

Nottawasaga Pines Secondary School

School Council Meeting

Thursday, November 26, 2020. 6:00 p.m.

Nancy Arnold-Sallows-Principal, Andrea Walker – Chair-regrets, Andrea Dragicevic-Co Chair

- **Welcome and Introductions-Nancy Arnold-Sallows**
- **Acceptance of last meeting Minutes-Andrea Dragicevic**
- **Goals of Parent Council** for the 2019/2020 school year. It was decided that the goals for 2019/20 will be extended to 2020/21 due to COVID-19. Safety Protocol and Communication home will remain a focus.
- Safety protocol continues to be highest priority at NPSS. All students are required to wear masks that firmly cover their nose and mouth at all times. Students remaining to eat lunch are to lift their mask for bites and sips not to remove it entirely for the lunch period. Students must hand sanitize when entering and leaving any room. Breaks are scheduled to avoid mixing of classes. Bathrooms are monitored to ensure no more than 2 students are in them at a time. Families and the community has been supportive. It is important to remember that individuals recover and are safe to come back to school after they have completed their self-isolation and are symptom free.
- **Events and Activities Update-Mrs. Arnold-Sallows**
 - Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Campaign (Donation) \$8814 raised. We are extremely grateful for the generosity of Tim Hortons Angus. This money will be used to complete phase 2 of our Mental Health and Wellness area. This will include relining the pavement for

outside games and the addition of 4 new outside basketball nets for students to enjoy during lunch.

- RBC Grant. Unfortunately many of the events previously planned for NPSS students are no longer supported by the Essa Public Library due to RBC and EPL restrictions. The Grant will support some literary speakers and the supplies necessary for Safe Talk Training. We are hopeful that next year more events involving NPSS will be included for the remainder of the funding.
- MOBYSS Youth Walk-in Clinic-virtual support is continuing and we are moving towards nurse and mental health counselling in the school again in the next month.
- Timber Walk-Terry Fox Fun day. This year The Terry Fox Run was an event ran by our Leadership class under the direction of Mrs. Gironda. Cohorts competed against each other over 3 days in a socially distanced fun event in the football field.
- Greenery. Student voice has indicated that they would like additional plants as they bring a calming effect and are good for the environment. Wellness plans to support this wish.
- Parent Teacher Night. It was a successful evening virtually.
- Night of Excellence. This will be the day of excellence this year due to COVID-19. Students will be recognized in their rooms and pictures taken to share with family. Collection honour roll medals have been purchased and will be distributed. Students can earn a different medal in each grade for achieving honour roll. The top 3 averages in each grade also receive the gold top three medal. Due to a significant number of students self isolating we have postponed this event until December. Students working from home will receive their medals through pick up in the main office.
- Spirit Wear-New clothing is available on the website. We have created a display case in the forum for students to see options.

- **Newsletter** Monthly parent newsletters will be continuing to increase communication to families.
- Update on **Breakfast program**. This year all items are grab and go only to mitigate risk of covid 19. Students can pick up individual fruits, veggies, yogurts, milk and bagels in the forum on their way in in the morning, or on their way home at the end of the day. Our new SHSM fridge in the office keeps perishable items fresh. Hand sanitizing is mandatory when accessing the breakfast program.
- There is a need for help with collecting **donations for families in need** at Holiday Time. Last year the school supported 25 families. Anyone wanting to support NPSS families are asked to please call the school and speak to Mrs. Lalonde.
- **Upcoming Events-Mrs. Arnold-Sallows**
 - Spirt Days starting next week-Leadership team TWC
 - Report Cards went home last week
 - Mental Health Team Specific Events. Safe Talk-Suicide prevention program will be offered to all grade 11's and 12's who missed the opportunity last year.
 - Violence Prevention Program-NPSS will be piloting a new violence prevention program through a partnership with the Barrie Women's and Children's Shelter Center. This program will start with our Family Studies and Phys Ed classes. More information to come.
 - Staff wellness support happening at NPSS. With Covid19 restrictions we have had to be creative when thinking of staff and student wellness activities this year. Our Wellness team is meeting regularly to brainstorm ideas to support staff and students while maintaining social distancing and safety protocols.
 - No exams or large culminating activities this year

- Sem 2 start Feb 3. Hybrid model for all classes. SCDSB has sent messages to all families. There will be no survey this time. More information is available on the SCDSB website. If families have concerns about their children learning specific subjects virtually ie tech/phys ed they are encouraged to call the Guidance department to look at the process for returning to face to face classes or looking at other options.
- **Next School Council Meeting-Thursday January 28 at 6:00**

Other business

- **Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn-Andrea Dragicevic, seconded Nancy Arnold-Sallows