

Nootka PAC Meeting

April 5th 2023, 6:30pm

Nootka Library

Call to order & Land acknowledgement @ 6:36pm

Present: 9 PAC members, plus 2 guests (Jesse Bemister & Nicole Harrison)

- School Spirit Wear – logo contest (Nori)
 - Grade 6s & 7s are working on logos and will have them ready next week. Students will vote on the top two, one for the t-shirts and one for the hoodies. Ms. Horner will set up online voting.
 - Orders should open the week of April 17th.
- Communications Exec member (Niki)
 - The PAC needs a new Communications Officer. This position involves sending out the newsletters and updating the website.
 - Andrea Hooge volunteered for the role and Jenn will support her through the transition.
 - The PAC now has an Instagram account that could be linked to the existing facebook group. Jenn will look into who owns the facebook group and how the roles can be switched over.
- Internet Safety Presentation for parents/caregivers (Jesse)
 - “Safer Schools Together” provides talks about internet safety for parents, students, and teachers. A session for parents was discussed by the PAC, but sessions for students and students have not been booked.
 - The possibility of holding a hybrid online session was discussed. The PAC would need to recoup the \$800 fee using a “pay what you can” model, with a \$10 suggested fee. For an in-person event the gym has a 200 person capacity due to other events going on at the same time.
 - If we want childcare we would ask for registration in advance to ensure proper staffing.
- Final Fundraiser (Niki)
 - Readathon or walkathon?
 - Pledge-based reading or walking
 - Prize for each class
 - There were no volunteers to support this initiative.
 - Snack day at sports day
 - Selling snacks & coffee for cash.
 - The PAC will also run hot lunch that day.
- Communication from school (Jesse & Nicole)
 - Sports Day:
 - June 23rd
 - Big group activities go on until lunch with afternoon races on the field.
 - Ms Switzer is organizing, and the school will ask for parent volunteers.
 - Grade 7 leaving:

- June 27th
- The event is still in initial planning stages. Jenn will confirm funding.
- There is a call to grade 7 parents for extra volunteer support.
- Plays:
 - Mr Marino's class is writing a play to be performed in April.
 - Annie Junior will be performed on May 10-11 in the evening, plus 3 dress rehearsals. More performances might be put on if demand is high. The school will look into a way of registering or providing tickets to know how many people are coming to ensure everyone can see the performance.
 - The gym will be out of commission for a month for rehearsals and stage construction.
 - More information will be coming out soon.
- Planning for next year:
 - Ms Harrison is working with Grade 7s and high schools to prepare for the transition.
 - Staffing calculations for next year are underway. Admin submits their estimate of the number of students to the VSB, which determines the number of teachers, support staff, and resource teachers allocated to the school. This process ultimately determines the number of divisions in the school.
 - Admin plans to provide an opportunity for parents to outline the needs of their child as part of determining classes.
 - The school was able to offer placements to people who have applied to Fine Arts.
- Staffing:
 - Resource teacher Ms. Engh, who was a job share for Ms Newton, is leaving the school as Ms Newton is returning to full time.
- Sports:
 - Badminton is underway and track and field will start soon.
 - A call will come out soon for students interested in track & field. The hope is to include students in Grade 4 and up but this depends on number of coaches who volunteer.
- Contracts:
 - The VSB requires details on all contracts signed by the school, including those managed by the PAC.
- Open:
 - Sports Day:
 - Nikki reported that kids need room to eat during the day and are exhausted.
 - There was a suggestion to bring canopies for a shade station. There are parents willing to bring them in.
 - Parents are asking for more regular communication from the school, like a "week at a glance", to ensure that they have enough time to plan. Admin agreed this would be useful.
 - Nori noted that sports day groupings often end up with kids not having a friend on their team. Is there another way of divvying up the groups? Jesse will take this to the organizers.
 - Johanna gave an update on the traffic situation. There was recently an accident on 22nd that ended with a car on the sidewalk since there is no boulevard there. Johanna reminded parents that they can ask the city for traffic changes.

- KC and Andrea are working on pricing for a murals near entrance A and on the big wall facing Renfrew (gym wall). The small one would cost \$2500 while the larger would be \$10-15k. It makes sense to start with the smaller one, which would include student participation, and set a big fundraising goal for the larger project. The Eco Refillery on Rupert and 29th is willing to put 10% of sales and maybe offer 10% off to the PAC.