

Norgate PAC Meeting

April 20, 2021

Attending: Rob G, Glenda R, Stephanie A, Jeremy D, David A, Tamara S, Pia G, Kammi C, Jenna O, Christina P

1) Welcome and introductions, land acknowledgement (Rob)

2) Covid Cares initiative – Family Services of North Shore, seeking donations of items for families struggling through Covid, at school on Apr 29 at plant sale

3) Glenda's updates

- Covid – still possibility that any class/child can be asked to isolate and self-monitor at any time. Please open all school messages to ensure you are aware of any requirements, and please answer calls even if you do not recognize the phone number as it could always be from Coastal Health.
- Online instruction will not be possible if children must isolate
- Distribution of printed materials also not feasible. Teachers can connect with kids over teams, messaging is possible.

Transitions K & 7s

- We are not permitted to offer any in-person celebrations. They will need to be virtual this year, Teachers have ideas (for both K&7) and will do their best to offer something meaningful for the kids. Grade 8 transition to Carson will include video and virtual to learn about the coming school year.

Grade 7 hoodies

- It may or may not be possible to offer sweat equity to help repay the PAC for their contribution, however PAC has never intended to recoup some/all of the funds and will accept whatever opportunities do or do not arise based on the realities under Covid.

School Fees

- Proposal to be the same as last year (\$5 agendas, \$50 max kit fee, K school supplies \$50)

IB first Unit of inquiry gas begun.

- This is a good inroad to make connections between areas of study
- Glenda seeking feedback - what have parents heard from students?

4) David A (teacher update)

- Thanked PAC for contribution to stringed instrument program

5) Treasurer update (Stephanie)

Spring plant sale update

- Jenna & Pia thanked for their help. \$7000 of sales, exceeded our \$1500 goal. Grade 7 class will help with distribution when truck arrives on April 29

20/21 Budget

- Priorities – want input from parents to help us create a budget to be approved at June meeting (for spending in Sept) – eg sport uniforms, outdoor learning tools (tables etc suitable for outdoor use), ongoing funding for Indigenous Foodscapes project, music equipment
- Gaming Grant comes in every year (about \$20/student), looks like it will continue. Changes on restrictions are being reduced (“school beautification” and “school spirit” are now included)
- Monthly treasurer report tabled, does not reflect plant sale revenue or guitar expenditures

6) PAC to fund

Having no performance opportunities, staff have been looking at virtual events that the PAC can fund. Saleema Noon can do sessions for students \$550 +GST for a 1-day event. An evening parent session can be added on for \$350 + GST also.

David can attest to her sexual health education skills and sees her as one of the best in her field. It would all be done virtually/covid safe. Subject is taught as “body science”

In the past, other school’s PACs have extended invitations to Norgate Parents to join in their session. Norgate PAC could do the same to those schools if there is interest to support the parent session.

Motion: for the Norgate PAC to fund a Saleema Noon parent session for \$350 + GST to allow parents to learn more about the sessions that she delivers to the students.

Moved by: Rob G

Seconded: Stephanie A

Motion passes unanimously

7) PAC Executive

- Election of next year’s PAC needs to occur
- Rob will be stepping down as chair after 4 years on the PAC including 3 as chair
- Stephanie will take the chair role if uncontested
- Jeremy will fill the role of secretary
- We are in need of a treasurer. Stephanie has built a binder that clearly steps anyone through the roles and responsibilities.
- Should someone really prefer the chair option, Stephanie would be up to discussing continuing her treasurer role.
- Norgate PAC is governed by the School Act and we must have at least a 3 member executive to be able to continue (or risk dissolve the PAC and return the gaming funds)

Adjourned at 8:06pm