

Norgate Xwemélch'stn Community School PAC MINUTES

Monday, November 4th, 2024, 7 pm

Present: Bahar Adel (PAC Chair), Morag Crocker (PAC Secretary), Glenda Robertson (Principal), Hannah Tikkanen (PAC Fun Lunch Coordinator), Cristina Padres (PAC Communication Executive), David Andrews (Vice Principal), Mousa J., Lindi C., Fran D, Vasily M.

Regrets: Vicki Burrows (PAC Treasurer)

1. Treasurer update:

- Vicki unable to join due to power outage but provided an update in advance
- No significant changes since last month
- Proceeds from the first fun lunch (just <\$1000) have been deposited, as have the gaming grant, which was \$3500 – higher than last year due to having more students
- The only expenses so far this year are related to the fun lunch
- A request has been made for money for grade 7 sweaters, which has been budgeted for – just waiting for the school to submit an invoice from the vendor so that a cheque can be issued to reimburse
- There is currently about \$20,000 in the PAC accounts

2. Introducing the new secretary: Morag Crocker

- First time joining PAC, daughter Sophie in grade 2

3. Principal's update

- Report card season coming soon, including:
 - Student self-reflection on learning (equivalent of BC Core Competencies)
 - Student-led goals, facilitated by teachers
 - Formal learning updates (first term report cards)
 - Next student-teacher-parent conferences will be arranged after first-term reporting, based on feedback from last year
- Great participation by students in sports, particularly cross-country and grade 7 basketball, although the finals were postponed today
- Parent participation events: grade 3's show-cased work for parents
- Some surveys are being received but more feedback would be great!

4. Fun Lunches

- Next fun lunch is coming up soon, **November 15**, from Subway (cost \$7.25) – deadline to order is Nov 9 at 11:59 pm, via <https://munchalunch.com/schools/norgate>
- Website is working but school is still receiving questions from families about how to sign up – for support reach out to the Fun Lunch Coordinator, Hannah, via the MunchaLunch website

- Feedback provided on other possible vendors but price-point is higher so not ideal
5. Winter Market
 - Winter market is coming soon (Nov 29)
 - Entertainment has been arranged (jazz band, dance group & choir)
 - Looking for donations for silent auction, as this is the primary fundraiser
 - i. Silent bidding will be done via app, to make it easier to track down funds, and will require credit card number (someone will support technology aspect)
 - ii. Glenda offered use of school laptop, if helpful
 - Looking for more vendors, aiming for a total of 18 vendors
 - Question raised about organizations who have previously requested to advertise through school – this may not be appropriate for this event but the idea has been raised of a spring garage sale, where it might work
 - Request to borrow a speaker from the school to help with the dance group but will need to ensure connection to laptop as blue tooth is patchy when there are lots of people
 6. BCPAC Virtual Membership Summit – November 30, 2024
 - In addition to collecting member feedback for the strategic plan, the virtual summit will feature a session on the Advocacy Project, a session on governance, and they are working on confirming a presentation with updates from the Ministry of Education & Child Care.
 7. NVPAC - November Bulletin (Meet & Greet!!)
 - District PAC meeting occurring Nov 6
 - If anyone from the NXCE PAC would like to attend, approach Bahar for the link
 8. North Shore Safety Council meeting will be December 5 at 12pm
 - Information about potential grants may be available- unclear if NXCE applied last year

Meeting adjourned: 7:45pm