

NMS Parent Advisory Council
December 12, 2022

Call the meeting to order at 19:12

Those present: Tara M, Val P, Leisel M, Heather S and 2 *parents*

Welcome and general info: What does PAC do at NMS: big projects (ex Play structure), fundraise for school equipment and teacher appreciation, bring in school speakers for parents and kids.

Review minutes from last meeting (Sep 28, 2022): Leisel read through the minutes. Tara motioned to approve the minutes. Heather seconded.

1. Old business

- Tess Lelond - mental health speaker we had in the past and we would like to bring her back for Thurs April 13, 2023. *Val P will try to book her for this date.*
- Val Caldwell - will be in Neepawa on Feb 13. She is a social media expert. We will pursue her to come and speak to the parents in the evening on Feb 13th. *Val P will try to book this date*
- Play structure Ribbon Cutting: all went well. The play structure is officially open.

2. Treasurer's report

- PAC account has \$2,808.19
- Fundscript will bring in an additional \$1,321.41

- Play structure account held through the BPSD:
 - Total funds raised for BPSD play structure account was \$211,656.13
 - BPSD play structure account has \$46,246.44 remaining as of Dec 5, 2022
 - remaining expenses for play structure: installation fee (approx \$25,000), balance of meteor (approx \$11,000), media and grand opening expenses
 - remaining funds still coming in: Smile Cookie (approx \$11,000) and Remple Backhoe approx \$2,500

3. Play structure update:

- installation went really well. Lots of volunteers contributed.
- the Blue Imp crew was small: 4 workers
- loose screws: 7 have fallen out so far (they are all blue screws- the industrial arts teacher wondered why they are not red-tipped)
- Leisel is still in discussion with Blue Imp over the unpainted chains. She will mention the screws and see what they say about the issue.
- NMS is really happy how the community stepped up: lots of businesses made us a priority and pulled together quickly.
- We need to plan a Grand Opening. Approx May 2023. PAC will pay for the BBQ with play structure funds from the division. Invites: donors, volunteers, kids, staff. This will be a noon BBQ.

4. Other Fundraising:

- A) **Band equipment:** due to the interest, there is not enough band equipment. Risers are needed.
- The band teachers have written a letter to request donation funds from HyLife.

- Heather said that the Beautiful Plains Community might have a grant that she could apply to for band equipment.

B) Do we want **another fundraiser** this spring for general PAC account funds?

- **50/50 draw**: are there events coming up that we could sell tickets for?

* We will sell tickets at the Band Concert Jan 25, 2023. (can some school kids make a poster?) AND at Student led conferences on March 15/16, 2023 and online.

etransfers can be sent to PAC email: neepawamiddleschoolpac@gmail.com

* Single for \$2, 3 for \$5, 10 for \$10

* Heather will get a lottery licence at the Town office tomorrow

* Draw will be Friday March 24, 2023

Other ideas:

- Does NMS have a **Spring Fling**: this could have a silver donation entry fee?

- we can review this at a future meeting

FYI: The school does a major fundraiser in February: grocery vouchers. The funds go toward the kid's activities.

A good portion will go towards the school "Fun Day" which is skiing/tubing in Minnedosa (Jan 26 for grades 5/6 and Feb 2 for grades 7/8)

5. Teacher appreciation:

- Will occur in the month of April

- in the past we have done food, wellness activities (zumba, spin, boxing, painting)

- We will discuss this more at the February PAC meeting

6. Round Table discussion:

- *Discussion: how can we make parent council more accessible to parent feedback/ideas/questions?* How can we open our email up and solicit idea, comments etc? Make a digital poster to remind parents that we want to hear from them! PAC wants to hear ideas for fundraising, where the funds can go, how we can support our NMS staff? This will go up on the school website and the PAC Facebook page.

- *Parent question: do kids have to pay fees if they make a sports team at NMS?* yes, but there is also the option to play intramurals and house league which is free.

Next PAC meeting will be Monday Feb 27 at 7:00

Meeting called to an end at 20:15