

Norgate Xwemélch'stn Community School PAC MINUTES

Monday, Jan 12th, 2026, 7 pm

Present: Cristina Padres (PAC Communication Executive), Vicki Burrows (PAC Treasurer), Morag Crocker (PAC Secretary), Lindi Cassel & Lidiane Vargas (Fun Lunch Coordinators), David Andrews (Principal), Samira S (Farsi Liaison), Michelle Bean, Starr M, Intisar

Regrets: Shakti Baker (Vice-Principal)

1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, and Call to Order
2. Principal's message & updates:
 - Band program - sign-up for next school year is open!
 - Students in grade 5-7 can participate
 - Cost can be spread out over the summer if you sign up before the end of the March
 - Carson Graham band and choir coming to perform at the school this month, which will hopefully increase interest by students, who will have an opportunity to ask questions
 - School website feedback survey coming up soon
 - Jessica Baker, Indigenous Support Worker, will be starting next week, to cover Ms. Sonja's maternity leave – she may be a familiar face as she has helped out with events at the school in the past
 - Low percentage of families log in to the MyEd system to get report cards – reminder that Lynn Morris (administrative assistant) can help people to log in etc., just ask at the school office
 - Reminder that next Friday, Jan 23, is a school-specific professional development day
3. Treasurer's update
 - Not many updates since December due to winter break
 - Current account balances to end of December:
 - Total revenue of \$15,784
 - Total program expenses of \$2293
 - Excess revenue, over expenditure, of \$9707
 - Recent transactions & upcoming expenses:
 - Operation Swing Variety matching grant confirmed & cheque released for school contribution
 - Funds are available, through PAC, to support school clubs
 - Mr. Andrews will follow up with teachers involved in supporting different clubs to see if there are any needs
4. Fun Lunch update
 - Next fun lunch coming up January 30: Peri Peri Shack (three different bowls)

- Sign up will be open through MunchALunch by the end of this week
 - Informal feedback on TacoTime (December Fun Lunch) was positive
 - Feedback via Samira from Persian-speaking families that pizza is a very popular option
 - Likely there will be one additional pizza Fun Lunch added before the end of the school year
5. Farsi Liaison update – concerns and feedback:
- Very positive feedback after December pancake breakfast!
 - Concern raised that students aren't comfortable using the washrooms during the day, other than first thing in the morning, as the washrooms aren't clean
 - Discussed availability of custodian and need for students to also help keep the bathrooms clean, as a custodian is only available during the day for emergency situations
 - Students are encouraged to tell staff if a bathroom stall needs attention
 - Request for PAC to put funds forward to purchase more soccer balls for outdoor use (separate from school gym supplies)
6. Visiting speakers for the spring
- Saleem Noon (Body Science workshop) will be arranged again
 - Online safety workshop for parents and students from grade 4 onwards (via Foundry)
7. Walking School Bus Program:
- This program allows children to walk specific routes to school, with parent volunteers
 - Looking for parent coordinator to get this program launched at NXCE
 - 2-4 hour commitment each week for coordinator, less for parent volunteers who may save time by walking a small group of students together, fewer days a week (compared to walking their own child daily)
8. Project Swing Fundraising Update
- Starr shared forms that need to be signed in order to confirm payment of our contribution to Variety; cheque has already been mailed
 - Next step is to arrange installation of the swing
 - Success in fundraising for accessible swing shared at district PAC meeting; a representative of the accessibility working group will be reaching out to Mr. Andrews to arrange an interview for the NVPAC blog
9. Spring Fundraising Opportunities
- Last year this spring plant fundraiser raised approximately \$1000 and is very popular with the neighbourhood community
 - Suggestion to tie with fundraiser with Norooz (March 20) to increase involvement and engagement with Persian families, although plants aren't available until later in the spring (May)

Meeting adjourned: 7:55 pm