**Nackawic High School**

**Parent School Support Committee Meeting**

**March 16, 2021, at 6pm**

**Location: Virtual ZOOM meeting**

**PSSC Members Present:**

Jeanette Garland, Chairperson

Marla Calder

Rob Simpson

Andrea Hull

Stacey Clark

Anna MacFarlane, Secretary

Sandra Clark

**School/DEC Representation Present:**

Sean Newlands, Principal

Andrea Cronkhite, Teacher Rep.

Charisma Farrell, Student Rep.

**School/DEC Representation Regrets:**

Miriam Grand, DEC

**PSSC Members, Regrets:**

Nina Cormier

**Call to order** at 6:04pm.

**Approval of Agenda**

First – Marla C; Second – Andrea C.

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

First – Marla C; Second – Sandra C

**Business arising from the Minutes**

**Follow Up on how transition to Semester 2 went**

Sean reported that the transition had been going well, and that the every other day/on-line synchronous learning approach is now in effect. Feedback from parents and students have been varied, and Sean stated that the workload involved for both students and teachers is “a work in progress”. Students have been continuously encouraged to reach out to teachers if they are struggling or need support with the new school schedule and its setup. For the curriculum, key outcomes are being prioritized and it will take some time to ensure that those are covered appropriately.

**International Student Update**

NHS currently has on female international student from South Korea, in grade 10. Next year, three students from South Korea will be attending. The school is looking for more host families as there are opportunities for many more students to attend. A total of 700 international students applied to attend school in NB in the last year.

**New Business**

**SIP Update**

Some of the improvement goals were highlighted; there has been an emphasis on positive messaging and projects initiated by the “Positive Action Group”. Sean reported that the disciplinary incidents are almost non-existent at this time, perhaps due to the number of students attending on any one day has been cut in half. School staff have been engaged outside of the classroom taking part in activities together, such as Zumba, kinball, Ping-Pong, and a casserole competition, among other things.

Another goal has been to focus on mental health and access to resources for staff and students. Actions taken involve support for vulnerable students, forming a girls group, and an aim at skill building and mental fitness strategies, especially for grade 9 students.

**Grants Update**

Ms. Campbell has received funding for upgrades to the school’s courtyard space, as well as creating outdoor learning spaces, from World Wildlife Fund and the Gaia project ($500).

**School Funds Report**

**Fundraising Events**

Grad Class: Bottle Drive $3062.00

Grad Decals $60.00

Prom TBA

Boys Basketball $6850.00

Boys Hockey $4700.00

Student Council: Basket raffle $350.50

Candy Grams $27.00

Hot Choc & treats $107.75

Sean presented the NHS budget and explained some of the line items. Marla C inquired about French literature reading books used and whether consideration is made to the use of “old French” vocabulary, and a potential need to upgrade some literature. Sean will forward the inquiry to the French Immersion staff.

**Our School Survey**

A Student Perception Survey provided by the Dept. of Education for schools as a useful tool in building their School Improvement Plan, and acquire data directly from students and their experience. Sean expressed that it is a very important means of showing how successful the school’s programs are in meeting students’ needs. Deadline for survey is April 30/21.

**English Language Proficiency Assessment/Reassessment**

For students in grade 9 (if not successful in grade 9; can test again in grade 10. If not sussessful in grade 10; can test in grade 12). Students will have access to practice tests on-line. The assessments will take place on April 28 & 29/21.

**Grade 10 French Second Language Reading Assessment**

For French Immersion and Post Intensive French students. The assessments will take place mid-May.

**Graduation**

The school is currently awaiting direction from the school district with details on graduation ceremonies and celebrations as they relate to Covid-19 protocols.

**Course Selections**

* March 31 & April 1/21; students will be taking part in school presentations about their selections and options.
* April 6/21; a virtual parent information meeting will be held, with NBCC, STU, UNB, and other educational institutions taking part as well.
* April 12-13/21; Students will have access to additional information and advisory resources at NHS, and they will make a preliminary list of courses selected.
* May 2 & 3/21; students will make final selection of courses

A course selection handbook will be made available to students and parents.

**PSSC Funds Update**

Opening balance: $842.61

Expenses:

Meeting snacks, Sep/20 $12.17

Postage Stamps $92.00

Copier Paper for school $718.40

Current Balance: $20.04

**Important Dates**

April 2 (Good Friday) and April 5 (Easter Monday) – No School.

April 6 – Parent course selection meeting

April 12 – Report Cards go out

April 13 – Parent/Teacher meetings (evening), virtual or in person

April 14 – No School, Parent/Teacher meetings (afternoon), virtual or in person

May 7 – No School, NBTA meetings

May 17 – No School, NBTA meetings

**Correspondence**

The DEC Upcoming election; candidate is Mariam Grand. Anyone wanting to nominate or be nominated for the election is welcome to contact PSSC. Info can be found on the DEC website, and submissions are accepted starting March 28/21, and need to be submitted by April 8/21.

**Once around the table/comments**

Sean expressed sincere thank you’s and appreciation to the members of the PSSC from all the staff in response to all the treats, greetings, surprises, etc., taking place during Teacher Appreciation Week.

**Next meeting:** May 18, 2021, in person at NHS (given Covid-19 protocols are allowing it).

**Meeting Adjourned** at 7:04pm

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Jeanette Garland, PSSC Chairperson Date

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Anna MacFarlane, PSSC Secretary Date