

## Norma Rose Point PAC Meeting Minutes

**Date:** September 19, 2018

**Location:** NRP Library

### AGENDA

Approval of June 2018 PAC Minutes

PAC Chair Report

Financial Report

Committee Reports

Staff Report

New Items

**PAC Executive in attendance:** Sharon Yu (Chair), Jody Lau (Past Chair), Kelli Kadokawa (Co-Secretary), Wendy Yip (Co-Secretary), Julie Wang (Parent Education Committee); Beth Krisciunas (Lunch Committee Chair), Rob Peregoodoff (Member at Large), Donghong Liu (Volunteer Coordinator)

**Parents in attendance:** In addition to the PAC Executive, Csilla Tamas, Sophie Yurist, Debbie Yeung, Pak Hui, Emma Carpenter, Sunnie Luo, Claire Chow, Ping Li, Joann Anokwuru, Fei Liu, Samuel Wong, Jeanine Rhemtulla, Young Soon Yoon, Mahtab Vakili, Helena Albuquerque, Marcio Albuquerque, Linda Li

### School Admin & Staff in attendance:

Rosa Fazio (Principal)

Call to Order: 6:35pm

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

### Introductions

- A round of introductions

### Approval of June PAC meeting minutes

<p><b>Motion:</b> To approve the minutes from the May PAC meeting. Rob P. moved to approve, Beth K. seconded. All in favor, motion passed.</p>
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### PAC Chair Report - Sharon

- What is a Parent Advisory Council (PAC)?
  - It is the officially recognized collective voice of parents.
  - It is not a forum to discuss student or staff issues.
- What does the PAC do?
  - Fundraising, organization and support of school events, hot lunch program, volunteer and education opportunities
- The PAC Executive consists of a Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Coordinators, a DPAC rep
- The 2018/19 PAC Executive will be voted in at the AGM on October 3, 2018.
- PAC Communication
  - PAC website
  - PAC newsletters
  - NRP app

- PAC email: [rosepointpac@gmail.com](mailto:rosepointpac@gmail.com)
- Group email function for important messages
- packet of information sent out in the first week of school
- PAC Meeting Schedule: PAC meetings will be scheduled bi-monthly (a move from monthly meetings)
  - Important information will be shared throughout the year

### Financial Report - Sharon

- A full picture of the finances will be reported at the AGM on October 3.
- Question: Regarding Direct Appeal money, can we track where money is allocated and earmarked?
  - Answer: Yes
- Comments on Direct Appeal
  - You can sign in to your cashonline account, and use a credit card or debit card
  - For an automatic tax receipt, you will need to use the cashonline system, but the rollout of information came late
  - Barriers to donating on the website
- Cashonline account:
  - parents can pay for field trips
  - a print out of outstanding payments can be generated

### Committee Reports

- Lunch committee update - Beth K.
  - The Hot Lunch Program is the only fundraising effort for NRP and raises significant dollars for the school. For example, last year, the Hot Lunch Program raised \$24K.
  - New caterers possibly in January
  - Hot lunch menu and pricing changes
  - This school year, there are fewer orders than in the past.
  - A few parents have challenges with how ordering works so there may be a tutorial in the future.
  - Parent comment: ordering is tedious and cancellation instructions are hard to understand.
    - Messaging is a challenge with Munch a Lunch.
  - Parent comment: are there any other software options?
    - Other options were explored with disadvantages and advantages. Parents are free to suggest alternatives but the site must be hosted in Canada.
  - For any questions or comments, please contact [rosepointpaclunch@gmail.com](mailto:rosepointpaclunch@gmail.com)

<p><b>Action:</b> Call for volunteers for lunch delivery and distribution. Sign up here: <a href="https://nrppac.wordpress.com/join-us/volunteer/">https://nrppac.wordpress.com/join-us/volunteer/</a></p>
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- Parent Education - Julie W.
  - Sarah Welton, school counselor, and Esain Mo, VSB support worker, host a drop-in support group on Wednesday mornings. The full schedule is on the calendar and school app.

### Staff Report - Rosa

- History and philosophy of NRP

- NRP went from 250 students in portables to 889 students currently
- Learners draw from nature, UBC community, extended learning, STEM
- Lots of visitors from BC and globally to learn about learning communities at NRP
- The focus is community-based/project-based learning on core competencies
  - The learning environment itself is a third teacher, allowing students to learn from each other through collaboration
  - We want our kids to ask questions, be engaged in their learning, be passionate about their learning
  - There is a value on creative spaces for learning
- The Peace Pod: a place for students to go and have their own space, self-regulate, when things are too much and they need a place to unwind
- Staffing: best year so far, last year was the worst
  - Last year with class size legislation, there was a need to hire more educators
  - This year, everyone is place, but a few are on leave, K learning support still needs to be filled.
  - Permanent subs with benefits
- Communication: The current NRP website is not ideal, but NRP is the first to get a new website in a couple of weeks. New VSB look, and Rosa will populate with details as soon as it's available.
  - The NRP app is the current mode of communication
  - Every community can send out their own communication via the app.
  - Please sign up, and sign up through the app
  - Absence form: it is very important for parents to let NRP know when their child will be absent to avoid heavy workload in tracking your child down
  - Tip line
- What's different this year:
  - No band. Unless there is a parent volunteer, we do not have a band teacher.
  - Parent Question: Can an internship with UBC be arranged? Yes.
  - No French, this is taught within the communities
  - Foods: garden to table initiative
  - Exploratories: Music, digital media, drama, foods
- Next year when grade 8 moves to U-Hill, kids will still get foods, music, but no exploratories, (which is a middle school thing). The redistribution of grades and the loss of grade 8 will entail a loss of the middle school designation. Teachers will only get 100 minutes of teacher prep time, as opposed to 200 minutes under the middle school designation.
  - U-Hill will be K-6, then K-7.
- NRP at 889 this year, but hard to predict for next year, but in the 700's for sure.
- Parent Question: If NRP has no official middle school, will the structure remain the same?
- Choir: no one is sponsoring a middle school choir right now but there is a primary choir.
  - These are clubs where teachers volunteer their time, there is no obligation so every year it's different.
  - Parent Question: Regarding clubs, do kids have to pass a test or can they just sign up? They can just sign up, but math.
  - Parent Question: where can I find a list of all the clubs? Announcements are made for club sign up..
- Registration for new students to VSB: online process for all grades, but paperwork must be submitted for verification (To be launched on November 1)
- Volunteers: parental involvement on an instructional level is welcomed
  - Parents can ask the community teachers if they have something to offer

- Volunteer drivers: For any school sponsored event: everyone has to go on to the ICBC website and generate a PDF of your driving record to provide to Rosa so she can determine your driving qualifications for field trips etc. Drivers can cc or forward to Rosa. This only has to be done annually only, not every time you volunteer to drive.
  - A driving record is not required for parents driving kids for club activities that are not sponsored by the school, where kids are meant to arrive on their own or via carpool.

**Meeting adjourned: 7:50pm**

**Next PAC meeting and Annual General Meeting (AGM):** October 3, 2018. All are welcome, babysitting will be provided.