

**SCHOOL NAME: Nackawic High School**

**Parent School Support Committee Minutes**

**Date: May 16, 2022 Time: 7pm**

**Location: NHS**

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| **PSSC Members Present:**  Jeanette Garland, Chairperson  Anna MacFarlane, Secretary  Andrea Hull  Nick Graham  Stacey Clark  Marla Calder  Rob Simpson | **PSSC Members, Regrets:**  Shauna Brewer  Andrea Dore  Kelly Dixon | **School/DEC Representation Present:**  Sean Newlands, Principal  **Regrets**:  Andrea Cronkhite, Teacher Rep.  Charisma Farrell, Student Rep.  **School/DEC Representation**  **Regrets:**  Tanya Cloutier |

**Call to Order: 7:08pm**

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Motion to approve the agenda by Anna, seconded by Stacey.

**Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

Motion to approve the minutes by Andrea H, seconded by Marla.

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

**Course Selections**

Sean reported that course selections are almost finished, after the selection handbook was handed out. The automotive shop course has been very popular this year, and we will need more staff for this course if this trend continues.

There are 267 students in total this year (268 last year), with 72 in the graduating class.

**New Business:**

**New Cafeteria Program**

Through funding (thanks to Lindsay Nicholson), NHS will have a new non-for-profit lunch program (under a Chartwell contract). The NHS Culinary Class will also be involved, and a focus group open to all will soon be held, to come up with ideas to maintain our cafeteria program for students.

**English Language Proficiency Assessment**

57 out of the 78 grade 9 students taking part were successful; 15 out of the 22 grade 11/12 students taking part were successful; a slightly lower results from last year.

**Grade 10 FSL Reading Assessment**

This is an assessment “by the provinces to test the system”, and takes place on June 1st. There will be no individual results by students recorded.

Sean added that the French Immersion program is once again under review and potential changes are expected in the near future, but that the grade 1 entry is expected to remain, for now. He added that the results from the Grade 12 French Oral Proficiency Assessments will be soon be made available to students.

**Governance Reform Initiative**

Jeannette reported that she has attended a few meetings with the school district and other PSSC chairs, searching for ideas on a new model for school/parent involvement and governance. Suggestions include grouping a number of schools from a larger area in order to increase engagement (PSSC member numbers are currently low) in an effort to empower parents. The discussions are only in the beginning stages and will not be ready for any implementations or changes this fall, but will continue. Sean added that there is an upcoming principal’s meeting related to these initiatives as well.

**School Improvement Plan (SIP) Update**

Sean recognized team successes by the Leadership Group, the Positive Action Committee, Reach for The Top, and the Welding Class. Some of the activities have been: Wordle Challenge; Valentine’s Day Matchomatics; Easter Egg Hunt @ an outdoor Assembly; a pep rally for the NHS Boys Basketball Team heading to the NBIAA Sectionals; Pink Shirt Day; and the Lobby Monitor is back up working again.

Some of the guest speakers/workshops include Healthy Living (by nutritionist); presentation by Sexual Health Nurse Michelle Daniels; and Social and Emotional Learning by Lynette Smith.

Some staff Wellness activities have been: Covid friendly potluck; 80’s theme @ Noon; St. Patrick Pot of Gold.

On behalf of the entire staff, Sean expressed Thank You’s for the miscellaneous PSSC Teacher Appreciation Week treats.

Next steps: the province is piloting a Student Mental Health Survey. Our students will take part in this at 3-4 points during the year. Sean reported that the Core Leadership Team will meet his week to analyze the data from a number of surveys completed this past year, and create new goals and a plan accordingly.

**Soccer Field Fence**

There has been an incident of vandalism at the school soccer field, where someone entered the field with a large truck to cause serious damage to the grass/lawn. It has since been repaired. The school is hoping to raise funds for installing a fence, and has reached out the local MLA Rick Ames among others for help. The following quotes have been collected:

One side of the soccer field; $17,000

Entire soccer field; $ 50,000

**Graduation**

Graduation will be held on June 23rd, 2022, at the Nackawic Arena, with no specific Covid-19 protocols in place. Sean added that the Baccalaureate Service will be held in the NHS gym on June 19th, 2022.

**Grants Update**

NHS has been awarded two United Way Grants: $500 to the NHS Drama Club to take part in the STU Drama Festival (where our stage manager took home an award); and $1000 for use towards poster materials by the Yearbook and Leadership Group/Tracy Graham (Cricut was purchased).

**Fundraising Update**

Grad Class Bottle Drive $1674.35

Senior Volleyball Girls Tourn.Canteen$1240.00

Senior Volleyball Boys Canteen $ 330.00

Grand In Hand (Prom Cmte) $3000.00 ($2785 so far)

Lions Club Breakfast (Prom Cmte) $ 300.00

Drama Club Bake Sale $ 181.00

Drama Club Christmas Show $ 69.90

JV Volleyball Girls Grocery Bag $ 493.00

JV Volleyball Girls Regionals Canteen $ 539.55

JV Volleyball Girls Regionals Door $ 518.75

Student Council Bake Sale $ 163.90

Student Council Candy Grams $ 98.95

Student Council Matchomatics $ 36.95

Student Council Grocery Bagging $ 427.50

Stud. Coun Winter Carnival Canteen $ 82.50

Student Council Mr. NHS Canteen $ TBA

**PSSC Funds**

No new budget as of yet (balance of $10.01).

**Staffing for next year**

Fulltime teachers: 20.0

Guidance: 0.5

R/M: 1.5

Vice principal Ross Calder will be back at NHS on June 1st after covering a leave position at NMS for 6 weeks.

**Important Dates**

May 23 – Victoria Day; no school

May 26 – Library 50th Anniversary

May 27 – Grade 8’s visit

June 1 – Grade 10 French Assessment

June 2 – Spring Music Concert

June 9 – Extracurricular Award Dessert Banquet

June 10 – Last day of classes

June 10 – June Bash with Carnival Theme

June 17 – Final Exams ends

June 19 - Baccalaureate Service at NHS Gym

June 21 – Prom and Grand March at NHS

June 23 – Graduation at the Nackawic Arena

June 23 – Safe Grad at Camp Shiktahak

June 24 – Report Cards pick up

**International Students**

Sean reported that there are currently 3 students arriving in the fall (two from Germany, one from Spain). He added that the school is continuing the search for more host families.

**Correspondence**

Survey about Governance Reform Initiative

**Thank You**

Jeannette thanked the PSSC members for their involvement during this past school year.

**Date of Next Meeting:** TBD in the new school year (fall of 2022)

**Adjournment: At 8:50pm**

*Jeanette Garland*  June 17, 2022

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**President Date**

***Anna MacFarlane June 17, 2022***

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**Secretary Date**