

Norgate Xwemélch'stn Community School PAC MINUTES

Monday, March 9th, 2026, 7 pm

Present: Cristina Padres (PAC Communication Executive), Vicki Burrows (PAC Treasurer), Morag Crocker (PAC Secretary), David Andrews (Principal), Samira S (Farsi Liaison), Michelle Bean, Lindi Cassel (Fun Lunch Coordinator), Jan D, Ringors, Juni, Solmaz

Regrets:

1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, and Call to Order
 - February minutes approved as circulated
2. Principal's message & updates:
 - Ms. Baker had her baby and is doing well!
 - On Wednesday morning there will be a special event to learn about and celebrate Holi, Lunar New Year and Norooz
 - Student-led conferences will be happening this Thursday afternoon
 - Learning updates (report cards) come out this Thursday
 - Parents can come into the office for assistance with logging in to the MyEducation site
 - Not confirmed yet but it looks like there will be a band program again next year, now including grade 4 students
3. Treasurer's update
 - Current account balances to end of January:
 - Total revenue of \$16,875 (net revenue of \$12,133)
 - Additional fun lunch in February contributed to revenue
 - Total program expenses of \$4608
 - Excess revenue, over expenditure, of \$7406
 - Recent transactions & upcoming expenses:
 - "Other" grant received is the matched grant through Variety, for Project Swing
 - Fun Lunch expenses received
 - Field trip admission fees
 - Some funds were used to purchase supplies for classrooms and lunch time clubs
 - Bank balance plus petty cash: **\$26,955**
4. Fun Lunch update
 - Next Fun Lunch is Taco Bell, on March 13
 - April 4 is Moveable Feast, with various pasta options
 - One last pizza lunch in June
5. Farsi Liaison update – concerns and feedback:

- Thank you to the school for arranging a Norooz celebration, especially as this is a hard time in the Persian community with current world events
6. Visiting speakers for the spring
 - Saleem Noon's Body Science workshop is confirmed for April 24th, with a parents' information session via Zoom on April 21st at 6pm
 - Information is available ahead of time (for parents) in both English and Farsi
 - Also exploring the option of a Technology Management education session for parents, or there is a free option available through the NVSD Education Services Centre: Navigating Screen Battles, led by Arlene Tyndall
 - In-person: April 9, 6:30-8:30pm
 - Virtual: April 22, 6:30-8:30pm
 7. Project Swing Fundraising Update
 - Installation being arranged
 8. Spring Plant Fundraiser
 - Spring plant fundraiser is open!
 - Last day to order in April 22, by 12pm, with delivery on May 7th
 - Orders can be placed at <http://norgate.growingsmilesfundraising.com>
 - Some additional plants will be available on the day of pick up, with payment available via Zeffy (credit card)
 9. Walking School Bus
 - Route has been confirmed but parent volunteers are still needed for NXCE to have a walking school bus program
 10. Questions:
 - What grades can attend the summer break camps, if the program goes ahead?
 - Available for grades 1-5

Meeting adjourned: 7:37 pm