

**NISS Pac Meeting**  
November 24 , 2021

**Attendance**

Jen Turner- Principal at NISS  
Lawrie Garrett  
Nicole Macdowell  
Megan Dickinson  
Diane Sturgeon  
Melody Watson  
Dave Jack  
Cyndy Grant  
Christina Mardell  
Jodie Lukow

**Jen Turner opened the meeting at 6:03pm**

1. Additions to Agenda
  - Approval of minutes from last meeting
  - New business - none to be added
2. **PAC Chair Report-** Dave Jack set up an email for parents. Niss.pac.chair - email for parents concerns
3. **DPAC Report-** Nothing to report
4. **School Board Trustee Report - Lawrie Garrett**
  - Nov 8 school board meeting - first meeting 2 months into year
  - Trustees discussed vaccine mandate- no decisions, it will be local with VINTA , provincially with Teacher Federation
  - Volunteers/ sports/ mentors back into schools
  - Trustees went to Eagle View for a visit
  - School calendar up on website yet? Good Christina question

\*Dave asked - how's Covid in schools? Our district is doing good and only 3 letters home in the district for potential contact Sunset, Chelsekees and Rupert.

Numbers are decreasing and safety and health protocols are continued to be implemented

5. **Treasurer Report - Diane**
  - Gaming grant \$5740 (this year grant) Total is \$7507.90 (?) was a bit fast
  - Need a signer for cheques - no one volunteered
  - Art class requires extra supplies requests (We need to word letter according to PAC funding requirements)
  - requests from Grad class to get grad hoodies for those who cannot afford it - conversation around possibility of grad fundraising covering funds needed to support grads

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

- End of Q1 and beginning of Q2 . We have had 2 Art Start Performances, History of Motown and Gords Guitars and wrap up student guitar concert Valley of Shiva .

-Student council spirit week leading up to Halloween. Now charity fundraising Winter Wear, and Winter celebration.

-318 students at NISS.

-Had successful student and parent grad meetings. Similar grad setup to last year, maybe opened up- so far same as last year. Parent and grad facebook page to help stay connected with grad planning, volunteering and after events. Grads picked Red Carpet Theme. Grad fundraiser gift card raffle December 1-5, draw on December 17th. Christmas tree volunteering Nov 25th.

-Sports teams underway, and field trips in place, provincial emergency orders are limiting fuel sales and non essential field trips are on hold, delayed till Nov 29th. Tried alternatives to make the field trip happen on Tuesday but the trip was not able to happen.

-Christina Mac Donald will be having conversations about the disconnect between school districts , shutting down our transportation to compete but allowing others to continue. Why are local school boards making this decision, not the same across the board. The school is wanting to add something to make up the lost opportunity for the boys .

-First Aid course being offered , waitlisted for another possible course being offered, There's a waitlist so will do this again.

-Mental health grant for whole community wellness. We'd like to hold a Wellness Day before winter and ask students ways we can offer to improve mental health. Run in February to lift everyone up. Training for Staff and students to know what's available locally for support.

**7. Old business**

**8. New Business- Cyndy** - Quarter system and semester conversation. Jen is inquiring and keeping notes , but currently the board is reviewing systems in the early spring for next year planning. Parents wanting better transition to post secondary, not sure benefits, but see only challenges. Parents would like to see changes this year. Would like Q3/4 to combine into the semester system this year if possible. Will it come back to school by school based decision, rather than district? Mental health aspect to consider too. PE for longer semesters of physical activity rather than 3 hours a day for only 10 weeks. University transfer is a huge transition, then challenging on mental health.

**9. Parents Corner-** Bowling club in future brought up as an idea.

**Next PAC meeting 2nd week of January Wednesday the 12th.**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:55**