

NISS PAC Meeting Minutes:

Meeting Date: Dec 11, 2018

Attendance: Jay Dixon, Shelley Frost, Bonnie Barrett, Christina Mardell, Lawri Garr3tt

Call to Order: 4:37 pm

Additions to the Agenda: Requests for funds, DPAC Report

Acceptance of the Agenda (with additions): Shelley Frost – 1st, Christina Mardell – 2nd

Approval of Minutes from Nov 7, 2018: Bonnie Barrett

Reports:

1. Principal's Report:

- a. Annual Trustee Tour was on Mon Dec 10/18. There were many students that acted as tour guides for the Trustees and were very welcoming and positive throughout the tour.
- b. There has been much work done with the RCMP for support for kids and parents for information dealing with Social Media, etc. Principal and staff have been coordinating workshops, forming a Girl's Group and a Boy's Group where kids can go talk about issues or concerns.
- c. The RCMP in Alert Bay is partnering with NISS in regards to the "Love Bomb" show. There will be 2 shows; Juniors (Gr 8-9) and Seniors (Gr 10-12).
- d. There will be a pancake breakfast on Fri Dec 21/18 beginning at 8:00am for students interested.
- e. Thinking about broadening content in the NISS Newsletter to add more parent support and will also be adding a PAC Corner.

2. Chair Report:

- a. **2019/2020 School Calendar – 2 week Spring Break** – we have until Mar 31, 2019 to submit letters regarding school calendars to the Minister of Education to ask to change the dates of the Spring Break from Apr 6 – 17 to align with other school districts on the island and in the province with Mar 16 – 27 to take regular 4 days at Easter instead.
- b. Discussion for the Chair to prepare a formal letter on behalf of NISS PAC to change the dates as they are very inconvenient and how it effects friends, family, getting together, blended families, sporting activities, etc.
- c. The school calendar was voted on before new trustees were elected and then said that they consulted all Stakeholders, etc.
- d. If you write a personal letter, the visiting Trustee to the meeting advised to be precise about the dates of what 2 weeks are wanted and other precise details.
- e. Letters need to be in by end of December from parents and PAC.
- f. We need to bring solutions to the table and need to suggest those solutions in the letters. It takes Trustees of an organization to task the staff to carry things out.
- g. Question was asked if we could get copies of the Surveys that were sent out to parents.

3. Treasurer's Report:

- a. Gaming acct: \$6,679.72
- b. Chequing acct: \$43.95
- c. We need actual copies of the monthly statements as part of our record keeping process.

4. DPAC Report: N/A

Old Business:

- a. PAC received a return more detailed letter of request from Sarah Nielsen for the Music and Art clubs.
 - Bonnie Barratt put a motion forward to support the Music program with \$350 towards musical instruments – 2nd by Shelley Frost
 - Shelley Frost put forward a motion to support the Art program for \$350 from a list of items that totaled \$710.

New Business:

- a. Jay Dixon got a quote from the supplier for 30 Chrome Books. They cost \$272.26 each equalling \$8,167.80. He is looking for support to pay half the purchase and would like us to think about it over the next couple meetings. Jay is also asking for funds to come from other sources. They are highly used. Kids love them and the kids at Sunset are getting trained on how to use them.

Parent's Corner:

- a. Computer Lab – Is it supervised when kids want to use the labs? No. Do they have restricted access to the internet, ie YouTube, etc.? There is security on inappropriate sites. If kids are using the internet inappropriately it leaves a Footprint and the kids will be banned from using the lab.

Next PAC Meeting: Jan 23, 2019

Adjournment: 5:50pm