

PAC Meeting Sept 29

Attending: Glenda R Kammi C, Eugenia O, Rob G, Alexis D, Jenny M, Jenna O, Stephanie A, Arianna B, Pia & Olaf G, Marylou G, Jeremy D

- 1) Introduction from Rob Garty, PAC chair. Land acknowledgment.
- 2) No fun lunches due to COVID-19 restrictions, we plan on 2 main fundraisers
 - a. Meridian – 30% of sales from gift cards go direct to PAC
 - b. Spring Plant sale like last year, Fall version (poinsettias, etc.) might be possible
- 3) (Glenda's update)
 - a. IB PYP candidacy – we are still a candidate and still moving forward, front pages of student gr 1-3 planner shares tips and ways to help, ATL (approach to learning) etc. (it's acronyms heavy), still learning as we go and will keep moving forward. PYP schools generally don't have split classes but COVID-19 changed those plans (budget constraints, class sizing, etc.), but this is not slowing us or the children's opportunities.
 - b. School districts need to balance budget is main reason why divisions needed to be collapsed
 - c. Norgate currently has about 85% of enrollment in physical attendance (some are home-schooled, some are planning a transitioned return over time).
 - d. A question was raised about an "indigenous cohort" . Glenda clarified there is no division of cohorts in such way. There is a group of children of indigenous ancestry living in reserve that are currently receiving education on the reserve. The students continue to be students of Norgate and we very much hope to see them soon back in the building.
 - e. All students (and their families) that are in transition or homeschooling due to COVID-19 are considered part of the Norgate family (i.e., they can participate in certain activities, such as being in the PAC).
 - f. Age 7+ receive 2nd language as part of curriculum. Currently we have French. We continue to offer Squamish language instruction for indigenous students who opt for that.
 - g. Cold & flu season, school district has created a great FAQ. 811 is still an option for parents needing advice. Families have a key role to play in keeping kids home when sick, review daily health screener whenever possible.
- 4) Stephanie Aldridge (treasurer) presented budget to pass for the 2020/21 school year and reviewed previous year's budget:
 - a. PAC operating funds hold a \$809.54 credit for parents who prepaid for fund lunches last year but were not delivered due to COVID-19
 - b. expenditures roughly the same as last year, but staff appreciation budget increased
 - c. skating party unlikely this year due to COVID-19

- d. Classroom supplies budget increased based on expected increase in class numbers. Not all teachers took advantage of this last year so there was a surplus for 2019/20.
 - e. Gaming funds have a time limit restriction and need to have reports sent annually to get approval for the next fiscal year.
 - f. We have some Gaming funds from previous years that must be spent soon.
 - g. There is a lot of uncertainty as to whether the gaming grant will be available this year. In the event it is not then we will need to revise our budget.
 - h. Library allocation \$500 this year, none allocated last year due to an Indigo grant the library received
 - i. Music budget was moved under Extracurricular events
 - j. Outdoor school funds not spent last year
 - k. Most funds allocated but not used last year moving into Helping Hands Fund which is \$1000 + unspent outdoor school and unallocated trust account funds of about \$125 will all go into it. Suggestion from Eugenia to rename it less “helping” and named more around funds people who need should simple be able to access and receive them, if available
- 5) Pia is willing to spearhead SPUD fundraiser for this year. We are owed a small amount from last year - we didn't receive our cheque from SPUD. Concern raised re interference with Meridian fundraiser and there was agreement to evaluate how this fundraiser goes before deciding to pursue the SPUD fundraiser.
- 6) Motion: To pass the proposed 20/21 Norgate School PAC budget
Motion put forward by Rob and Seconded by Jeremy Dyson
Motion passes with all parents in attendance voting in favour

Closing discussion was held around the concept of getting a parent from each class to bring forward reporting to the PAC. The issue is how to connect with the parents as the school cannot facilitate this due to FIPPA regulations. The school can point parents to places like Munch A Lunch or such where parents can opt into a forum.

The school is looking for ways to help the children celebrate things like Halloween in a safe way and the kids will have opportunities to still enjoy the day. We'll hear more about this in the near future.

Meeting adjourned 8:30PM