

**North Island Secondary School
PAC Meeting via Zoom**

September 27, 2022, 6:00pm

Present:

Jen Turner (Principal)
Brittany Swanson
Kate Green
Megan D.
Lisa Hanuse
Nicole James
Mollie Willie
Kathryn W.

1. Business Arising
2. Principal Report
3. Chair Report
4. DPAC Chair Report
5. School Trustee Report
6. Treasurer Report
7. Parents Corner

Business Arising

- i. **Call for Nominations to PAC Positions** – position descriptions will be in the next school newsletter with call for nominations and request for participation in PAC activities. Positions to be filled are **Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, DPAC Representative**.
One position has been self nominated (Secretary)
Election will take place at the October 2022 PAC meeting

Principals Report

It has been a good start to the school year.
Students are back to the semester system, offering more daily academic variety.
Students have the benefit of personal lockers again this year.
Intramurals and Extracurricular sports have started.

There have been some disruptions in the transport system for remote students. The Spirit of 'Yalis has had mechanical issues. BC Ferries and MOT are aware of these concerns. There is no bus driver in Alert Bay. The district is actively seeking drivers. These service disruptions have impacts for daily operations and field trips.

Last year there were 284 students enrolled at NISS. 220 students participated in a school inquiry project regarding mental wellness. Data is coming back indicating many students feel they are struggling (*is it possible to attach the report?).

As a result of this inquiry, a Wellness Committee was started with spirit/wellness initiatives planned that were well received by students. There is a plan to have activities before Christmas, focusing on wellness, anxiety, and cultural safety. It was suggested by a Mollie W. to plan events with the season changes.

Student Council started with Ms. Kennedy. >30 students were at the first meeting.

Thursday, September 29th, NISS and Sunset students will recognize Every Child Matters Orange Shirt Day by walking together and having a lunch. Schools will be closed Friday, October 30.

Many cultural activities have been postponed for respect of a recent passing of a community member.

There was a worrying online post that was later determined by the RCMP to hold no safety concern or risk to students or the school. There was a gap in communicating this to all families. The SD tech department was notified and fixed the problem immediately. The district is working on a communication contingency plan.

Routine communication is through “Week at a Glance” and emails. If any issues arise, please contact the school directly.

Chair Report – deferred

DPAC Report – deferred

School Trustee Report - deferred

Treasurer Report – deferred

Parents Corner

Kathryn W. Concerns that the overlap of extracurricular activities will reduce maximum options for students.

Discussion regarding parents/students reaching out to individual facilitators to work on schedules if situation arises.

Was made aware of \$250 000 Affordability Funding Grant for the District. This funding was just announced with no deadline known at this time. DPAC makes the decision making with input from individual PACs.

There will be a process for disseminating information.

Lisa Hanuse Suggested increasing the cultural support practices to deal with grief and loss available in the school.

She will forward information about programs available from Tsow Tun Le Lum for cultural/spiritual/emotional support.

Mollie Willie Would like Student Council to acknowledge the territory, introduce seasonal cultural lessons with appropriate teachers, and have language taught by language speakers. Notified the group that Orange Shirt Day in Alert Bay is postponed until October 14, 2022, in respect for the Beans family.

Next NISS PAC meeting October 26, 2022, at 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.