

NISS PAC Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2021

Attendance

Leighton Wishart- Trustee
Jen Turner- Principal at NISS
Dave Jack - PAC Chair
Christina Mardell - Parent
Jodie Lukow - Secretary
Melissa Fletcher - DPAC
Hannah Bennett - Parent
Renee Windsor - Parent
Melody Watson - Parent

Jen Turner opened the meeting at 6:03pm

1. Round table introductions

2. Additions to Agenda

From last meeting Elected Dave Jack- PAC chair and Elected Secretary- Jodie Lukow
-DPAC Chair Melissa Fletcher- volunteered and elected - Oct 26/2021

3. PAC Chair report- Dave Jack

-Gaming Report - some monetary items that treasurer was to look into, but treasurer not present so will look into this item at a later date

4. DPAC Report- Melissa Fletcher

DPAC meetings have been looking into what to spend funds on. Ideas are; seminars for parents, any other ideas? A survey will be coming out to parents in the district. DPAC would like to pay BCCC fees, so when high school graduates can apply for scholarships from BCCC, which has a low application level.

5. School Trustee Report - Leighton Wishart

Numbers up 61 students over last year. More students in Port Hardy than NISS, first time in a long time.

School board meeting has 3 new School Board Policies - Energy Integration and Searches, Public Disclosure and Board property use for Child Care (starting in 2023 - pre and post care in our schools) on School District 85 property. If anyone wants to give feedback via email or drop by the school, they take feedback seriously.

Quarter system will be evaluated and looked into for the semester switch, as some parents are voicing concerns over missed education and hard transition to university.

Teacher retention conversation, how can we keep teachers, why are teachers leaving, and how to attract and keep teachers on the North Island?

6. Treasurer Report - Absent

7. Principal's message- 318 students at NISS. Welcome to new teachers. One teacher is taking a leave. We have just hired Robert Shelley as a new teacher for Barry Korven. New teacher in a new position created, her name is Shannon O'Dowd - She has Science PE and outdoor education back ground with lower level rock climbing certification. She is willing to bring climbing experience and get the climbing wall back in operation. Q2 is her first day.

How do we create community after pandemic times? **Jen** reached out to her colleagues, ideas such as bringing things back that kids can connect to; Sports, clubs, extracurricular events, including Mental Health and Social Emotional learning. At NISS we now have: Soccer Intramurals, Volleyball, Boys Basketball, Reading Club, Chess Club, Gardening, Cultural Events (totem with Pearl and Ida), North Island College visits, mentors coming back into school and Student Council (lots of laughter this week).

There is still more work to do in the School Inquiry Project involving learning and transferring this to the students to build resilience. This includes positive and healthy wellness strategies to help everyone deal with big emotions.

Parent asked- Transportation to field trip events is through school parents private cars not bus? **Jen**- Bus can be used, just in the process of organizing events using the bus. Climbing Wall- List of 5 people interested in training, and some senior/ junior students for leadership. Shannon is 100% wanting to take this training. The certifying company may come up to do the training at NISS or Campbell River so this could be a field trip. There would be a cost, so we are in the beginning stages of setting this up.

Dave Jack- Automatic Belay Device needs to be re-certified, may need to be sent down to be recertified. **Christina**- it may be a few months turn around.

Week at a glance is working great, lots of feedback and it is working to get school events and information out to parents. **Leighton**- Remind parents they are all members of PAC and invited.

- 8. New Business- Dave Jack** will set up an email for parents so we can get new items on the agenda from parents.

Zoom link in week at a glance is very helpful.

Teacher Request- Sarah Nielsen - thanks for previous years support. Donation are requested to cover loaned out shared supplies - pencil crayons , construction paper, poster size construction paper, acrylic paint and poster paint, totaling \$542, not including shipping and GST. Against gaming money rules? Need to research around this, supplies school should be paying for? **Dave and Jen** will talk with **Diane** about this before the next PAC meeting .

- 9. Parents Corner-**

Christina- looking for 3 years ahead of the school calendar, not posted and can't find it. **Jen** will put it in Week at a Glance.

-Look into changing the Quarter system, preference for semesters now.

Next PAC meeting last wednesday of the month November 24 at 6 pm

Meeting adjourned at 6:55