

## Norma Rose Point PAC Meeting Minutes

**Date:** March 6, 2018

**Location:** NRP Library

### AGENDA

Approval of February 2018 PAC Minutes

PAC Chair Report

Committee Reports

Financial Report

Staff Report

New Items

**PAC Executive in attendance:** Sharon Yu (Chair), Kelli Kadokawa (Co-Secretary), Julie Wang (Parent Education Committee); Beth Krisciunas (Lunch Committee Chair), Rob Peregoodoff (Member at Large), Natalie Jatskevich (Member at Large), Hisham Zerriffi (Treasurer), Rachel Wu (VSB DPAC Representative)

Parents in attendance: In addition to the PAC Executive, at least 18 parents joined this March PAC meeting.

### School Admin & Staff in attendance:

Mike McEwan (Acting Principal), Karen Noel Bentley (Vice Principal)

Call to Order: 6:36pm

Greetings and acknowledgement that we live and work on the traditional lands of the Musqueam People.

### Introductions

- A round of introductions

### Approval of February PAC meeting minutes

**Motion:** To approve the minutes from the February PAC meeting. Rob P. moved to approve, Rachel W. seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

### PAC Chair Report - Sharon

- Lost & Found is at capacity. All unclaimed items will be washed and donated next week.

**Action:** Two - three volunteers are needed to clean the items in the Lost & Found in preparation for donation.

- Book Fair is March 7 & 8. Volunteers are needed for cashiering, set up and clean up.
  - To volunteer for this event and all other events, please sign up on the PAC website, nrppac.wordpress.com > Join Us > Volunteer.
- Executive Positions available. The NRP PAC is seeking parents to serve on the PAC executive in the following positions:
  - Co-Chair
  - Lunch Treasurer
  - Events Committee Leader

**Motion:** To add Qiuning Wong as Member at Large. Rob P. moved to approve, Beth K. seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

### **Committee Reports**

- Lunch committee update - Beth K.
  - Recent feedback has been received that the quality of the hot lunch menu items is not as good as last year.
  - Fariba H. is looking into new vendors/caterers with an aim to stay healthy and affordable.
  - For any questions or comments, please contact [rosepointpaclunch@gmail.com](mailto:rosepointpaclunch@gmail.com)
  - NRP is lucky to have this PAC-run Hot Lunch program, which provides many choices 5 days a week.
- Parent Conversation Group - Julie W.
  - The Parent Conversation Group met to talk about digital literacy and online safety. Keeping channels of communication open is a good foundation.
  - There is a presentation on Raising Digitally Responsible Youth on April 16 at VanTech and May 8 at Prince of Wales School.
- Parent Reading Group - Julie W.
  - Recent topic: Books that deal with friendship and bullying
  - Upcoming topics: Managing Peer Pressure (April 6) and First Nations (April 20)
- Events committee update - Sharon
  - Spring Fair is scheduled for May 11, 3-7PM.
    - Four large rides/games have been ordered, and handmade games will be organized.
    - 3 food trucks
    - Photo booth
    - Letter to vendors for sponsorship and donations for a silent auction

### **Financial Report - Hisham Z.**

- \$18.3K in the bank after all payouts
- Csilla asked about the status of the Lunch Receivables
  - About 8-10 people have outstanding balances for their Hot Lunch orders.
  - If you owe more than \$50, you will not be able to make any new orders until your balance is paid off.
- Pac2Pac Fund
  - Rob Peregoodoff, DPAC Chair and NRP PAC Member at Large, announced that our contribution to the Pac2Pac Fund was spent to fund the Vancouver Aquarium's mobile unit for the day at the receiving school.
- Income Sources
  - Direct Appeal
  - Lunch Program: we receive 10% of all orders. This is our primary source of income.
  - Gaming Grant: for specific use
  - Spring Fair fundraising

### **Staff Report - Mike and Karen**

- Student Led Conferences coming up March 7 & 8.
  - This is an organized conference where the child will take you through a series of activities, providing a snapshot of what their days look like and illustrating evidence of growth.
  - Teachers will be present to chat with as well.
  - Julie W. asked if Mike or Karen could give us any tips on optimizing the Student Led Conference.
    - You want your child to talk about their thinking process
    - It's about process and taking ownership.
    - Ask what's next, ask about their goals, their mistakes, their struggles, what they are going to do to move forward.
    - Ask questions that are open-ended as opposed to yes/no questions.
      - For example, instead of asking "Did you like X?" you could ask "What did you like most about X?" and you are likely to get a more thoughtful answer with more information.
- Staffing Update
  - Grade 7 teacher Jim Embry accepted a VP position with a January start date.
    - A Grade 7 retired teacher has stepped in to cover this position through spring break.
    - This position has been posted both internally and on the provincial external Make a Future website, and they are hoping to hire someone for this position.
    - Staff are working together through this difficult situation.
    - NRP is lucky to have the learning support that they do, as not every VSB school has this kind of support.
    - The VSB is still looking for quality teachers that have been vetted, not just teachers who are simply available.
    - The extra challenge with this Grade 7 position is that it is a temporary position, and those on the job market are looking for permanent positions so they are reluctant to take a temporary one.
    - Several parents attended this PAC meeting to voice their concern over the Grade 7 teacher situation.
    - If there are any issues, the protocol is to first speak to the teacher, and then if there is no resolution, speak to the Principal and Vice Principal.

**Meeting adjourned: 7:26pm**

**Next PAC meeting:** Tuesday, April 10, 6:30 - 7:30pm. All are welcome, babysitting will be provided. Sharon W. and Kelli K. will both be away for this meeting. Beth K. will chair the meeting in Sharon's absence.