

Nootka PAC Meeting

6:30pm, February 23rd, 2023
zoom

Call to order & Land acknowledgement @ 6:32

Present: 8 PAC members, plus 2 guests (Jesse Bemister & Nicole Harrison)

1. Admin Update (Jesse & Nicole)

- Helen McGregor, VSB superintendent, toured Nootka on Feb 22nd. She will be invited back for a performance later this year.
- Daniel Duggan has running drumming workshops in the school for the past two weeks. The primary classes held a performance on Feb 17th and the intermediate classes will hold one on Feb. 24th. Half of the funding for this has come from the Student and Family Affordability Fund and the other half from parents. This has been a very successful program with a lot of positive feedback.
- Sports:
 - i. A successful basketball season ends next week.
 - ii. Badminton starts after Spring Break, followed by Track and Field (April/May).
 - iii. Opportunities to join sports teams are communicated by announcement to the students and Jesse includes upcoming sports in the newsletter. Niki mentioned that more messaging could go home to families about future teams.
 - iv. The number of teams depends on both student participation and the availability of coaches.
- There have been lots of field trips:
 - i. Grade 7s have toured Windermere
 - ii. Some students attended a musical performance at Van Tech
 - iii. Swimming and ice skating is ongoing
- The Art Crawl, put on by Divisions 1-5, will be held on Feb 28th from 5-6pm (Entry through the gym). These divisions did not participate in the winter concert and have created music, art, and dance performances.
 - i. Niki mentioned that a lot of the installations rely on QR codes, which is an barrier for people without cell phones or data. Jesse will make sure the wifi password is available and that there are devices people can use.
- Upcoming:
 - i. Soap stone carving will be done by all classes. Half of this was paid for by the Student and Family Affordability Fund.
 - ii. Spring Break: March 10 – 27.
- The health inspector came by yesterday as part of their regular rotation. Nootka received glowing reviews. The PAC fridge needs to be turned down and might be broken. Niki will do some testing to see if it works. If the PAC fridge cannot be

repaired we will investigate other options. Hot lunches that are not picked up have been going into the regular staffroom fridge.

2. Hot Lunch Update (Hung)

- Hung sent out an email to parents on Feb 22nd regarding hot lunch.
- Hot lunch frequency will be reduced to once per week in April. This change is meant to address inequities between students.
- A donation button in MunchaLunch has been added and has great uptake. This money will go directly to providing lunches for kids who are otherwise unable to participate.
- Orders have already started for March.
- Even with a reduction in frequency we're on target to meet our fundraising goals.
- Focus:
 - Equity, Accessibility
 - Reduced waste
 - Food quality
 - Fundraising
- Other PACs that have a lot of resources are able to do more, but we don't have the money at this time.

3. Fundraising Updates (Nori)

- Sweatshirts
 - i. Nori is in the early planning stages of a logo design contest. Nootka did this a number of years ago and it was very popular. Initially planned for grades 6 & 7 this could be broadened to all intermediate students. Nicole asked if there were any guidelines about the logo (eagle?) and whether the logo could be tied into the upcoming development of a student-centred code of conduct.
- Read-a-thon tentatively planned for later this year.

4. Update from treasurer (Niki)

- The PAC is on track to pay for everything we committed to.

5. Traffic on Renfrew update (Johanna)

- Johanna put in a request to extend the 30km/h zone on Renfrew, but discovered that as a throughfare it was never meant to be a 30km/h zone, so the sign was removed. There are pilots running that make throughfares near schools 30km/h zones and we are awaiting results.
- It was suggested that we request that the city add flashing lights at the crosswalk at 19th and audible signals to the crosswalk on 17th. We can suggest this to the city on behalf of the PAC as a whole.

- Johanna has talked to community policing, who will come do a speed awareness campaign. They have been very supportive and can make requests to the city on our behalf.
- Jenn included a link for city requests in the last newsletter.
- 17th remains a problem, with a lot of traffic blocking the street between Renfrew and Nootka.
- Jesse suggested bump-outs to narrow Nootka at the crosswalk at 18th.

6. Other business

- Nikki has been asked for clarification re: admin policy for kids calling home.
 - i. Nicole noted that there was no official policy. Jesse and Nicole will talk to admin staff to ensure kids can call home.
 - ii. Mural. We are waiting for quotes from KC. Andrea would assist.

Next Meeting: April 5th in the library. Childcare will be available.