NIVERVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

PAC Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2026, 5:00 pm - NMS Science Lab

Attendees: Krista Shidel, Craig Cumming, Susanne Kwiatkowski, Melanie Forbes, Ashley Hilash, Caroline Vertone, Noreen Pokerechny
Regrets: Jenni Morin, Sabrina Lowen
Start time: 5:00 pm

Chair Report *(Krista)*

- Welcome Caroline to the group, and introductions of PAC members.
- Submitted March's meeting minutes to Craig to post on the website.

Principal Report (Craig/Susanne)

- Celebration of Learning (April 16).
- ICE Presentation at NHS (April 21). RCMP Internet Child Exploitation Unit presented at Niverville High School and our Grade 8 students were invited to attend.
- Vaccinations for Grade 6 and 8 students (April 22).
- Family of Festivals - Grade 7 Band (April 23). They received positive feedback from the adjudicators.
- Burn Safety Presentation at NMS (April 29). Numerous NMS students were recognized for their amazing Burn Safety posters, including one provincial champion!
- Musical Visits (April 30).Grade 8 students attended Shrek at NHS. Grade 5 students attended Wizard of Oz at Landmark Collegiate.
- Upcoming:
    - May 4: Indigenous Mural artwork begins
    - May 7: Blanket Exercise - Grade 6 classes
    - May 11 & 12: Healthy Lifestyles Practices - Grade 7
    - May 19 & 20: Healthy Lifestyles Practices - Grade 5
    - May 22: Track and Field
    - May 27: Spring Concert - Grade 6

Financial Report *(Sabrina)*

- Was not able to provide a financial report as Sabrina was absent. Will get updated numbers at the June meeting.

Fundraising Report *(Team)*

- Update from Krista on new structure option and quote. We want to move forward with the scalable option. We need around $60,000.00 which we have now with the proceeds from the Tim Horton's Smile Cookie Campaign.
- Requested a quote from Valley West for the base. This is included within the play structure quote, but we could go with the local contractor and have that part separated out of the quote.
- Tim Horton's Smile Cookie Campaign
    - We made a total of $17,723.80 on this fundraiser! About $6060 of that was donations from Valley West and Ben Sawatzky Electric who matched daily sales on the first two days.
    - Tim Hortons has already selected us for the campaign again next year!
    - Could potentially get even more if we can find businesses to match cookie sales for each of the five days.
    - Was a lot of work organizing the volunteers for cookie decorating. Will need additional support next year.
- Grant applications
    - We have not heard back on any of the applications that have been submitted. Mel to follow-up to see when we expect to hear back by.
    - Krista has a lead on a local grant we can apply for - will send more information.
    - Caroline has some friends that do grant writing that may know of additional grants we could apply for. Mel to share tracking document.
- Grant Opportunities - Tracking Document
- Corporate donations.
    - Noreen will follow up with Weins Furniture to collect their corporate donation as it can be applied to the first phase of the playstructure build.

Grade 8 Grad Farwell *(Jenni)*

- Holding a Norwex Bingo night fundraiser on May 4, 2026.

Other Business

- Graham Sereda has been hired as the new principal for the 2026/2027 school year.
- We will use the planning meeting on June 1st to map out the fundraisers and efforts that we would like to make for the next school year. The goal is to move forward with phase one of the play structure this year, with hopes of implementing phase two next year.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:40pm