

**SCHOOL NAME: Nackawic High School**

**Parent School Support Committee Minutes**

**Date: Sep 25, 2024 Time: 6:30pm**

**Location: Virtual / Teams**

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| **PSSC Members Present:**  Jeanette Garland, Chairperson  Andrea Hull  Justin McGuigan  Selena Trail | **PSSC Members, Regrets:**  Robert Simpson  Adele Christie  Clair Knox  Heidi Blaney-Knox  **School/DEC Representation Regrets:**  Andrea Cronkhite, Teacher Rep.  **School/DEC Representation**  **Regrets:** Tanya Cloutier | **School/DEC Representation Present:**  Sean Newlands, Principal  Tyson Farrell, Student Rep. |

**Call to Order: 6:36pm**

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Moved by Selena, seconded by Andrea Hull.

**Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

Moved by Andrea H, seconded by Jeanette.

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

N/A

**New Business:**

**Election:**

Jeanette Garland will remain for Chair and Vice President will be Selena Trail. We were unable to determine secretary and will revisit this at the next meeting. No election required based on the number of volunteers, we have enough seats.

**PSSC Orientation**

Jeanette will provide link in the next email to share where you can learn more etc. about the duties of the PSSC. To be reviewed at the next meeting in case addition discussion is needed.

**NHS PSSC Meeting Schedule (2024-2025)**

All Meeting with start time set for 6:30pm

September 25th

November 26th

January 21st

March 11th

April 22nd

May 27th

**Open House Feedback**

Attendance was good. Ice Cream social went well. The requirement for anyone playing sports to attend makes it much better and more parents join year over year.

**School Funds Report**

Sean provided the PSSC with the updated report as of Sept 25th. Review of high balance accounts was discussed and PSSC was happy with explanation.

**School Raised Funds Report**

Only one completed so far which was the Soccer Team completed a Community Bingo which raised $195.00. There are two expected for the Leadership Team in September which are Grocery bagging and Epicure. More to come in as the month goes on.

**PSSC Funds Update**

Current funds are $842.20, which is higher than last year. This year started at $1000 and there was ice cream for the open house and one small amount used for Meeting snacks for April and May 2024. Briefly discussed the changes to description in which the funds can be used for. Attaching guidelines for PPSC Budget

**School Cash Online**

NHS currently has 70% of the population using school cash online. The distance would like to see the numbers go higher, but it has shown limited increase over the past year.

**Live Portal**

Reviewed the numbers. SO far… Parents have signed in 996 times and students have signed in 6710. 219 out of 256 students are checking their grades online. Based on website tracking there was 118 parent log ins and 250 students of those logged in students there was 73 out of 256 who assessed the portal through the website.

**Cafeteria Services**

Up and running with $8/meal as well as a la carte items. Business has not been very busy. The PSSC members talked about options to students as well as the concern for those who are provided lunch that do not have the means to bring something to eat each day.

**International Students**

NHS currently has 7 international students from Germany, France, Japan, Spain, and Czech Republic. There are more as well that will be arriving for second semester and the possibility of more if host families are found.

**Student Numbers**

There are currently 257 students who are attending NHS.

**School Plan Update**

Sean reported that the school plan goals have been updated and the focus is now going to be on academics. Sean to send out plans and actions as of present time to all PSSC. (Email sent September 26th to all members)

Last year the focus was to promote resilience.

**Hopeful transition Pilot**

A new part of the path for graduation has a career/life plan. This year, this will be the focus of the hopeful transition lead.

**Important Dates**

Sept. 30 – No School (National Truth and Reconciliation Day)

Oct. 3 – Aero Tour

Oct. 8 - Grad Compositions

Oct. 10 – Picture Day

Oct.14 – No School (Thanksgiving)

Oct. 24 – NBCC Open House

Oct. 30 – Gr. 9 Vaccination Day

Nov. 6 – Take Our Kids to Work (Grade 9)

Nov. 7 – Remembrance Day Assembly

Nov. 11 – No School – Remembrance Day

Nov. 12 – Report Cards

Nov. 21 – Evening 6 – 8pm Parent/Teacher Interview

Nov. 22 – No School – ½ Day Professional Learning (Morning) and Parent/Teacher Interviews (Afternoon)

**Opening to the floor**

Justin asked for clarity about the changes recently in staffing. Update provided by Sean.

The province is still showing challenges with retaining/obtaining teachers in the province.

**Date of Next Meeting: November 26, 2024, at 6:30 pm.**

**Adjournment: At 8:30pm**

Jeanette Garland October 10th, 2024

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**President Date**

Notes recorded by Jeanette Garland October 10th, 2024

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**Secretary Date**