

Norgate Xwemélch'stn Community School PAC MINUTES

Monday, February 10th, 2025, 7 pm

Present: Bahar Adel (PAC Chair), Morag Crocker (PAC Secretary), Cristina Padres (PAC Communication Executive), Vicki Burrows (PAC Treasurer), David Andrews (Vice Principal)

Guests: Michelle Bean, Lindi Cassel

Regrets: Glenda Robertson (Principal), Hannah Tikkanen (PAC Fun Lunch Coordinator)

1. Minute approval

- Motion and approval of meeting minutes for November & December 2024, and January 2025.
- **Action:** Morag will send all approved meeting minutes to Glenda to post on the school website.

2. Treasurer update:

- Vicki shared statement of revenue and expenditures
- Gaming grant of \$3500 received, based on increased student enrollment at NXCE
- We are close to fundraising goal of \$7800 for the year, currently sitting at \$6380, with 4-5 fun lunches left this year (approximately 50% of the fun lunch total costs go back to the PAC for fundraising)
 - Fun Lunch has already generated over \$1000 more than the budget goal of \$3000
 - Several donations received; (in part) due to this we have been able to subsidize fun lunch for some students
- Net revenue is already at the target of \$7900
- Expenditures are fairly low so far, although generally most expenses from teachers come in towards the end of the year, with most typically received in June when teachers submit their receipts for the year
 - Discussed pro's and con's of reminding teachers to submit expenses as they are incurred
 - Have not used any of budgeted funds for classroom supplies etc., as well as \$1000 for the music program, which will not be used this year

3. (Vice)Principal's update

- Professional development day this coming Friday (Feb 14), followed by Family Day stat holiday – many teachers attending district-wide education events on Feb 14 so it will be a valuable professional development day
- Grade 7 exhibition has tentatively been moved to May 7 (from March 13) and hopefully will coincide with events for other classes – teachers are starting to plan

- Band program - 18 students/families have expressed interest in the band program next year so hopefully with a few more expressions of interest, the program will proceed
- Real Acts of Kindness program launched today – there is a board in the hallway front of the school office where real acts of kindness are recognized, similar to earning our D.R.U.M tickets
 - This is all part of a big focus on kindness within the school community, all leading to Pink Shirt Day on Feb 26th

4. Fun Lunch Update

- Next fun lunch is pizza lunch on Feb 21st; sign-up closes at 11pm on Feb 17th
- Cristina will send out a reminder (including a reminder to make sure that parents are signing up for the correct Fun Lunch, as there are three date options available through MunchaLunch right now) once the ordering process has been adjusted to allow parents to make additional donations

5. School speaker

- Cristina attended Keeping Kids Safe Online workshop, hosted through the Foundry North Shore, which was very informative (recorded and could be offered for free): https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/Aob5ssk_TKBHTAa3OtFcyOZ3wkUrzpgnuKOShz9HoNPoWy0R2COcNxGwaB7O82Et.Je4VG0NN7psiwmdt?pwd=iO9e7_HqL-RVzbNbE8GK7bxsmjZHGWAk
- They have many additional resources: <https://www.childrenofthestreet.com/resources/>
- They also offer a workshop called “Safer Spaces”, geared towards grades 4-7, about being safe online
- **Action:** Cristina will find out more about cost and whether they can recommend anything for younger grades, to include more of the school population.
- Need to explore level of interest from parents in attending a parent-focused education session

6. Plant Fundraiser

- Plan to hold fundraiser to align with delivery prior to Mother’s Day (delivery May 8)
- Most interest comes from the neighbourhood community, rather than the school community – important to emphasize that higher prices are due to portion of proceeds (up to 30%) going to the school
- Goal is \$1000 in revenue
 - Portion of proceeds come from cash purchases on the day-of, selling extra plants – Vicki is prepared for cash donations that day
- Plan to purchase some plants and/or seeds for the school garden beds and recruit neighbours and students to tend to the plants over the summer
- Parent volunteers to assist on May 8 would be very helpful – connect with Cristina if you can help

7. Norouz Celebration

- Bahar brought forward suggestion of holding a Norouz celebration next month (March 20)

- Last year this took place in the library, with each class attending, but perhaps this year parent volunteers could come to each classroom to share food and/or stories?
- **Action:** Ms. Michelle will talk to Ms. Robertson to confirm school support in organizing a Norouz celebration.
Bahar will connect with potential parent volunteers to establish a plan for events & funding amount request.

8. NVSD Updates:

- Crossing Guard program information session coming up (Ms. Kulvir Mann & Mr. Jordan Back)
- NVSD PAC:
 - Next NVPAC meeting will be held on Feb 26 via Teams
 - “The Other People” anti-racism presentation occurring at Sutherland tomorrow night, to support consistent messaging in school environment and home environment and help develop cultural competence in challenging hate and racism in Canada
- Artist for Kids Spring Break Camp registration has just opened, with full and half day: <https://www.sd44.ca/school/artistsforkids/learn/springandsummerdaycamps/Pages/default.aspx#/=>
- Transfer requests – new student registration and requests for transfer schools for the 2025/26 school year close on March 7.

9. Pink Shirt Day

- In light of Pink Shirt Day coming up, Bahar brought attention to silent bullying (ignoring or excluding students), rather than overt bullying
- Cyber silence bullying is also a concern (excluding individuals from group chats, social media etc.)
- Many negative effects on students
- Important to raise for discussion with students and ask students to share with trusted adults when this is occurring.

Meeting adjourned: 7:48 pm