

Norgate Xwemélch'stn Elementary Parent Advisory Council Meeting April 19, 2022

Attending: Kammi C, Glenda R, Stephanie A, Christina P, Jenna O, Marylou G, David A (grade 7), Jason B (grade 7), Tamara S, Jeremy D

April 19, 2022
Began at 7:03pm

*** May will be our last meeting of the school year, will be important to establish next year's PAC executive.

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement
2. Thank you to Grade 7 students
 - Pac to clarify our contribution to the grade 7 class in exchange for providing childcare during PAC meetings. Fiscal details to me determined
 - Grade 7s will also be launching the popsicle fundraiser next month; proceeds will go toward the cost of the hoodies that PAC had funded earlier in the year.
3. Meeting with School Trustee? - timing and agenda
 - Last meeting with our trustee was in 2019
 - aim for 2022 Fall or 2023 spring/new trustee appointment based on feelings of all in attendees
4. IB "Tutorial" for parents
 - Requested by parents from the February meeting; need clarification on what parents actually want covered
 - Suggested we could wait for the fall to get next "crop" of students/parents to support their entrance and understanding of the IB system
 - Next meeting (May 17) possible? David A spoke about having some questions in advance would help to be prepared. We also don't know the best time (right after school) or evening/PAC combination, teachers open to different ideas.
 - We might try a facebook poll to determine if we have enough interest. David also offered the idea of a podcast and we can post the results (questions sent in).
5. Spring Flower Fundraiser
 - Christina P updated us on the progress. We have raised \$947 to date with 1 week to go.
6. Fun Lunches - recruiting for volunteer coordinator
 - have not been successful to secure a coordinator, but there may be enough labour to hold one Fun Lunch prior to end of this school year (eg pizza or something), not as a funding plan but a thing that supports the kids.
 - May 20 will be FUN DAY. Perhaps tie in fun lunch with fun day?
7. Treasurer Report
 - Christina P delivered Treasurers Report (paper copies)

- We had conservative targets for fundraising as a tough year to do activities
- We had anticipated this to an extent so we are not financially stretched and haven't had
- Teachers are encouraged to submit their expense requests up to \$200/class/division i and we can fund those, ideally by early June; Also some funds available for field trips (or onsite equivalent)
- PAC has just ordered some new balls/sports supplies for the school as well through the gaming grant

8. School Food Guidelines

- Developed by the Ministry of Health intended to apply to anything offered, served or sold to students as well as foods to avoid
- not intended to be part of food and nutrition education in schools
- Ministry is still collecting feedback from parents and has also consulted with school administrators and food and beverage industry. Parent survey open until end of April
- intended to be implemented in Fall 2022 although this may be delayed
- these are not mandated guidelines, but they are the gold standard to aim for
- recognize that how and when guidelines are implement may look different in each school,
- concerns raised by parents so far (across BC) that these guidelines could be mandated by a school district/ministry of education; cost of healthy foods; impact on students with different dietary requirements or cultural norms, and unintended consequences on PAC fundraising

9 New School Logo and Clothing/swag

- New logo has been designed and will be revealed on May 27 at a ceremony
- We will have a banner created that can be brought to Swanguard and other events - PAC is looking for clothing provider that could create an offer with the new Norgate logo that students could purchase, perhaps as a fundraiser
- Will only be possible after reveal (per Glenda)
- Proposal that the Meridian fundraiser could be promoted around helping Norgate purchase new athletics jerseys
- Christina P willing to take lead on this fund raiser

10. Principal's Report

- Thanks to Jenna and Christina for attending school planning meeting (upcoming)
- Earth Day (22) school will be doing some community clean up, likely closer to the school for the younger students and slightly farther afield for the older grades
- Parents willing to volunteer/help with community clean up are welcome
- Track and Field
- Staff members have come forward to help out, will be determined by interest.
- It's for grade 4-7
- several events (mini-meets, qualifications, Swanguard stadium event)

- Our current grade 5s and 6s have not yet had exposure since this program has been on hold for 2 years
- Discussion about PAC purchasing branded jerseys although unsure if fundraising would be completed in time for this year's events
- Question raised whether PAC could support cost of providing shoes for students who did not have appropriate footwear for track and field events. Would require school administration to identify potential number of students impacted in order to determine expected costs. Funds could come from the PAC Helping Hand Fund.
- Stephanie to also look into corporate donation opportunity

Front garden

- Available to be tended by volunteers - seeking parent and community volunteers to maintain this area as it is not maintained by school board, up to the school to maintain (due to legacy project)
- Garden boxes also require tending/weeding as well

Pow Wow and in-person events

- June 24 will be a celebration barring any changes in mandates
- Grade 7 in-person farewell celebration (scheduled for June 28)
- last day of classes June 29

The school is now effectively "open" now. Previous protocols are to be followed - please check in at the office first before heading to a classroom or meeting, but parents are welcome to enter the school now

Fundraising

Stephanie noted that Variety Children's Charities has a grant to promote inclusivity in schools. If School has any projects they would like to initiate, PAC could apply but would need to commit to matching the grant funding.

Adjourned 8:02pm

Next Meeting May 17, 2022