

Nantyr Shores Secondary School Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 1, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. @ school library

Attendance: Mark Keating, Jennifer Richardson, Lesley Sterling, Danny Vaz, Lee Belisle, Rosalia Primavera, Patricia Nenoff, Myrlene Boken, Margaret McCormack, Lisa Suelzle

Regrets: Rachel Grinman, Manon Rodriguez

Call to Order – Jennifer Richardson opened the meeting at 6:02 p.m. and Lesley Sterling read the 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 April 24, 2023 meeting made by Patricia Nenoff, seconded by Lee Belisle. All in favour. Carried.

Students' Report

- None

Staff Report – Danny Vaz

- Glow Up dance was a success
- Leadership class running intramurals
- Celebration week May 8-12
- Prom at Liberty North was fantastic, with 350+ attendees
- Carnival on June 1, 2023
- Enviro crew ran mini camps for elementary students and left for a trip to White Mountains
- Band attended divisional arts festival
- Nantyr music program won gold at nationals in Niagara Falls
- Arts night on May 30 was well attended
- Girls rugby heading to OFSSA in Bolton
- Track & field heading to Ottawa
- Jr. girls' soccer won finals with an undefeated season

Principal's Report – Mark Keating

- Chris Vollum presentation was excellent with attendance from other schools as well
- Second school dance was a success, with a PA day after that
- International Students' Club and Nantyr Black Students' Association combined to host a Cultural Day with a celebration of 38 countries represented with clothing, food, performances and presentations
 - Suggestion to invite parents in the future
- Reviewing emergency procedures and drills
 - South Simcoe Police partners with the school for lockdown drills
- Division engaging students in multiple conferences:
 - SCDSB hosted a black students' conference on May 23 at Georgian College
 - Women's conference

- LGBTQ conference
- South Asian conference
- Life skills prom at Innisdale
- One grade 10 athlete qualified for girls' high jump, more attempting to qualify
- Mackenzie West announced as Valedictorian at grad BBQ on May 31
- Leadership class hosted Carnival
- Upcoming June events:
 - Pressure building, lots of activities – check on your kids
 - In-class culminating evaluations June 5-15
 - Athletic banquet June 15
 - Grade 9 math EQAO
 - Feedback, recovery and improvement days June 26-28
 - Commencement June 29 at Innisfil Rec Centre
 - June 29 last day of school
 - June 30 final day for staff
- Mr. Keating announced his retirement as principal
 - Principal appointments announced at trustee meetings; next meeting June 21
- Renovations begin June 2 and will impact the library
- Bleachers have arrived!
- Band is playing at Onion Festival on Saturday at 12:30 p.m.
- Grade 9 orientation August 31

Community Rep Report – Myrlene Boken (C4Kids)

- Food insecurity is a major issue, with numbers increasing
- Seeking partnerships for summer food program
 - Purchasing 20 monthly Good Food boxes for \$20 each from CMHA of Simcoe County
 - Suggestion to approach egg farmers for donations
- Providing dresses, shoes, hair, makeup, gift cards, etc. for graduating students in need
- Compiling lists of kids in need of shoes, backpacks, school supplies and warm clothing
 - Purchase all shoes and most backpacks new
- Volunteer opportunities for students to fill backpacks and prepare for Christmas donations

Fundraising Report – Group discussion

- Ideas for 2023-24
 - Grade 12 students could rent and decorate a parking spot as a grad fundraiser
 - Comment that enforcement may be difficult
 - Gift card sales

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

- Great turnout and feedback from speakers and attendees

SCDSB Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Update – Lisa Suelzle

- No update

NEW Business

- Ideas for 2023-24
 - Presentation about scholarships and bursaries in early fall
 - Grade 12 students could rent and decorate a parking spot as a grad fundraiser
 - Gift card sales
 - Information booth at parent teacher night in the fall
 - Holiday market – First Saturday in December: December 2, 2023 @ 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
 - Mr. Keating will put in for permit
 - Invite school groups/teachers to present to parent council for fundraising
 - Items to consider for fundraising:
 - Communications technology and drama A/V equipment is old
 - Leadership activities that affect the entire school
 - Continued support for music program
 - Creation of a binder of ideas, areas of focus, etc. to pass to future councils
 - Idea to attend a staff meeting to present to teachers about parent council (October)
 - Idea to establish a group of local school parent councils
 - Training presentation about the roles of parent council
 - Host a session with parent councils from feeder schools
 - Spring trunk sale
 - Two social media awareness sessions (Chris Vollum):
 - Learn how to use social media
 - The risks of social media
 - Combine with a daytime event for students on the same day (Note: student events do not qualify for PRO grant funding)
 - Live streaming
 - Parenting support groups – survey and coordinate as needed
 - Invite parents to participate in Culture Day

Dismissal – Jennifer Richardson adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, August 28, 2023 by Zoom

NOTE for future in-person meetings: Park on the west side and enter by the gym, not through the front doors.