

**Norgate Xwemélch'stn Community Elementary
Parent Advisory Council Meeting
January 17, 2023, 6:30pm, Virtual Through Microsoft Teams**

PAC Executive: Stephanie A (Chair), Pablo L (Treasurer), Glenda R., Kelly S., Cristina P

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement

2. PAC events

- Cristina raised \$975 with the Meridian gift card fundraiser . Funds are lower than in previous years, possibly due to inflation and other financial pressures. We can have a second fundraiser this year – possibly target late May/early June (we don't have to wait 6 months as previously required).

- Plant/Flower fundraiser – Stephanie can lead this -will target just prior to Mother's day. Will ask Grade 7 for support.

-Need to get feedback from the school community (parent & students) about what focus areas we would like to fundraise for. Ideas so far sports programs (equipment, facilitator costs, transport costs for sports events,etc), educational experiences (i.e. field trips, guest presenters, etc).

- New Families to the school: Cristina P and Kelly S. organized a get together for new families to the school. A few moms showed up. Exploring ways to bring this group together again and include more families. Suggested to tie this into a coffee morning 8:30-9:30am on a Thursday. Will also check to see if Jenny M is still available to help out with this.

3. Principal's Update

- Norgate has their own Facebook page (separate to the PAC Facebook page) which could be resurrected to help promote school events. The school is exploring the logistics of this.

Community Education coordinator: looking into possible options for activities over spring break.

PAC expressed thanks to Kelly and the grade 7 class for all they are doing to support community connection and school spirit.

4. Safe Walking routes: this is an ongoing discussion at the DNV. Squamish Nation has also forwarded a letter to DNV in support of improved routes from SN to the school.

5. Next Meeting January 17, 2023

Meeting adjourned 7:27pm