

Norgate Xwemélch'stn Community School PAC MINUTES

Monday, Feb 9th, 2026, 7 pm

Present: Cristina Padres (PAC Communication Executive), Vicki Burrows (PAC Treasurer), Morag Crocker (PAC Secretary), David Andrews (Principal), Shakti Baker (Vice-Principal), Samira S (Farsi Liaison), Michelle Bean, Starr M, Sanaz, Milena

Regrets: Lindi & Lidiane (Fun Lunch Coordinators)

1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, and Call to Order
2. Principal's message & updates:
 - Reading Olympics started today, sponsored by Ms. Annette, with opening ceremony in the gym
 - Grade 6's headed off to outdoor school today, grade 3's will go in April, but enrollment is down; reminder to families that more information is available about outdoor school and families can contact the school office with questions or requests for financial assistance to attend
 - Food access program – food is available for all students through a fridge in the office, intended to supplement (not replace) lunches and snacks that students bring from home
 - Due to concerns raised at other schools, a notification system will be implemented so that parents are aware when their child is accessing the fridge
3. Treasurer's update
 - Current account balances:
 - Total revenue of just over \$16000, net revenue of over \$12000
 - Additional fun lunch in January contributed to revenue
 - Recent transactions & upcoming expenses:
 - Operation Swing Variety matching grant confirmed & cheque released for school contribution
 - Some expenses received, related to student clubs, and teacher expenses
 - Total expenses to the end of January: \$4137
 - Bank balance plus petty cash: **\$27,667**
4. Fun Lunch update
 - Feedback for Peri Peri Shack was positive, although there were slightly fewer orders than previous lunches, perhaps due to higher order price
 - Next Fun Lunch is pizza, on Feb 27th
5. Farsi Liaison update – concerns and feedback:
 - Positive feedback from Persian Families about Peri Peri Shack rice & chicken option (children enjoyed)

- Request to send out agenda and previous meeting minutes earlier, so that Samira can share with families sooner and potentially gather more feedback
 - Any plans for a school-wide Norooz celebration?
 - Samira would be happy to support and will provide ideas
 - Previous events have been led by parents and arranged with individual teachers, rather than school-wide
6. Visiting speakers for the spring
- Saleem Noon (Body Science workshop) will be arranged again, as well as a parent information session prior to children's workshop, which was very helpful in the past to alleviate parent concerns about their children participating
 - Samira willing to attend and translate Q & A for families
 - PAC will look into how translation might be offered through iPhone, Teams or Zoom
 - Body Science and parent workshop being offered for free, leaving funds (\$800) for other education
 - Given extra funds available, Morag will circulate information (via email) about a parent workshop regarding technology use, for consideration
7. Project Swing Fundraising Update
- Next steps are to install the swing, after sorting out some details regarding installation with Variety
 - Installation will include a small ceremony for student awareness & participation
8. School District Budget Survey
- Only a small portion of the district budget is available to PAC's
 - This is one opportunity to provide feedback; survey is open until Feb 23, 2026: <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=RtUantX4ek-GDic4Z6NToBb0tRgdrcVHnkaZty-izb5UOU03T1VYWUxPR1Y2MERYMEFDNDkwS01QQy4u&route=shorturl>
 - Alternately, community members can provide feedback via email (budgetcomments@sd44.ca) or phone: 604-998-5100
 - For anyone interested, the school district annual budget can be viewed at: <https://www.sd44.ca/Board/BudgetFinancialInformation/Documents/Annual%20Budget%202025-26%20signed%20for%20web.pdf>
9. Spring Fundraising Opportunities
- Spring plant fundraiser will tentatively run right after spring break, from March 30 – April 23, with delivery on May 7, just before Mothers Day
 - Suggestion to put ordering information on landing page of school website, to make it easier for families and neighbours to find it
 - Dates will go into school calendar as well

Meeting adjourned: 7:55 pm