

## Norgate Xwemélch'stn Elementary Parent Advisory Council Meeting May 17, 2022

Attending: Kammi C, Stephanie A, Pablo L, Jenna O, Jeremy D, Ann, Mitra M.

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Began at 7:10pm

-May 20 will be FUN DAY and will include hot dog lunch prepared by PAC

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement
2. IB questions from parents
  - how does IB compare to a conventionally delivered curriculum?
  - IB is not a curriculum. The curriculum (the WHAT is taught) is exactly the same no matter the modality of education. IB is about HOW we teach. It's organized under a "know-do-understand" model. It's a framework for education and how to teach it. Organized into 6 units, which are cycled through. Themes stay the same each year, but curriculum changes.
  - Parent info night will be held in in the fall to address these questions further.
3. Ideas for PAC invited Speakers for next year
  - a) School Trustee
  - b) Rose Green – District Principal Indigenous Education & Equity
  - c) Other topics/speakers
    - Jeremy Church – District Principal Safe & Caring Schools
    - Someone from NS Safety Council?
    - topics of interest to parents such as self regulation, internet safety
4. Treasurer Report
  - Spring flowers fundraiser was very successful nearly \$1400 in total. This will be put towards outdoor learning
  - Donation of \$1000 was received last year and was allocated to outdoor learning and Helping hand fund
  - Meridian fundraiser is ready to be run. We need volunteers to support the promotion and sale
5. School spirit wear – update
  - May 27 – new school logo will be revealed. Insufficient time to organize a fundraiser for spirit wear this school year.
  - We will attempt to have a small range of branded options next year to allow parents to order a la carte and determine suitable sizing
6. Track and Field – update on donation coordinator – still pending

7. Fun lunches – this Friday (May 20) on Fun Day  
-we have several volunteers lined up, all kids will get hotdogs (veggie or beef), and juice/milk supplied by Save On Foods (Pemberton Plaza)
8. Next Meeting to be decided / election of PAC for 22/23  
Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Communications will stand by acclamation. We will have a complete PAC for next year, but have room for members at large and special roles  
We need to review and update our bylaws.  
Discussion about hosting a June socially-oriented meeting.
9. Principal's report  
-Kindergarten parent's welcome package starting soon. PAC to insert recruitment/info into this to try and get parents involved early  
-Fun Day supported by a staff committee. Bike parade starts the day. Kids can bring their  
-Kids will be assigned a colour on Thursday and will come dressed in their group colour.  
-Parents showing up may be required to join tug-of-war with grade 7s etc, parents are welcome to come and join at any time of the day  
-Teachers are working on an annual self-assessment with our kids for end of May (called Approaches to Learning). A copy of the report is filed on the school district portal for your child. This is different than the myED BC portal where report cards are stored. You will need to change your password to access SD44.ca Portal (as mentioned in the district email of April 13 sent to all parents). These reports aggregate and all stay in the portal and build until grade 12 exit interviews.  
-Class photos may happen at end of May  
-School supplies and agendas for next year – fees should be as close to this year's \$50 fee  
-Agendas are \$6, however about 50% of parent's did not pay this past year. Next year students will not be provided an agenda unless they pay. Payment for agendas is through School Cash Online.  
May 27 logo reveal. Parents can attend, please be in the gym by 1:00pm  
June 24 Powow @ Norgate 12-3  
June 26 – Last day grade 7s

Adjourned 8:17pm

Next Meeting June 18 or 25, 2022 (social focus) - might be a Saturday afternoon