

Norgate PAC Meeting

Jan 19, 2021

Attending: Rob G, Cristina P, Adriana B, Gail M, Glenda R, Majid, Pia G, Sanas Z, Stephanie A, Tamara S, Marylou G, Jenna O, Kammi C

Regrets:

1) Welcome and land acknowledgement

2) grade 7 hoodies update - PAC has communicated that we will support their hoodie pre-purchase. Grade 7s are still collecting sizing, which is more difficult during Covid, so they should finalize an order soon. They will do some sort of activity or fundraiser in the Spring to pay it forward.

3) PAC meeting minutes are now available under the "Parents" tab, available to be read by everyone.

4) Pro-D day on Jan 25 - be aware

5) Reporting period ended at end of calendar year, feedback from parents sought. No feedback on process offered.

6) Glenda's updates:

i) Voiced appreciation on volume of parent surveys completed (16 families participated) - link is still available and survey is live. Email/call Glenda if you wish to complete the survey and need the link.

ii) No update on Covid protocols as of yet. Will be shared if any changes are learned. It's still important for students to keep to their learning cohorts, as before. Being that Norgate class sizes are relatively small, which is an advantage for practical safety, but we must all still do our part (both on and off school grounds) to keep us in this optimal place.

iii) Staffing updates - transition to new temporary K teacher (covering a maternity leave), and grade 4 class is currently employing a TOC on short term permanent assignment until a long term replacement can be hired.

iv) New Indigo grant (\$1000) awarded to Norgate and school/kids will benefit

v) Farm-to-table grant (\$3000) for an indigenous foodscapes program

- Jenna offered support for the program. Glenda indicated that the support of families and community will definitely be appreciated and needed to maintain/sustain any gardens

7) Fund raising update - Stephanie

i) Opportunities still coming in but cannot be lead without parent involvement/lead person. Contact Stephanie if you have any interest and leading or participating in a fundraiser and she can provide more information on opportunities

ii) Planning to have a 2nd annual Spring plant fund raiser (April or May)

iii) Success of Meridian fundraiser makes it seem like we should repeat it, while it's available. General consensus from meeting participants was that it is very worthwhile to pursue again.

iv) West Coast Seeds fundraiser is an option. This could be harmonious with the indigenous foodscapes program.

v) Due to covid realities we will not push for all that many fund raising programs during this school year.

8) Red Cross babysitting/first aid course is available again. Grade 7 teachers will be informed about this to see whether its viable / of interest.

9) Annually the PAC sponsors a guest speaker to come in for senior students on the topics of online (internet) safety, personal safety or similar. Online safety program is still being pursued but we have not secured an option for a covid safe delivery option for such programming. Safe Teen currently has no options. We are actively looking for online safety/learning options and are all ears if anyone has heard of providers or programs operating in a virtual or COVID-safe environment . PAC has allocated budget for such programs. Our school counsellor - Ms Munro -has plans for a program this year around online safety, will be offered virtually. Glenda noted the benefit of having guest speakers address these topics.

10) North Vancouver PAC Collective has an open Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/204458010068745> where all parents are welcome to join. It can be a good source for additional information and ideas. Where relevant this information is posted to our private Norgate Community School Parent Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/149817319089825/about>

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