

**SCHOOL NAME: Nackawic High School**

**Parent School Support Committee**

**Date: \_January 26, 2021\_\_ Time: \_6:00pm\_\_**

***Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting***

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| **PSSC Members Present:**Jeanette Garland, ChairpersonMarla CalderRob SimpsonAndrea HullStacey ClarkNick GrahamAnna MacFarlane, SecretarySandra Clark | **School/DEC Representation Present:**Sean Newlands, PrincipalAndrea Cronkhite, Teacher Rep. **School/DEC Representation Regrets:**Miriam Grant, DEC**PSSC Members. Regret:** Nina Cormier Charisma Farrell, Student Rep. |

**Call to order at 6:06pm.**

**Approval of Agenda**

First with revision – Marla C; Second with revision – Andrea C.

**Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting**

First – Andrea C; Second – Stacey C.

**Business arising from the Minutes**

**Exam Week/Schedule Update (Start of Semester 2)**

Parent and student communications seemed to have worked well, with great effort by all to attempt to keep the numbers of students in the building at a low during exams.

Second semester will start on Wednesday, February 3rd, with DAY 2 students attending.

Report cards to come home with students on February 3rd; for students that are failing a course a call should be expected by Monday.

The Power School on-line tool will be accessible again by February 3rd.

**International Student Update**

NHS will have a grade 10 student starting on February 3rd; a female student from South Korea, who arrived in Fredericton on January 17th and is currently self-isolating for 14 days, after which she will be joining her NHS host family. Her intention is to attend NHS until she graduates in 2023 (and likely travel home during summer breaks).

The International Student program will revamp next school year once Covid-19 vaccinations are in place, and NHS is looking for additional Host families to sign up.

**New Business**

**Ministers Excellence Education Award**

Mrs. (Tracy) Graham has been awarded with this very prestigious award (only three NHS teachers have won the award in the last 23 years). Jeanette will plan to share congratulations to Tracy on behalf of the PSSC, during session next week held by a GNB representative coming to NHS to make a video recording.

**SIP Update**

A number of initiatives are in place to support the students’ mental health and resilience; school wide dress up days, presentations, the starting of a “Positive Action Committee”, among others. Mr. Legacy has carried out a survey among students and staff regarding hours of schoolwork during the pandemic. His findings were presented to staff, and will be used to create modules for teachers to use with students as it relates to their experience of stress and anxiety.

**Grants Update**

Sean reported on a number of grant applications in the works or already approved;

Grow Tower has arrived and the first seeds have been planted

Go Wild School Grant (Ms. Campbell)

Spirit Grant; $7500 (Ms. Fitton)

Nackawic CDM fund (?)

What’s up Doc? (Ms. Grant)

Sport Equipment grant (Ms. Fitton)

Guidance grant (Ms. Keen/Mr. Gallop)

**Staff Appreciation Week**

February 8-12, 2021. Jeanette G will send out an email to PSSC members to gather ideas and plan for how to celebrate our school staff during this week.

**School Funds Report**

Due to the current Covid-19 situation, not much activity has been taking place affecting school funds. Motion to combine the three different Rugby Team accounts into one Rugby account (total $861.23).

First - Andrea H; Second – Nick G. Motion carried/The School Funds Report was adopted.

**PSSC Funds Update**

Funds: $842.61

Expense: ($12.17) (meeting snacks)

Current Balance: $830.44

Any un-used funds will automatically be assumed by the school at the end of the school year. A request was made from Dawn MacFarlane (school admin.) to use $92.00 for paper and stamps. Motion for PSSC to contribute remaining funds of $ 830.44 (from 2020/21 school year) back to NHS for use towards paper, stamps, and other items as needed.

First – Sandra C; Second – Jeanette G. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Important Dates**

Exam period ends: Thursday, January 28, 2021.

Second semester starts: Wednesday, February 3, 2021, with DAY 2 students attending.

March break: March 1-5, 2021.

**Correspondence**

No direct correspondence to report. Jeannette G reported that NHS is currently not on the radar for any of DECH’s studies of school sustainability. Sean N confirmed that our student numbers are continuing to slightly increase.

**Once around the table/comments**

Sean N reported that with the province being in the Covid-19 Red Phase, it has required staff to do individual screening of students among other things. He stated that the staff seem to be handling the quick changes of protocol well. Only a few students have remained at home during the orange and red phase.

Next meeting: March 16, 2021

Meeting Adjourned at 7:17pm

 Jeanette Garland February 1, 2021

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Jeanette Garland, PSSC Chairperson Date

Anna MacFarlane February 1, 2021

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Anna MacFarlane, PSSC Secretary Date