

NISS PAC Agenda

Date: September 29, 2021

Attendance: David Jack, Leightan Wishart, Lawrie Garrett, Christina Mardell, Ben Donoghue, Jen Turner, Meghan Dickinson

Call to order 6:07 pm via Zoom

Approval of Minutes cannot be accepted until PAC has elections.

Elected: PAC Chair – David Jack

Secretary – Jodie Lukow

Positions carried from last year:

Treasurer: Diane Turgeon

DPAC Chair: Melissa Fletcher

Approval of the minutes accepted by Christina Mardell, seconded David Jack

Reports

1. Chair – nothing to report
2. DPAC Chair – not present at meeting, no report
3. School Trustee – Explaining that in person Board Meetings will be resuming and asking Parent feedback if anyone felt uncomfortable with the board having meetings at NISS. The majority of Parents said they would feel comfortable with health and safety measures and cleaning procedures in place. The new calendar has been approved, and enrollment across the district is up.
4. Treasurer – no report
5. Principal's Report – New Principal Jen Turner.
 - Was former Principal in Alert Bay and help several Administrative Positions in School District 71.
 - She is happy to be at NISS, and it has been a good school start-up.
 - Health and Safety Protocols have been updated for the school year and can change if Provincial Health and Safety orders change. K-12 Masks are being worn, and Hand Sanitizing stations are at ever school entrance, as well as in classrooms.
 - Enrollment is up, and we have been allocated an additional 1.14 is teacher staffing
 - NISS welcomed the Tour de Rock Riders (Cops for Cancer) on September 21st in front of the school, and a donation was made.
 - September 27th-October is National Truth and Reconciliation Week with activities planned each day at the school
 - School Sports are beginning again with staff coaches, and we have senior girls Volleyball

- Grad Meetings are already being scheduled. October 12 at lunchtime for students, and November 17 at 5:00pm for Parents.

Old Business – See Elections

New Business –

1. Communication – Friday Week at a Glance. Did Parents still wish for this to continue?
Unanimously yes.
2. PAC Meetings - monthly, last Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm via Zoom. Jen Turner to send out email reminders via school connect.
3. PAC Monies that can be applied for. Teachers can request monies from PAC to support projects for the students at school. A letter must be written to PAC for approval.

Parents Corner:

- Quarter system is challenging for some students, and parents were wondering if grade groups could have scheduled breaks, so students could connect.
- The pandemic has been hard on mental health for everyone. PAC was pleased that Social Emotional learning and mental health is a focus of the school's inquiry project. Jen to report out about this at each upcoming PAC Meeting.
- Question – How do we get that community back during pandemic restrictions. Jen Turner to talk to school staff as well as other administrators and schools around the province to ask how they are navigating this.
- Climbing Wall – we currently have a community member interested in taking the training, but right now it's school staff only in the building leading activities, no outside community use due to health and safety guidelines. This could change as health and safety guidelines change. This is the same for senior boys basketball and using coaches outside of school staff. Its on hold for now.
- A discussion and suggestions by PAC is that the district fund a Google Classroom support position to help school staffs with google classroom and online learning. Jen Turner reported that Google Classroom training is ongoing with school staff, and clarification was made that what PAC is asking for is a district position. Possible Provincial or Federal Covid funding used for this position.