



NSS PARENT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: Tuesday January 28th, 2025

Attendees: Cara Bonney, Shawna Yeski, Jenn Giles, Christine Johns, Rob Jewan

Regrets: Tova Leveille

1. Meeting Called to Order at 6:33 pm
2. Chair Update – Cara
 - Alberta Teacher School Council is giving us another \$500.
 - We have about \$1300 left over from the Parent Christmas fund 2024.
 - Discussed using the funds for another teacher lunch and/or guest speakers.
 - Christmas lunch cost approximately \$1100.
3. Principal Update - Rob
 - Christmas teacher lunch was a huge success, lots of food!!
 - Student holiday lunch also went well. Sign up sheet was helpful and having food on 2 floors was great.
 - 2nd semester started today, and report cards went out.
 - All but 3 2nd semester classes have 25 students or less.
 - Staff updates – Kayla Spencer on parental leave for remainder of school year. Chloe Turner is the substitute teacher.
 - 2025-2026 school year updates:
 - Received about 250 new applications over all the grades.
 - Not all applicants were interviewed, only those who met the criteria.
 - CIHA will add another U15 team on top of the already existing U15 team U17 team and U18 team.
 - There will be 10 students coming in with a basketball team.
 - Rob predicting a total of 500 students for next year.

- We will take over 2 more rooms on the 4th floor to accommodate everyone.
- There will be 3 grade 8 classes, 4 grade 9 classes.
- Some sports increasing in numbers and others trending downwards.
- Next years school calendar has been approved by Palliser School District. NSS will adapt this to meet needs and will be released before spring break. There may be changes to start/end time of classes next year but this is TBD.
- There is a new Palliser School Board Chief Superintendent starting soon.
- 30 years of NSS celebration is being planned for May 15, 2025. There is a planning committee being formed which will include some alumni and parent council representatives. First meeting coming up in February.
- Bikeathon to take place on May 9th. The grade 8 Leadership Class will be organizing. Looking for sponsorships if anyone can help!
- Student Wellness/Student Growth:
 - Perry Ford/Jenn took 10 female NSS students to The Empower Her Sport Summit which is a conference designed to support female athletes. There were some great speakers who focused on keeping females in sport whether it be as an athlete, coach or other.
 - Perry/Jenn also attended the Nex Gen Men Momentum Summit which looked at promoting positive masculinity though sport.
 - Guest speaker idea – bringing in one speaker who is focused on female athletes and one for male athletes

- New STRIVE wall upstairs on the 4th floor. We continue to have one TA class a month that focuses on STRIVE



- Grad Planning
 - Date: June 25th
 - Price to stay around \$95/ticket
 - Grad planning meetings start the first week in February
 - Picture info going out soon

4. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, March 6th @ 6:30pm

5. Meeting adjourned @ 7:21pm