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Namao School Council
&
Namao School Fundraising Association

Monday, September 18th, 2023
6:30 p.m.

● **Attendance**

Terri-Lynn England
Erin Pruden
Tricia Forsyth
Ashley Dalla Costa
Tasha Oatway-Mclay
Yuliya Alshynetska
Michelle Koch
Kristen Margehell
Cherie Speer
Angela Wilson
Leanne Schneider
Micheal Schneider
Candice Norlander
Amberly Ng-Paranich
Kelly Wiens (Online)
Tina Pyes (Online)
Sonia Baroudi (Online)

● **Call to order**

Meeting called to order by ___Terri-Lynn_____ at _6:37_ P.M.

● **Approval of June's Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes of June's meeting made by ___Leanne S_____ seconded
by ___Erin P._____

● **Meeting Decorum**

- *Engage fully by participating with active listening and keeping side conversations to a minimum. All opinions are welcome and valid. This is a safe place to have healthy conflict; be open to possibilities and perspectives. Please ask questions.*



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- **Trustee Report**

Tasha Oatway-McLay

- Summary of Board Activities
- Elections Irene Gibbons Chair has assumed position again.
- Combined committee in whole one umbrella
- What does a trustee do?
 - Create a school climate to be safe.
 - Gather information and ideas.
 - Help to improve instructional practice.
 - Help build relationships between community and families.
 - Student learning, student well-being.
- Governance where the council sits; between Principal and School administration.
- Strong parent voice by questionnaires.
- Question: Letter campaign for intersection? Answer: Possibly a roundabout. Timeline in the next 5 years.
- Question: What is the reason for lowering the fees? Answers: rehailed, recalculation the distance, overhaul by funding. Division had a surplus; they didn't want kids to have to pay for bussing. Money given or raised to transportation must be used for it.
- Question: Why not decrease the cost for school of choice riders?
- Fuel reserves will come back. Insurance is looked at too.

- **Principal Report**

Iain Jamieson

- Summary of school objectives, plans and activities.
 - Ed plan 3-year plans.
 - Accountability
 - Results reports grade 4 & 7
 - February or March
 - Opportunities for input.
 - Promote cooperation.
 - Finance report
 - Use up reserves.
 - \$100,000 for 429 kids
 - See report attached.



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- **NSC Chair Report**

Terri England

- Sea Can was purchased for the gym teachers. Cost was \$10,820.40. It should be arriving the week of Sept 18th. This concludes the Track and North Field Upgrade Project. Do we want to start brainstorming for the next Big Project? 5-10 year plan? **Playgrounds to be discussed in Oct.**
- New nscfa.ca website is up, along with the nsc_nsfa Instagram account. Cost was \$0.00 for this year. Please provide opinions/ suggestions on improvements needed. We have 34 (**37 as of meeting**) families signed up for our mailing list so far. We tried to make the bookmarks ourselves to keep the cost down. It did not work well, so we can revisit that need and possibly have them made professionally at a future date.
- Summer Outdoor work: New lilacs planted to replace ones that died. Weeding and watering. The Historic Namao School Sign was refurbished with new posts and paint. Need to put a thank-you out in the next newsletter, to Bob and Terry from Postech Screw piles, for their work on the project. Total cost was \$1473.33. (**Below budget**) **Old piles to get pulled on in the works.** Would like to finish the project off by adding a planter box around each post. See proposal to NSFA below.
- Jo Outloud Social Media Presentation was held on Sept 5th. Unfortunately, we had a meager turn-out. Ideas on how we can encourage more community participation for these types of events? **ASCE Grant paid for it.**
- Planning is underway for the December Staff Appreciation Lunch. Looking to hold it on the Dec. 4th PD day. (**Last year voted \$500**) (**School will collaborate to bump up the costs**)
- Looking for Parent Volunteers to become Classroom/Division Representatives. Start a Social Media Campaign? Other ideas on how to recruit?
- Looking to wrap up outdoor projects for the year. Could use a few volunteer's to tackle the following projects:
 - **Movement of some of the trees. Next 4 weeks**
 - **Skid steer piles of woodchips outside of fence into fence yard. Next 4 weeks.**
- Bringing French to Namao – Discussion
 - **Resources**



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- Would be worked into classes.
- Timeline possible next year.
- Classroom sizes – Discussion
 - K-3: 26.9 is under 27
 - 4-6: 26.2 slightly under 26.95
 - 7-9: 29.2 is over 28.95
- Nomination of Mike Schneider to become Vice-Chair of NSC
 - Terri-lynn would like to nominate Mike Schneider to become Vice President of NSC- All in favor. Motion approved.

● **Fundraising Chair Report** **Erin Pruden**

- Healthy Hunger Update: new coordinator (myself) as Jaclyn has stepped down. Lunches will continue to be every Weds with the first one starting Oct 4th. Please log into your account and register your child for the new school year. A reminder will also be sent out to parents.
- Casino Update: next casino is not until 2026
- Upcoming Fundraisers for December: Art Cards (K-6) plus 1 other. Looking for suggestions... Purdy's, Wreaths, Poinsettias, etc?
 - Soups and socks in December in line with Christmas concerts. Cost \$12 we make \$4-paper only. Not online.
 - Socks local vendor: \$5/ pair. We get \$1/pair sold. Vendor does all the work.

● **Current Fundraiser and Status** **Erin Pruden**

- Little Caesars starts Sept 18th. End date is Oct 6th. Pick up Oct 26. Let's sell, sell, sell. All funds from this fundraiser go directly towards the Classroom Improvements (Teacher Asks). **Time 2pm-5:30pm**

● **Treasurer's Report** **Terri England**

- General Account: \$17,635.95
 - Big Project: \$3695.97
 - Outdoor: \$5376.05
 - Library: \$0.00



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- Classroom: \$4582.98
- NSFA Marketing Fund: \$260.30
- Nutrition Initiatives: \$3720.61
- Casino Account: \$18,861.22
- Playground (Nutrition) Account: \$0.00

- **Proposals**

- The NSC would like to finish off the Historic Namao School Sign project by adding in a garden box around each post of the sign. Brian, from Jolly Green Gardens, who supplied our front garden planter, would be able to provide 2 round, Royal Blue Planters made out of galvanized steel. Cost would be \$124.99 each plus GST. Total cost would be \$262.48. Installation will be free. Another option would be to build 2 square ones out of wood. It would replicate the look of the wood garden bed by the front blue sign. Cost of wood would be comparable to the steel ones. James and Terri would build, and we already have the stain.

Terri-lynn motions to request up to \$250 for the construction of two wooden structures around the Namao sign. This money would come from the outdoor initiative allocation. All in favor. No Opposed. Motion Approved.

Terri-lynn would like to vote for Ashley Dalla Costa to become a member of NSFA- All in favor. No opposed. Motion Approved.

Terri-lynn would like to vote for Yulia Alshynetska to become a member of NSFA- All in favor. No opposed. Motion Approved.

- **Important Dates**

- Sept 20th – Eric Walters Visit
- Oct 3rd & 4th – Individual and Class Photos
- Oct 9th – Thanksgiving - No School
- Oct 10th – PD Day - No School



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- **Next Meeting Date: October 16th, 2023 @ 6:00pm**
- Motion to adjourn at 8:41 P.M. made by _____ Terri-Lynn _____, seconded Amberly N._____.