

Norgate Community School PAC Agenda Tuesday, November 7, 2023, 6:30 pm

Attending: Glenda, Pablo, Christina,. Bahar, Jeremy, Azadeh, Tamara, David, Rhonda, Zahra, Leila, Jenny, Sylvia, Kelly

Regrets: Stephanie

1. Election of a new chair:

Motion: That we elect Bahar Adel as the new chairperson for the Norgate Parents Advisory Council

By: Pablo, Seconded by: Rhonda

No opposition. All in favour. **Motion passes**, new chair appointed.

2. Update Glenda

- School district informed us that there are many students in the area with no placement currently. Grade 1 is the largest intake. We may make an entire new grade 1 class if enough students arrive. This will involve some classroom movements to keep the primary grade levels closer together. Enrollment is occurring day by day. A grade 1 teacher will need to also be hired to accommodate this change.
- Q: PAC funding per student – will this be affected? Jeremy: Ask NV PAC?
- If anyone has any specific questions on what this will bring, ask Glenda directly
- As of July 2023, we will have a new reporting order, you can [read about it here](#), but the changes are:
 - 4 point proficiency scale for reporting currently @ Norgate (beginning, dev, practising and extending) – different names but essentially the same categories
 - This will preclude student/teacher/parent conferences, but will be replaced with 2 “written learning updates” plus a final written “summary of learning” and 2 informal conferences
 - Informal conference could be a phone call, a meeting after school, email etc.

 - National Indigenous Veterans Day and Remembrance Day ceremonies tomorrow. Room for family/parents limited but available

- New WhatsApp group for Farsi community might have news from Glenda but it will not be published by her, it will be translated and may contain errors. If anyone is confused by any translation, please feel free to approach Glenda for clarification.
- Munch and Mingle (yesterday) – great connecting. School-wide exhibition in 2024 about engaging students and community

3. Fun Lunches are back: Bahar's update:

Lindi is the new Coordinator. The dates for Fun Lunches are:

Volunteers: Tamara, Lindi, Bahar,

-Munch a lunch platform

-First lunch will be pizza, will investigate Persian food or other ideas

- Friday November 24rd
- Friday January 26th
- Friday February 23rd
- Friday April 26th
- Friday May 31st

3. New Farsi Whatsapp Group for sharing school information

- It is not an open group, only Zahra and Bahar can post content for sharing
- Contact Zahra or Bahar to get access to the group

4. Holiday Market Update - December 1st, 2023

- -Momentum is growing, not just school but also Norgate neighbours
- -8 items for the silent auction
- Ballet BC, Van Canadians, BC Lions, Nail Splash, NS Sports Swap – the neighbourhood is coming together
- -NS Mom's Choir will come and perform
- -Chilli night (school community only) begins the evening, then opens to general public
- Volunteers needed to cook Chili (2 people)
- 2 stock pots (1 veg chili, 1 meat), cornbread side
- We will use Munch-a-lunch for RSVPing to help us know numbers

5. Christmas Hamper

Update from Stephanie: We will be sponsoring two families, each have 2 members. One is a single parent family and another is a couple. I will circulate a list later in the month. The hampers are due December 12.

This year there seems to be more requests for gift cards to be put towards a specific item (as compared to previous years where a jacket or specific gift item was requested) so cash donations will be especially valuable this year. One individual has just been accepted to BCIT so has requested Best Buy gift cards to put towards a laptop.

6. Grade 7s Hoodies and Fundraisers

- Can the grade 7s run a fundraiser sale of some sort? They will check with Christina, perhaps selling water, drinks, etc?

7. Next PAC Meeting:

8. Moving forward we will hold meetings on Monday, Jan 15

Adjourned at 7:30pm