

**Neepawa Middle School**  
Parent Advisory Council

Minutes October 6, 2021

**Present:** Heather Saquet, Abiodun Basirat Olabooye, RJ Cadion, Rona Sy, Marnelli Siara, Naiden Maramara, Janice Angeles, Rose Tolentino

**Board Members:** Tara McCarty, Angela Hutton, Larissa Koshel

**Administration:** Val Parayeski, Sherri Hollier

Meeting led by Tara McCarty

Call to Order: 7:36 pm

Introduction of Current Board Members and Vacant Board Members

**Board Member vacancies**

Current Board Members:	President: Tara McCarty
	Vice president: Vacant
	Treasurer: Angela Hutton, stepping down
	Secretary: Larissa Koshel, stepping down
	Fundraising: Vacant

Heather Saquet willing to take on Treasurer position. Appointed by acclamation. Thank you, Heather.

**Treasurer's report:**

NMS PAC has approx \$1,500 in the bank at present. Angela willing to help next person taking the Treasurer position.

**PAC Objectives for the 2021/2022 School Year:**

- Organizing Staff/Teacher Appreciation
- Relaying school information, relaying parent concerns to NMS administration.
- Providing parents, a forum to meet, discuss concerns, discuss ideas.
- Fundraising (this has taken a backseat to Covid).
- Five meetings per year.

**Fundraising:**

Parent Council: Possibly do a 50/50 in June.  
Fundraising towards play structure would be a very desired goal. We need to have a plan in place. Plan for site, plan for what we want to see. We would want student/parent involvement. Footprint for space must be decided on.

Start of Playground goal: First step, survey to parents/students with a few options, which would be preference. I.e. Larger structure, give up more greenspace/soccer field? Smaller structures

around the outside? Natural vs. structure. Sherri Hollier will make up a survey. Heather Saquet will look at some options for natural and structures.

Suggestion for fundraising: Gift card fundraising.

We should promote that NMS is doing fundraising towards play structure/equipment.

NMS usually does Grocery Vouchers in February, and discount cards in Oct/Nov. These funds go to NMS for recess equipment, equipment for classrooms, fieldtrips, bus transport, activities etc.

**Teacher's Appreciation Week:**

Usually in February, we will plan for then.

**Equipment Request and Needs:** TV for front entrance to highlight school activities, announcements. Size, specs? Sherri Hollier will find out for us and speak to IT.

**Principal/Vice Principal report:**

Parent Opportunity for presentation with Val Caldwell about Internet, electronic safety. Would be **December 1<sup>st</sup>, in the evening**. She has been coming to NMS for many years and is a fantastic resource. More information about live presentation versus video conference.

**Round Table:**

Heather Saquet: With the limitations of people due to Covid, some feelings of disconnect with knowing who/what teachers look like, where classes are.

Discussion/review with Val and Sherri what ways we are reaching parents. There was an intro video on the Website for the first week, some teachers have done more formal presentations with parents via Remind.

RJ Cadion: Asking about the Facebook page. There is a Facebook page that PAC put together, but it hasn't been updated. If we have more interest in PAC positions, maybe someone could take that on. Best to direct looking for information to the NMS website at present.

NMS has an Instagram Account.

**PAC meeting dates for 2021/2022:**

**Meeting times will be 7:30 pm, we will pick these dates as we go.**

**Next Meeting:** November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm