

Norgate Xwemélch'stn Community Elementary
Parent Advisory Council Meeting
October 20, 2022, 6:30pm
Virtual Through Microsoft Teams

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PAC Executive: Stephanie A (Chair), Pablo L (Treasurer), Jeremy D (Secretary), Tamara S, Lindi C, Marylou G, Christina L, Starr M., Jose L, Jenny M.
David A, Glenda R, Kelly S. (School staff)

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement, Introduction to David Andrews, Norgate's new VP.
2. 22/23 annual budget – (For Approval) & 21/22 Annual Financial Report (For info)
Items of note for discussion:
 - Pablo L presented the 22/23 budget – highlights:
 - positive financial position as we have not had opportunities to spend our money during 2 covid years
 - Quote on new jerseys (\$2400) is now in
 - outdoor learning project (just over \$5000 put aside for that)
 - Fundraisers (not planning many this year but will lean on Meridian GC fundraiser twice + Spring fundraiser)
 - \$200 per division set aside (for each teacher/assistant teacher to spend)
 - \$1000 music aside, might be applied to guitars

Motion: to approve the 22/23 budget as presented Jeremy D.

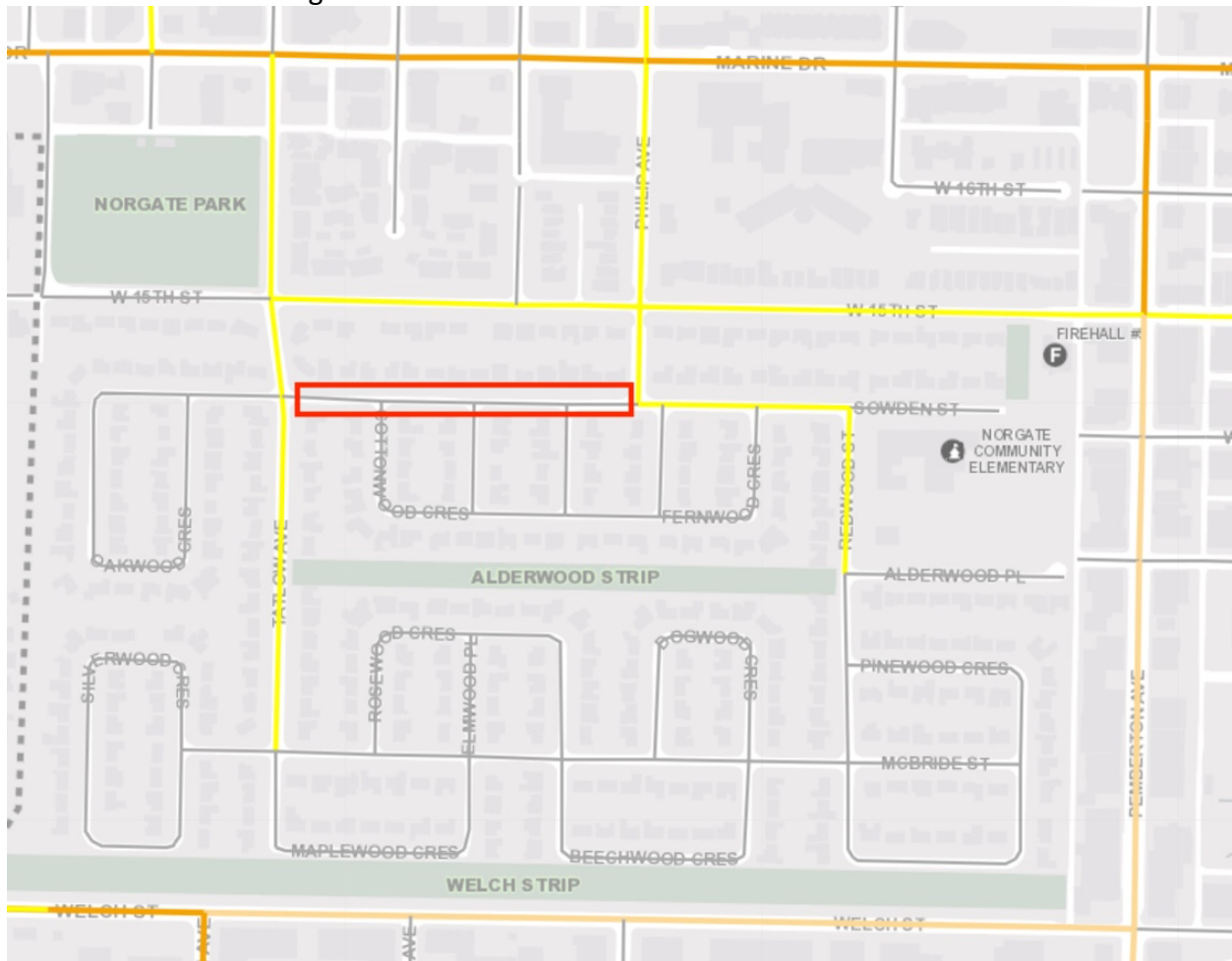
Seconded by: Christina L

Carried

3. PAC sponsored FUN events
 - Skating party update:
 - Due to staffing we cannot rent the skating rink as we used to; we will be on the waitlist with NV Rec Commission should their situation change
 - Fun Lunches – coordinator needed if this is to proceed this year. It was noted that this does not need to be a fundraising activity as it has been in the past.
 - Grade 7s may be able to assist with this.
 - Parent coffee mornings - volunteers needed to organize a low key social event for parents
 - Other Ideas to share? Norgate will sponsor a family again this year for a Christmas Hamper. Volunteer support for organizing purchases is appreciated.
4. Safe walking routes to school and proposed changes from the District of North Vancouver – DNV is planning to install new sidewalks along 15th St, Redwood and Philip in late Spring 2023. The plan is to align with designated “collector” routes that are

meant to provide safe walking routes for students to school (see Yellow lines). This designation was approved by DNV council in 2009. Sowden St west of Philip is not a designated collector route despite the amount of school traffic along this area. Safety issues have been noted in this area (note red box). It was proposed that PAC write a letter to the district advocating for the designated collector route to include this section between Tatlow and Philip.

