

**North Island Secondary School
PAC Meeting via Zoom
Tues Dec 19, 2023 at 6:30**

Present: Melody Watson, Jen Turner, Kathryn Wykes, Gayle Cowan, Brittany Swanson, Megan Dickinson, Nicole McDowell, Leighton Wishart (Trustee), Lawrie Garrett (Trustee)

Regrets: Nicole James

- 1. Call to order:** 6:32 pm
- 2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from previous meeting:** Brittany Swanson provided changes to Jen for November's minutes - changes need to be incorporated. Approval of the minutes (once amended) - First - Gayle, Second - Megan
- 3. Treasurer's Report** – Gayle - New cheques are on their way and new signers are being added currently. Kathryn to sign the required documents. No new requests have come through from teachers. Gift card raffle has all gone through - tickets sold out really quickly and made about 4k towards grad. There are enough gift cards for another spring raffle.
- 4. Trustee report** - Lawrie– Trustees attended the school trustee academy in Vancouver – there were great speakers and workshops and some good ideas to bring back to the district.
 - Dec 11 SB meeting – presentation from new food security coordinator – there is lots of food coming into the schools which means additional need for storage. Fridges have been ordered. There is pressure on staff to deal with all the food.
 - o Brittany question – How are staff being supported if they are feeling overwhelmed with the new task of distribution and management of the food?
 - o Response from Jen - \$ can be used for honorarium to help bring folks in to help with the distribution. That is how NISS is helping to deal with the distribution issue.
 - o Response from Lawrie - it is different from school to school with staffing and how the distribution rolls out.
 - Anne Cunningham made a presentation to the trustees– PHSS students made a trip into Hada, to the Nawalakw Culture Camp – lots of good interactions and was a good trip for them.
 - The new 988 mental health crisis number is now active – this is good timing as it is right in time for the holidays.
- 5. DPAC report** – Megan – The DPAC reps were asked to bring a few questions to their PACs.
 - School Photos –what is the feel from the parents on school photos. A survey will happen next year, general conversation is happening now.
 - o Kathryn – suggestion to work on ways to streamline the process.
 - School Food Programs – Christina would like to know if PACs are noticing a difference in amount of food available, etc

- What sort of inclusive activities happen in our school? Does our PAC support any SOGI activities, or 2SLGBTBQ+ groups – how does our PAC support inclusion in our schools?

6. Principals report – It has been a busy month – lots of fun things and great leadership moments. Currently, the school is in spirit week and also a door decorating competition. Lots of activities and lots of fun moments.

- Currently the law class is undertaking a winter clothing drive.
- The food hamper drive was super successful with lots of food packed into the cruiser.
- There is still a Jigsaw in the learning commons which is a fun addition.
- Today there was an impromptu PHSS and NISS indoor soccer game. Was great fun.
- There has been lots of activities in the school clubs. Lots going on. There will be a marimba club in the new year.
- SOGI group – this is a safe space for SOGI youth to come together and be supported.
- 5 gender neutral bathrooms have been established and signage is going up soon.
- Grad planning is underway. Hybrid meeting (zoom and in-person). Has been lots of fundraising going on. Students have a grad meeting at the school to talk about theme and activities. Grad will be June 22.
- Wellness room is up and running with lots of food and the space also gives youth the opportunity for companionship. Lots of supports available. Also, there is a quiet room for kids to use if they need a quiet space. Getting another fridge to accommodate the food.
- At lunch today, climbing wall was opened to the youth – all the way to the top! Working on identifying how we can share this with a wider audience of students – i.e. outdoors and PE Classes. Currently in talks with the School District to see if there is a way that we can open to the community – looking at the legalities and gathering resources.
- Teacher vacancies for semester 2. In conversations with a few candidates and things are looking optimistic. Will share any info once there is confirmation. Vacancies – mostly in maths and sciences as well as workplace math 10 and 11. And also some science 10. Barry Korven is coming back part time.
- Andrea Cranmer has been working with youth and doing workshops in Alert Bay. They have established a student led initiative to provide indigenous direction to NISS. Group met with NISS for the first time last week and have lots of good ideas.

7. Parent corner:

- Kathryn – reminded PAC of the proposal that she made last Sept and would like to know where the support lies for the identified field accessibility issue.
 - o Jen and Kathryn to meet to discuss NISS support
 - o Kathryn to provide additional info to PAC so it is clear what is being requested of PAC.
- PAC meeting notes – Megan - Some concern that they should only be publicly posted once approved.
 - o General discussion that approval should happen at the following meeting – and then notes can be posted.
- Megan – wondering about a transportation allowance update.

- Lawrie response - mileage allowance has been updated. Will be an additional 3 cents per km.

Next meeting: Time and date. 6:30 Tuesday Jan 23, 2023

Meeting adjourned: 7:26 PM