

Nackawic High School  
Parent School Support Committee Minutes  
September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Location: NHS classroom

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**PSSC Members Present:**

Jeanette Garland, Chairperson  
Marla Calder  
Rob Simpson  
Andrea Hull  
Stacey Clark  
Nick Graham  
Anna MacFarlane, Secretary

Andrea Cronkhite, Teacher Rep.  
Charisma Farrell, Student Rep.

**School/DEC Representation Present:**

Sean Newlands, Principal

**PSSC Members, Regrets:**

Nina Cormier  
Sandra Clark

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Meeting was called to order at 6:05pm.

Marla asked to add "Student Backpacks" to the agenda. All were in favour. Stacey moved to approve the Agenda. Andrea H seconded.

Andrea C moved to approve the Minutes from the previous meeting. Andrea H seconded.

**Elections**

By acclamation, Jeanette Garland was elected as Chairperson, and Anna MacFarlane as Secretary. Handbooks and a copy of the Education Act was given to the new members and Jeanette advised that if they would like orientation she would assist with getting that for them.

**Business arising from the Minutes**

The tentative 2020/21 PSSC meeting schedule is as follows; Sept 24<sup>th</sup>, Nov 24<sup>th</sup>, Jan 19<sup>th</sup>, Mar 16<sup>th</sup>, and May 18<sup>th</sup>; all Tuesday nights at 6pm, at NHS.

**New Business**

Sean reported that the Virtual Open House/parent information meeting took place on Sept 10<sup>th</sup>, using ZOOM, and is currently available for viewing on the school website.

Sean presented the School Improvement Plan (SIP) draft in a revised, easy to follow format, as well as the School Funds Report. The final SIP will be approved in November. It was mentioned that new supportive initiatives are being carried out this semester by staff at NHS in response to the Our School SEL data collected from students, where increased numbers of NHS students are reporting high levels of anxiety and depression.

Communications between the school and parents will be taking place by email and phone messaging. Social media channels will also be used, such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Jeanette reported that the current balance of the PSSC 2020-21 budget year is \$830.44.

Due to Covid-19, there will be no international students attending NHS this semester. There are 4 families interested in hosting students at NHS, and the school will continue to follow developments with this program as the Covid-19 situation evolves.

NHS currently has 268 students attending (around the same as last year), and 19.75 teacher positions. Due to Covid-19, extra hours have been added to the total Custodian hours.

Upcoming Parent Teacher dates are Nov 19<sup>th</sup> and Nov 20<sup>th</sup>, both taking place virtually by phone or on-line.

School pictures will take place on Sept 30<sup>th</sup> and Oct 1<sup>st</sup>.

Grade 9 student vaccinations will be carried out on Nov 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

The current Fundraising Events are a Tupperware sale by the Grad Class, and a Basket Raffle (for Christmas) by the Prom Committee.

Bell Schedule has been changed by 5 minutes to help with the wait time of the buses for the students in the afternoon. Was 3:15 now 3:10.

Exam Schedule – Semester 1 – there may be some changes, as the week does not give enough time to bring in the Day 1 and Day 2 students.

A discussion was held regarding the students no longer being able to use their lockers, resulting in them carrying extremely heavy book bags throughout each day, containing valuable items such as lap tops, Ipads, phones, etc... Suggestions were made to potentially have a drop off classroom for students to use.

### **Correspondence**

The committee has received the PSSC templates to be used for record keeping.

Jeanette has been approached by a school parent asking about the Covid-19 classroom student ratio as it pertains to school size and whether students are attending every day or every other day, with various schools appearing to have different systems. Sean clarified that as per protocol by the school district, no classroom can have more than a total of 15 students at any one time.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.

Jeanette Garland  
Jeanette Garland, PSSC Chairperson

\_\_\_\_ October 1, 2020 \_\_\_\_  
Date

**Anna MacFarlane**  
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Anna MacFarlane, PSSC Secretary

**Oct 1st, 2020**  
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Date

