

# Norma Rose Point PAC Meeting Minutes

**Date:** March 7, 2017

**Location:** NRP Library

## AGENDA

Approval of January Meeting Minutes

PAC Chair Report

Finances

Staff Report

New Business

**PAC Executive in attendance:** Jody Yau (Chair), Sharon Yu (PAC Co-Chair), Qiuning Wang (PAC Co-Chair), Kelli Kadokawa (Co-Secretary), Julie Wang (Communication Chair), Donghong Liu (Volunteer Chair)

**PAC members in attendance:** Fariba Hafezi, Melanie Hidber, Laura Zajac, Csilla Tamas, Thomas Wang

## School Admin & Staff in Attendance:

Carrie Froese (Vice Principal), Lynne Potter Lord (Foods teacher)

Call to Order: 6:35pm

Greetings and acknowledgement that we live and work on the traditional lands of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Coast Salish People.

## Approval of February meeting minutes

<p><b>Motion:</b> Sharon moved to approve the minutes from the February PAC meeting. Fariba seconded. All in favor, motion passed.</p>
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## PAC Chair Report - Jody

- University Endowment Lands (UEL) snow removal.
  - The UEL did not clear the roads after the first 2 big snowstorms this winter.
  - The UEL is under provincial jurisdiction (Peter Fassbender).
    - No accountability
  - A meeting between the UEL and NRP & UHill Elementary
  - The need for a better communication plan
  - UEL commitment to clear the roads is needed
  - Unsatisfactory response from the UEL despite repeated attempts to communicate
  - The UEL did clear the roads after the last snowfall.
  - Jody is writing an article for Connections, a UEL paper.

## Finances- Sharon and Qiuning

- \$268 was spent on guitar racks for Music. The PAC executive via survey on Survey

Monkey approved this expenditure.

- \$2500 was spent on K-5 math manipulatives.
- The rest of the Finance report was tabled, as the PAC Treasurer was not present.

#### **DPAC Report**

- According to the BC Hydro website, BC Hydro has proposed “to build two new substations underground in the West End and Yaletown, so the space above them can be used for new schools, new daycare spaces and improved parks.
- DPAC has asked PACS for input on the official DPAC stance on the proposal.
- NRP PAC does not feel like it can issue a yes/no answer, so for now, this agenda item has been tabled until the April PAC meeting.
- Questions: Does BC Hydro have a procedure in place in case something happens? Is this type of underground substation dangerous?

**Action:** Jody will get a timeframe on when we should respond.

#### **Committee Report – Events: Laura**

- The Spring Event, a Carnival, will take place May 12, 3-7pm.
- Ms. Potter-Lord offered to help with food.

**Action:** All hands on deck. Volunteers are needed to help make this carnival a success. A planning meeting will be organized shortly after spring break.

#### **Staff Report – Lynne Potter Lord, Exploratory Team (Foods) for the Middle School at NRP**

Lynne introduced us to her role on the Exploratory Team and the amazing facilities she works in, including the Food Studio (with 8 kitchens!), the school greenhouse and the rooftop garden.

- All middle schoolers (grades 6, 7 & 8) get to take a Foods exploratory each year.
- They look at the plant holistically: root, stem, leaf, flower, and seed.
- After spring break, they will plant seedlings. This contributes to the ‘seed to table’ lesson.
- Lynne also talked about the International Food Project where the students learn about the geography and context of a particular food/dish. They do a presentation and demo a recipe. It’s a great exercise in teamwork, plus it’s fun!
- For those that are not familiar with Exploratories, there are 4: Food, Music, Digital Arts, and French.
- Lynne mentioned the Pop-Up Feast idea that she would love to bring to NRP.
  - Syrian families, sponsored by a downtown Vancouver church, are involved in teaching food safety in Arabic. Once a month they cook a full buffet of Syrian food. The cost is \$43 per person.
  - Lynne and Rosa are meeting with a woman from Egypt to discuss plans for a collaboration with NRP students for a Pop-Up Feast at NRP, either later this year or next year.

**Action:** Volunteers are needed for the Food Exploratory. Preference is for a regularly scheduled commitment. Please inquire with Lynne if you have the time and would like to get involved.

**Staff Report – Carrie Froese**

- The revised school calendar has been passed and is now available on the NRP and VSB websites.
- The numbers for the Kindergarten class will likely be decided (ratified by teachers) in April and will be available on the VSB website.
- Staffing happens in May.
- There is a plan to have more divisions/classrooms at NRP for the next school year.

**Reminders:**

**April 4 PAC meeting: CANCELLED** (rescheduled for a short meeting on April 6).

**Next PAC meeting:** April 6, 6:30 – 7pm, followed by Parent Talk from Saleema Noon. All parents are welcome.

**Meeting adjourned: 7:36pm**