

Norgate -Xwemelch'stn Community School -PAC Meeting
Oct 19, 2021 7:00pm, via Zoom

Minutes: Stephanie

Attendees: Jenna O, Pablo L, Pia G., Jenny M. Stephanie. A., Glenda, Kammi, Kelly S., Geneva S. Tamara S.

Welcome and Land acknowledgement

ITEM	DISCUSSION	Action or Outcome
NS Christmas Bureau – sponsoring a family	PAC has been approached to sponsor a family again this year. The school admin has offered their support in helping to collect donations at the school. Stephanie will work with Kelly S. to coordinate.	Stephanie will contact NSCB to get details on a family to sponsor and share their wish list with school community.
Communications update	PAC now has about 79 contact emails and 2 gift cards were awarded as part of the draw prize. Suggestion that PAC should initiate a newsletter for parents. There are many considerations including volunteer(s) needed to edit and publish, what content to include (what would parents find useful? Do we have enough to share), accessibility issues as not all parents use digital media. Volunteer support is required to coordinate this.	Jenna will put out a question to parents to gauge level of interest in a newsletter.
Treasurer report	Pablo shared the monthly treasurer report. Grade 7 fundraiser from last year raised \$349.10 and is now in the PAC account. Fundraising support is needed in order to be able to support the priorities we identified in this year’s budget (field trips& outdoor learning, guest speakers, indigenous foodscapes project, grade 7 graduation support, etc.) Suggestion to put out a call for parent volunteers with suggested fundraiser and details re time commitments, etc. Trying to determine whether we can use the gym outside school hours for any community or fundraising events.	PAC exec will develop a shortlist of fundraiser opportunities to share with parents to solicit volunteers. Will include some details re time commitment etc. to help manage expectations.

<p>Principals Report:</p>	<p>School planning s – 1st session is Oct 27, invitations have been sent to those parents who expressed willingness to participate. Will convene again in the Spring.</p> <p>Secret Path Week this week. Norgate is a legacy school sponsored by Downie Wenjack Foundation. Many activities and lessons planned around this. Reminder that supports are available at the school for children if these lessons are triggering strong emotions. Online resources about secret path and Chanie Wenjack are listed here: https://www.secretpath.ca/ https://downiewenjack.ca/</p> <p>Halloween – public health has shared some information for schools and families related to Halloween Safety. Glenda will be sharing information in this week’s newsletter.</p> <p>Concerns about Pokemon card trading and discussions/play related to Squid Game were relayed in the school newsletter.</p>	
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