

**Norgate Community School PAC Meeting
Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 6:30 pm**

Attending: Pablo, Christina, David, Glenda, Jeremy, Zahra, Bahar, Kateryna, Kelly, Starr, Stephanie, Mary, Lindi

1. Treasurer's Report (Pablo)

Operating Account

-Currently close to \$14,000 meaning we need to raise a little over \$4200 additional funds this year to achieve our proposed budget. A bit more would be preferable of course.

-Glenda reminded new parents how the PAC funds have helped support school needs in various ways over the years

Gaming Account

-Approximately \$4000 in the account. These are very restricted funds and is not a lot of money based on number of students/classes we want to support.

We have managed with the funds we have raised in the past few years because covid restrictions limited the number of events/field trips etc that the school has undertaken during those years. This year things are more accessible and more funds are needed than previous years, which will require more from the PAC.

Motion: To approve the budget as tabled by treasurer for the 23/24 year

By: Stephanie A.

Seconded by: Christina P

No opposed, or abstentions, motion passes

2. PAC executive

Looking for a chair or co-chairs for the PAC

-We are actively recruiting for the PAC executive. We need members at large to help with various initiatives, but specifically we need a chairperson. We can also adopt a co-chair model if 2 people might consider splitting the role. Last year's chairperson, Stephanie, is willing to support the person or people transitioning into this role. The executive roles of treasurer (Pablo) and Secretary (Jeremy) remain the same as last year and will also support any incoming parents wanting to join and help.

3. Fundraisers

Funlunches- We want to have them back. We need volunteers and a Fun lunches Coordinator.

-Lindi has offered to help get this program running. Bahar has also offered to support. We will need other volunteers to make this a success and to provide this option to our students.

Holiday Market - Our big fundraising event of the school year. This is very ambitious and will only work out if parents pull together. Christina and Kelly are spearheading this initiative. Tentative date, Friday, November 24 from 5 to 8 pm

The event/evening will include:

- Silent Auction (we will need donations)
- Chili Night (if we feed them, they will come)
- Norgate Crafters Fair
- Bake Sale (research to be done re: foodsafe)
- possible 50/50 draw (research BCLC guidelines)

-More volunteers needed, but will include Starr, possibly her mom, and Jeremy (with Christina and Kelly)

Action: David to book school gym to ensure we have that date secured.

4. Parent/Guardian Socials / Monday Morning Mingles- Kelly

We need volunteers to get this happening. Easy to organize, once a month. Time commitment 2 hours a month. The library will remain open and will have available teachers on hand who can talk to new families about school questions.

-Bahar has offered to help with these events

5. Parent Participation Opportunities/ Diversity Talks - Glenda

We want to see if there is interest among the parents to have experts/community members come for talks at the school. This can be parent volunteers sharing their story/expertise, unique learning needs of their kids, racism, inclusion, etc.

6. Christmas Bureau – As in past years, our school has participated to sponsor the hamper for a family in need of a little help over the holidays. We need volunteers to collect and help Stephanie with coordination and hamper delivery

-Bahar willing to help organizing

-Kelly can support with some of the aspects like receiving items

7. Next PAC Meeting, Tuesday, November 7.

Adjourned at 7:37pm