift cards (4 \$25 ones) for Prizes as incentives for attending PAC Meetings. Seconded by Megan Dickinson. A \$25 gift card will be won by a PAC member at each of the remaining meetings for the year to June 2022.
- Meghan thanked Jen for all the extra work she has done to go above and beyond for Parents. Christina thanked Jen for sharing the Parent Survey and listening to feedback. Leighton thanked all Parents for giving their feedback and having great discussions to make our school better for students. Jen thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a good night.

9. Parents Corner – Questions/Discussions – Most were discussed above

Next PAC meeting Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:23pm