

Norgate Xwemélch'stn Elementary Parent Advisory Council Meeting May 16, 2023

Attending: Stephanie A, Glenda R, Pablo L, Christina R, Jeremy D, Kelly S, David A, Lindi

Meeting began at 6:34pm

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement
2. Plant sale raised fundraiser is completed and raised \$650
3. Budget:
 - Expenses for field trips and teachers classroom expenses coming through
 - Cristina suggested we organize the Meridan Gift Card Fundraiser once more as it is easy to organize and fairly profitable. **ACTION** Stephanie and Cristina to follow up
 - Waiting on an estimate for the concrete slab and 3 concrete tables to be used as an outdoor classroom. PAC has funds set aside for this. If budget permits will also plan to replace the whiteboard in the courtyard and install a cover to protect it.
 - Discussion about outdoor learning spaces and covered areas vs other problems that can be caused by them (evening gathering space or accidental roof access)
 - Parent engagement - there are funds set aside in the budget to support parent social events to improve engagement in the school . June 1st is the next parent social and this will include a volunteer appreciation
4. Grade 7s will do popsicle fundraiser again – likely for 3 weeks. Will sell outside on Fridays, won't have order in advance
5. Grade 7s -Friday June 2nd - will host another movie night.
6. Saleema Noone workshop happened, was well received and great feedback received.
7. Bike to school week May 29-June 2 is coming up
8. Principals report:
 - Focus on next academic year has begun
 - Track & field season is underway and Norgate is well represented
 - Fun Day is on Friday, May 19. Volunteer numbers are pretty good but more hands are welcome
 - Pow wow on Jun 16 is scheduled and will be open to family
 - Bell schedule should be same as this year, but there are 2 more academic days next year so it will require minor schedule adjustments such as in lieu of a play-first lunch we will try eat-first lunch. This might help stick to planned bell schedule better

- School fees will include a new \$15 activity fee to reduce pressure on PAC fundraising as PAC is always challenged to recruit and grow
- Agendas are primarily used at primary level only, while older kids are using more technology-based solutions, therefore won't produce paper agendas for kids after primary
- Communicating with families is still a work in progress and we are trying to find the most effective ways to be reached. Newsletter is still the main conduit, but feedback is welcomed to help determine method going forward

9. PAC succession plan

- We do not have a chair for next year and are looking for new PAC members
- There is a real risk of loss of gaming funds if we do not have a proper PAC executive and members
- We will need to post a direct communication, including descriptions of PAC roles and commitments
- Recruitment for members are large instead of specific roles?

Adjourned 7:30pm