

Nestor Falls School Council Meeting

September 28, 2022

Present:

NFS School Staff: Donna Kowalski, Nissa Turner, Diana Krukoski

Parents: Robin Holden, Kiley Shebageget

Community Partners: Holly Kropelin (NWHU)

Regrets:

None

Call to Order & Introductions:

- Meeting called to order at 3:25pm
- Appointment of Chair & Secretary:
 - Robin Holden volunteered & appointed Chair
 - Kiley Shebageget volunteered & appointed Secretary

Review and Approval of Minutes:

- Minutes from previous meeting not available; carried to next meeting for approval

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest:

- No conflicts

New Business:

Fundraising for 2022-23 School Year

- Donna provided overview of RRDSB's policy on fundraising; there must be a specific purpose to fundraise, funds must be allocated for something and not just raised to stockpile school funds
- discussion on what would be reasonable things to fundraise for
- Fundraising Ideas:
 - fees or costs associated with swimming or other field trips that are not covered by the RRDSB (Donna will confirm what the RRDSB will cover this year)
 - Christmas concert snacks & refreshments
 - year-end BBQ snacks & refreshments and any other associated costs
 - school clothing/swag incorporating the new NFS logo; clothing/swag would be provided free to kids and could be available to purchase by parents or other community members
 - discussed new school building; ideas that funds could go towards were a grand opening event/BBQ and establishing a time capsule (plaque, capsule vessel, etc)
- Fundraising Initiatives:
 - Business Ad Board at Dalseg's
 - Mom's Pantry – November; proceeds will go to year-end bbq, Christmas concert refreshments & any fees associated with swimming or other field trips

-Little Caesar's Pizza Kits – February/March; proceeds will go towards school clothing/swag

Special Event Dates

- Halloween
- Christmas
- Valentine's Day
- Year-end BBQ
- Graduation Day
- Spring Tea
- Winter Activity Day (last day of school before March Break)
- Last day of school
- Easter
- Senior Room Independent Project Gallery Day (Fall & Spring; incorporate with Spring Tea)

*These dates will allow flexibility with the healthy food standards, but they still must be peanut-free

PIC Update

-Robin attended most recent PIC meeting virtually; very low attendance and they are having recruitment issues for the PIC

-major issue discussed were problems with bussing in some areas of the district (Atikokan was one example); very hard to find and keep drivers, some drivers are coming from Thunder Bay and staying in hotels during the week; several bus cancellations have already occurred due to driver shortages

NWHU Update (Holly)

- Still managing for Covid, will continue to be on-going
- Vaccination clinics are being organized for this fall; will be scheduled for specific age groups, including for younger children; clinics will include Covid and flu shots, and they will also be offering the new Bivalent vaccine which targets the various Covid strains we have seen locally
- Programming is slowly starting to be offered again
- Discussed the "You're The Chef" program, which was very well received in the school; Holly will look into scheduling with Diana as part of the Library/Health block and will also look into training for certification for this program for Diana
- Dental screening and fluoride varnish program will also be starting up again in the schools

Teacher Update

- Welcome to Nissa as a new teacher to NFS and new teacher rep for School Council
- Students are in training for cross country right now; all very eager and excited
- Orange Shirt Day is coming up this week
- Fat Bear Cub

- students have been following the “Fat Bear Cub” online; large concentration of grizzly bears in Alaska that congregate in preparation for hibernation
- students watch live video of bears in their habitat prepping for winter; learning about bear habitat and habits
- they will have a chance to vote online for which bear has fattened up most for winter
- Student attendance has been very good

Principals Report

- Introduction of new teachers – Nissa & Tressa Galusha
- Enrollment is up, 24 kids in the school this year
- There are no students in grade 3 or grade 8 this year; there will be a grad event for the SK this year

Next Meeting Dates

- November 23, 2022 – 3:15pm
- February 15, 2023 – 3:15pm
- May 10, 2023 – 3:15pm

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 4:32pm