

Norgate Xwemélch'stn Community School PAC MINUTES

Monday, Dec 15th, 2025, 7 pm

Present: Cristina Padres (PAC Communication Executive), Vicki Burrows (PAC Treasurer), Shakti Baker (Vice-Principal), Morag Crocker (PAC Secretary)

Guests: Samira S (Farsi Liaison), Starr M

1. 1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, and Call to Order
 - November minutes approved as circulated
2. Principal's message & updates (Ms. Baker on behalf of Mr. Andrews):
 - Thank you to PAC for the holiday market!
 - School district is covering the cost of the concrete pour so this will no longer come out of the PAC budget
 - Benches and tables will be installed in the spring due to concerns over temperature fluctuations damaging the concrete
 - Friday pancake breakfast – school admin aware of challenges with RSVP form; please email your child's teacher to RSVP if you would like to attend
 - Family members only, due to limited capacity!
3. Treasurer's update
 - Recent transactions:
 - Approximately \$3000 raised through Fun Lunches over the first half of the school year
 - Winter market generated approximately \$5000, with over \$4000 in revenue (after expenses)
 - Gross profit of approximately \$4300 to date
 - Program expenditures are relatively low, including field trips, cultural diversity programming, and library expenses
 - Excess revenue (over expenditures) currently over \$10,000 so well positioned for the rest of the year!
 - Discussed the likelihood that there will be additional funds available at the end of the year to support other programs within the school
 - Due to school district covering the cost of the concrete pour, additional funds are available that can be allocated elsewhere
 - PAC in agreement to carry funds over to meet Project Swing fundraising goal (see item 7)
4. Fun Lunch update
 - TacoTime fun lunch last Friday went well, with good labelling and no delivery issues; feedback from students was also positive

- Next Fun Lunch is January 30th (Peri Peri Shack); potential to add one mid-month (Jan 15th) – TBD
 - Trying to offer a variety of meals but students seem to prefer pizza and hotdogs
5. Farsi Liaison update from Farsi-speaking families:
- Iranian families appreciate support for students at the school!
 - Question from families: how often do students get sugary treats such as muffins, pancakes etc.? This is likely in reference to breakfast trays, which may include mini-muffins, as well as fruit. Otherwise may be offered by teachers or other classmates so suggested for the parents to check in with their child's teacher if there are concerns.
 - Note: Fun Lunches no longer include juice boxes for this reason
 - Ms. Baker and Mr. Andrews will review concerns with teaching staff
 - Feedback: request for PAC to consider purchasing more balls, sports equipment etc. for recess/lunch
 - PAC budget includes \$500 for sports equipment (potentially including jerseys) so this could be considered, after other expenses received
 - Note: outside soccer balls & basketballs are kept separately from the PE supplies, it is likely the outside (break time) equipment that could be supplemented
6. Visiting speakers for the spring
- Saleema Noon proposed for student speaker, which can include parent session (would have cost associated for parent session)
 - Online/technology safety is a hot topic, especially with increasing AI
 - Morag & Samira have potential speakers and will get more information to share with PAC
7. Project Swing Fundraising Update
- Approx. \$350 short of fundraising goal (to be matched by Variety) so with additional funds from PAC, goal is now met!
 - Discussed where the swing could be located; suggested to locate swing near other larger swings (more age appropriate)
 - Starr joined North Van District PAC Disability Committee (DAC) meeting – learned lots and gained some ideas about things we could make available to students, including focusing on sensory modulation, as well as physical accessibility
8. Christmas Bureau
- The school has sponsored two local families through the North Shore Family Services Christmas Bureau, with additional funds donated towards gift cards for teenagers

Meeting adjourned: 7:48 pm