Yellow – DNV designated collector routes. Red- area of concern



5. Norgate School sports jerseys with new school logo - Stephanie shared the mock up of the design for sports jerseys for students participating in inter-school sporting events featuring the new school logo. Question whether we can set up a school spirit wear store for families to buy clothing featuring the school logo. Stephanie has looked into this and will follow up. It was noted that there may be a minimum number of orders required to make this feasible and it is likely not suitable as a fundraiser due to the higher costs associated with smaller orders.

6. Ideas or topics for discussion at future PAC meetings - – Activities around diversity and inclusion.

7. Principal's Report

Parents are needed for the school planning team to bring parent input to the school plan. There are only 2 meetings per school year. The first meeting is October 26 at 4:00-5:30 at the NVSD44 offices 2121 Lonsdale Ave.

IB Candidacy – Norgate is nearing completion of the last of the major requirements for IB candidacy. Program of Inquiry, Language Policy and Assessment Policy are expected to be complete before Winter break. Norgate is working with a consultant to assess how the school is meeting the requirements and their report is expected early in 2023 with the plan to apply for Candidacy before spring break 2023.

Student and Family Affordability Fund – this is a one-time fund provided by the Ministry of Education and Child Care to support families experiencing financial challenges. An email with the link to the application was sent to families this week from NVSD44. There is also a link on the school website. Applications are reviewed by the school principal who will distribute the allocated funds for Norgate as equitably as possible. Concerns were raised regarding the accessibility of the application and the need to distribute this in multiple formats and languages. Parents are encouraged to spread the word about this fund to promote awareness.

8. Timing/format for future PAC meetings – to be held online until future notice. Next meeting is November, then January 2023.

Next Meeting November 15, 2022