

Norgate PAC Meeting

Feb 23, 2021

Attending: Rob G, Glenda R, Stephanie A, Pia G, Tara B, Kammi C, Jenna O, Chris M, Lindi, Pablo L

Regrets: None

1) Welcome and introductions, land acknowledgement

2) Tara B (parent) – Foundry Foundation description

She is a Parent ambassador for Foundry North Shore

Supports community outreach, used to be at community events but now virtual during covid
Van Coastal Health are the partners for North Shore Foundry

Aim is to transform the way young people access health and social services supports – a one stop shop for youth 12-24 to access network or mental health, peer support, social services, etc.
Drop in centre that creates a non-judgemental/non-conventional setting for health care support services that might increase opportunities to access care.

Located in Lower Lonsdale behind Esplanade Theatre (1st & Esplanade).

Tara played a video & shared website <http://www.foundrybc.ca/> (video available on youtube)

Hours reduced and more virtual programming, but in-person initial visits 1-5pm M-Thurs is still happening. The website is a great starting point for youths to get introduced to the Foundry North Shore and can be a good opportunity for parents with kids 12 and up.

3) Christmas Bureau thank you came in for the PAC supported family who received our donated hamper this year.

4) Congratulatory note received from our local MLA Bowinn Ma on our gaming grant.

5) Grade 7s are wearing their hoodies happily and grateful for PAC support.

6) Chris (grade 6) teacher. Grade 6 & 7 classes want to boost music program. Have already raised \$1300 towards purchasing 10 guitars and a guitar stand/cart. They are short \$900 to meet their goals. Tom Lee is the supplier providing a 10% discount, fairly good quality. Carts will cost another \$120 x 2 to allow for travelling between classroom. \$900 ask would include cart costs. Guitars will be complemented with Boomwhackers (do a YouTube search for a demo) which will offer lessons in notes/music basics.

Motion: To support the request from the grade 6/7 teachers to provide \$1000 towards their \$1900 guitar and storage cart purchase to introduce the grade 6s and 7s to a new classroom music program offering.

By: Rob G

Seconded by: Pablo L

Motion passes

7) Student led conferences were just completed. General commentary around well-functioning via Teams.

8) Several parents noted Norgate Kids Club leaders not wearing masks while all school staff/admin do wear masks. Regulations for childcare sites are different for that of schools and Kids Club fall under the childcare regulation. Glenda has asked the district OHS officer to look into it further as Norgate is somewhat unique in that Kids Club shares the building with the school (other sites have portables which are physically separate). Further information is being sought on several levels for clarity and resolution will be sought by school administration. Glenda noted that NSNH staff was very receptive to wearing mask inside school hallways when asked.

9) Zipline on playground is not working well. Maintenance request will be sent.

10) Stephanie will put out a call for volunteers for the Spring plants fundraiser soon, stand by for the request. Jenna and Pia have offered to help.

11) Meridian fundraiser still in plans, date not yet determined.

Adjourned at 7:54 PM