

## Norgate Xwemélch'stn Elementary Parent Advisory Council Meeting Feb 21, 2023

Attending: Kelly S, Pedro L, Stephanie A, Glenda R, David A, Jeremy D, Alle, Lindi C, Tamara S, G

Meeting began at 6:34pm

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement
2. Flower Fundraiser – Stephanie has emailed to register for this fundraiser can be run again this spring (May) but has not heard back yet.
3. Finance update (Pablo) – 2022 was closed out August 31 and our report was due in November to the province for the Gaming Funding. We are into our 2023 budget now.  
**Action Item:** Stephanie and Pablo to follow up re request for reimbursement for buses for field trips in 2022.
4. Sexual Health Education – question as to when Salima Noone education team will come to the school. Is has not been booked as of yet, traditionally paid for by PAC.  
**Action item:** PAC to confirm we can afford this, Glenda to check availability for this school year.
5. Parent get together – A coffee morning meetup to see if we can get as many parents as possible to gather. We will try a Thursday morning in the library this session. Kelly will invite Karen to showcase what has been done in the library. Karen also welcomes any parents who want to volunteer their time in the library. David A will be in attendance and will be happy to discuss aspects of IB to help parents get a better understanding of the program.  
**Action Item:** Christina P and Kelly S to coordinate next meeting.
6. Heather (Norgate NS Safety Council rep) – safe walking routes to school etc continues to be discussed. March 29 – 8:15-9am an RCMP/ICBC/NSSC team up safety blitz and “Think of Me” campaign. More details to come from Glenda.
7. Chair report - Stephanie wants to note that she will not be chairing PAC next year and we will need to find a new parent volunteer to take over this role.
8. Principal update (Glenda) - report cards will be published March 8<sup>th</sup>. Conferencing with parents/students will happen after spring break. Sign up will happen before spring break. Teachers will decide format (with or without kids), so sessions may be different between some classes or grades. Also Pink Shirt Day is tomorrow (Feb 22).
9. VP update (David) - An IB consultant visited and submitted a report showing that Norgate is on track for IB certification. The feedback in the report mostly captures things related to school size challenges (such as releasing time for teachers to collaborate).

Also she relayed that Learner Profiles are less visible than she expected. This feedback is positive and provides some additional areas for refinement. Gist of the report is that the school is well positioned to apply for certification. School still wants to provide more opportunities for parents to learn about IB PYP program - language and principles - and is looking for ways to realize that. Having David attend the parent social was suggested to answer parent questions. Another suggestion is for simplified handouts to send home that can be posted to help parents use the same concepts/words about the "learner profile" (i.e. communicator, principled, caring) that teachers are using at school, with the hopes that this will reinforce their child's learning.

Adjourned 7:15pm