

Norma Rose Point School PAC General Meeting. April 10, 2018.

Draft minutes prepared by Wendy Yip.

Attendees:

(Parents) Beth Krisciunas, Julie Wang, Laura Zajac, Csilla Tamas, Wendy Yip, Ivy Gau

(NRP Staff) Rosa Fazio, Karen Noel-Bentley, Gr. 6 teacher Bill Mahoney

Meeting started 6:45 pm. Beth chaired the meeting in Sharon's absence. There was no Treasurer's report.

Julie Wang gave report on parents' programming.

May 4 will be the next Parent Conversation Group. Usually 8-9 parents show up. There was greater attendance when the discussion is on curriculum. The preceding week's conversation group was small as no reminders went out. The next conversation will address mental health.

April 12 will be the next meeting of the Parent Reading Group - The theme will be on First Nations books.

A report was given on NRP's Spring Fair by Beth, Wendy, Laura.

There was brief outline of decisions made at the last Spring Fair Committee meeting, including a discussion of how many prizes would be needed for games.

There was a discussion on handling waste from the fair. We need a map to identify where to put trash, recycling, and composting bins for fair. Rosa offered to let Herman know of the fair needs. There should be at least 6 bins put out. Rosa can help PAC to find out see if VSB has extra bins.

Beth suggested that maybe UBC Waste operations can place some bins on UBC property just across the street from NRP. UBC Waste would be picking up trash / recycling from the daycare in that area, anyway.

There will be a need for many more volunteers, for ticket sales, popcorn and popsicle sales, staffing games, etc.

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Bill Mahoney was present from Grade 6 but no Grade 6 parent was there to ask questions.

Rosa gave a NRP registration update: Numbers change daily. There will be at least 34 Divisions, maybe 1 additional for a total of 35. NRP will know better in a month. Not sure yet where the extra division would go. Rosa needs to consider everyone's needs and possible uses of auxiliary spaces, like the music room, etc. The pressure will be in Grade 6 this year (what

used to be Grades 4 and 5 in previous years). There was a discussion of bigger cohorts happening for those born in the Years of the Golden Pig and Golden Dragon (Chinese zodiac).

Rosa mentioned that the NRP School Info App bill came in. In its first year of use, NRP School and PAC split the cost. Since then, NRP School has paid for the app on its own: \$1500/year. Rosa mentioned that some of the gaming grant money that had been designated for miscellaneous items, will be used to pay for the NRP School Info. App.

The VSB is adopting an online payment system, for school fees, school trips, T-shirts, etc. Beth asked, and Rosa thinks it will be available also for payment of the NRP PAC direct appeal.... Anne Canning is getting trained on the VSB payment system.

Karen reported that NRP hired a Gr. 7 teacher who started after spring break. She is local and an experienced teacher, but came from outside of VSB system. It is a temporary position until the end of June. Then NRP will post the position again. (Hopefully, the new teacher will stay on?)

The next PAC General meeting will be May 8.

Car-Free Day / Walk 'n Roll Week will take place again (in May?). Last year, since the Car-Free Morning festival started only at 10 AM, not all divisions could attend the festival, despite promises to the kids of the Walking Bus program, by the organizers (some Campus & Community Planning staffers). We need to remind CCP staffers not to make promises without checking the school's schedule first.

Bike to Work Week - some of the staff do bike to work. Need an NRP parent to attend the Bike to Work Week meeting - Beth K. will attend.

Rosa / Camps for Grades 6, 7, 8. We have a shortfall of \$4100 so far. Some students are not attending.

A significant portion of Grade 7 students will not participate (parents' decisions).

Because the trip fees are calculated based on near-full participation of the grade, when many do not go, there is a shortfall in the total fees collected from those who are attending. Gr. 6 is doing some fundraising, and Gr. 7 will have to also. There is some debriefing of kids after the camp....

Students who don't go are still entitled to education. One grade teacher is held back or the kids who don't go to camp, get disbursed into other classes.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 pm.