

Nantyr Shores Secondary School Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 27, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. @ school library

Attendance: Mark Keating, Lisa Suelzle, Lesley Sterling, Myrlene Boken, Rosalia Primavera, Patricia Nenoff, Rachel Grinman, Danny Vaz, Lee Belisle

Regrets: Jennifer Richardson, Margaret McCormack, Manon Rodrigues

Call to Order – Lisa Suelzle opened the meeting at 6:10 p.m. with a land acknowledgement.

Simcoe County District School Board acknowledges that we are situated on the traditional land of the Anishnaabeg people. The Anishnaabeg include the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Pottawatomi nations, collectively known as the Three Fires Confederacy. We are dedicated to honouring Indigenous history and culture and committed to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation and respect with all First Nation, Métis and Inuit people.

Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2022 meeting made by Rachel Grinman, seconded by Myrlene Boken. All in favour. Carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2023 meeting made by Lisa Suelzle, seconded by Patricia Nenoff. All in favour. Carried.

Students' Report

- None

Staff Report – Danny Vaz

- Semester 2 is underway
- Winter sports are going well
- Leadership class sold carnations for Valentine's Day
- Mr. Vaz met with representatives from the United Church to thank them for donation to the music program

Community Rep Report – Myrlene Boken

- Food insecurity is an issue, food bank is busy with approximately five emergency cases every week
- Fresh Food Basket is a new charity coming to Innisfil
- United Church foundation will donate \$7K to the NSS music program over the next three years
- Potential for clothing donation drive through the Innisfil Community Church

Principal's Report – Mark Keating

- Band received awards
- Sr. Girls volleyball won championship
- Curling and wrestling attending provincial championships
- Enviroventure winter camping trip just returned
- Parents are encouraged to give feedback about the "feedback, recovery and improvement days" at the end of semester one; there were concerns about the extended length of the testing/evaluation period
- Pink Shirt Day (anti-bullying) was February 22
- Accessible washrooms are now available
- Semester 2 hiring is now complete

RECENT & UPCOMING EVENTS

- February is Black History Month, numerous events at the school including a Black Professional Pathways seminar, a school-wide livestream during period 2 on February 28, and then grade 10 students will be attending a livestream from Senator Wanda Thomas Bernard
- Planning another semi-formal dance for April
- Inspire conference on International Women's Day
- GSA conference in April

Fundraising Report

- "Celebrity Server" band fundraiser at The Cove restaurant – date TBD (March)
- Johnny Burger fundraiser – date TBD

\$500 PRO Grant/Parents Reaching Out Grant up to \$1000

- PRO Grant application submitted for funds to educate parents about breaking down cultural barriers and reducing stigma and accessing supports for mental health
- Nigel Martin, Vice Principal, is the contact at the school level assisting with this project
- Patricia Nenoff volunteered to coordinate a subcommittee
- Patricia contacted South Simcoe Police for speaker resources but did not receive a response
- Rosalia Primavera recommended Professor Janette O'Neill-Scott from Georgian College
- Lisa Suelzle mentioned two speakers: Paul Davis and Chris Vollum; Patricia will contact them
- Lisa also mentioned that SCDSB Superintendent Lisa Coffey speaks about trafficking
- Decisions about event specifics, date, etc. to be made by organizing committee

SCDSB Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Update – Lisa Suelzle

- No update since last meeting
- Next PIC meeting at Bear Creek Secondary School on February 28, 2023

Old Business

- None

NEW Business

- Rosalia's son works at Moores clothing store and said if someone rents a suit, the school gets money back. Rosalia will get more information.

Dismissal – Lisa adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 27, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. in the library (last Monday of the month)

NOTE: Park on the west side and enter by the gym, not through the front doors.