

Nootka PAC Meeting

6:30pm, November 7, 2023

Nootka Library

Present: 12 PAC members, plus 3 guests (Jesse Bemister, Nicole Harrison, Victoria Horner)

1. Welcome & land acknowledgement
2. Update from Admin (Jesse Bemister & Nicole Harrison)
 - CSL (Communicating Student Learning) reports
 - Info about changes to the CSLs has been included in the weekly newsletter
 - The new goal is “proficient” rather than “extending”. “Extending” is only used in exceptional circumstances and often self-led. There is no overlap between levels.
 - CSLs will come out three times:
 1. Dec 1
 2. Before spring break
 3. End of June
 - Student reflections will be included in each CSL.
 - The admin team is ensuring there is messaging to both parents and students.
 - Nootka Eagles
 - A video promoting “Nootka Eagles” has been made to show to students.
 - Kids have voted and chosen “Brave” as their primary word to represent eagles. They are now working on what the letters B-R-A-V-E stand for. Kids are thinking about how they would like to be seen as students and members of the community.
 - Students will present at an assembly (intermediate & primary each in their own, Nov 27). Students who present win a pizza party for their class.
 - Staff and the broader Nootka community (via PAC) will have an opportunity to provide input before Winter Break.
3. Body Science
 - There is interest in holding some body science programming.
 - Helps prevent sexual assault when kids know the proper terminology for body parts.
 - Normalizing gender neutrality and pride.
 - Parents have the option of pulling their kids out of class.
 - This is covered in curriculum, but isn’t delivered consistently.
 - Options:
 - Nootka has had Saleema Noon come in the past, funded by the PAC.
 1. Two days & one parent assembly

- 2. \$1600, which could be covered by the gaming grant.
- Sex Educator Alysha
 - 3. Recommended by Victoria Horner (Gr 6/7 teacher) who supports the Nootka Rainbow Club (SOGI and LGBTQIA2+ club). Older kids in this club report that they don't feel represented in current sexual health education. Victoria has had a great experience with this person in the past.
 - 4. Perhaps as a supplement/replacement to Saleema Noon for just grade 6-7. Similar curriculum but really good at building community.
 - 5. \$1000 for entire Grade 6-7 community.
 - 6. Question: is there a parent session?
- Vote: Doug tabled a motion to approve up to \$2500 from the budget. Jenn seconded. Approved.

4. Chair

- Nikki Clarkson has stepped down as Chair. We appreciate all her work over the past year and she is available to support whoever takes on the role.
- Role:
 - Chair meetings
 - Emails – liaison with local business
 - Liaise with Admin
- We need three people who can handle financials. Currently Jenn & Jenna.
- The exec can name a chair and this could be shared by two people in a co-chair role.
- Jenn could take on chair if someone else takes on the Treasurer role.
- No volunteers at this time.

5. Dance recap

- Dance went well, with many thanks to Sarah, Johanna, Andrea, Jacob, and others.
- Many younger kids found it overwhelming. It was suggested that next time the dance could with just the younger kids, who are likely to leave earlier.
- 450 tickets sold, 425 attendees.
- The PAC brought in \$2200 gross, but spent money on pizza, concession, balloon artist, etc.
- Good community building.
- Sarah reported that we had too much pizza and popcorn, so we can order less for future dances.

6. Fundraising update

- Apple sale:
 - Very successful – apples were delicious

- \$780
- 1.5 boxes went missing, but the PAC will be sure to store them overnight elsewhere next year.
- Purdy's:
 - This fundraiser is live and closes on Nov. 29th with delivery on Dec. 14th.
 - The Purdy's order will be delivered to the school, sorted, and distributed to the classrooms. Alternate delivery arrangements can be made as needed.
 - Will need 4-5 volunteers for sorting.
- Grade 6s & 7s will work on t-shirts
- Please let Nori know if you have any ideas for other fundraisers.
- Grade 7s are thinking of other fundraising ideas.
 - Bottle drive
 - Snack days

7. Treasurer update - financials

- \$3000 in the general account (some earmarked for hot lunches)
- \$12000 in gaming grant – we want that to be \$0 by the end of this school year.
 - \$10/students (~\$4000) to field trips
 - \$2500 to body science
 - Must be extracurricular, such as clubs.
 - It was suggested that new tents for events could be useful.
- \$15000 in savings account. In the past this has gone to technology and is good to keep around for when laptops and ipads start to fail due to age.

8. Roundtable:

- Kids short film festival. Film Club? Elective? There needs to be a champion on staff.
- Winter concert in the evening of Dec 12 or 13th.
- Nicole: Hot lunch equity
 - Current model: Ask for donations and identify who needs support. Identifying students is proving tricky.
 - Idea: Pay what you can with a suggested amount. Norquay successfully uses this model. It was felt this might work best for pizza day. Jesse noted that the school could provide some funds if it was under-funded by parents. The exec will talk it over.