

December 5, 2018

PAC Meeting Minutes

PAC Executives in attendance: Jennifer Figarski, Fei Liu, Jody Yau, Beth Krisciunas, Donghong Liu, Rob Peregoodoff

Parents in attendance: Lyndsay Campbell, Paul Cyr, Rachel Ren, Ivy Gao, Pak Hui, Debbie Yeung, Julie Wei (several others that did not sign in)

NRP administration in attendance: Karen Noel-Bentley

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:32pm

Greeting: Please join me in acknowledging that we live on the traditional lands of the Musqueam people

Approval of AGM Minutes (Posted on PAC Website for your review)

- Beth: Motion to approve the PAC AGM Minutes as posted on the PAC Website.
Seconded by: Csilla
All in favour: Motion Passed

PAC Chair Report:

- Jody acknowledged the amazing contribution to NRP from Karen Noel-Bentley, our V.P. Karen has been at NRP for the past 7 years: 5 as a classroom instructor and the past, almost, 2 years as our V.P.
 - Karen will be moving to Norquay as of January and Teena Smith will be moving over from Norquay to NRP.
 - We are excited to meet Teena but will definitely miss Ms. Noel-Bentley.
 - **Thank you for the past 7 years you have been at NRP!**

Financial Report:

General Account Balances:

- General Account and Gaming Grant

Reimbursements to the School:

- How has the money been spent so far?

Direct Appeal:

- Update on NRP's balance

Committee Reports:

Lunch Committee:

- Beth reports that she is looking into the possibility of adding Subway as a caterer. She hopes that if they are able to label and organize food as we need it then it can be added as of January to the lunch menu
- Beth also is aiming for mid December too have the menu completed and up for January going forward. PAC will communicate to parents as soon as a date is known.
- Question came up about the possibility of seeing what is in each menu item. Beth will look into the possibility of getting a full ingredient list from the vendors. Likely we would post this on the PAC Website as it is too complicated to add to the menu itself.

Event Committee:

Multicultural Day (February 11)

- Our Event Committee will be calling a meeting next week to have any interested parents come discuss Multicultural Day. Look for the PAC notification coming on date and time!

Spring Fair (May 10)

- Planning for Spring Fair will get underway shortly. We will be looking for ideas and a lot of help from parents to join the planning committee. We also have some Grade 8 students who have voiced interest in helping. We will look at how we can possibly incorporate them and their ideas into the planning phase of Spring Fair.

Earth Day: Lyndsay Campbell asked if we could look at holding an Earth Day Event. Uhill Elementary holds a great one every year. Lyndsay has come up with some great ideas that will be passed along to the Event Committee for discussion and planning.

Parent Education:

Plan for the year.

- We are so fortunate enough to have Fei Liu organizing Parent Education this year. She has come up with many amazing ideas.
Please see attached document with her plan!
 - We aim to host the first session before Winter Break!
 - The idea is to gather parents from all backgrounds and share their unique experiences on different topics

Parent Support Circle: Sarah (School Counsellor) and Essaine Mo

- Happen generally every 2 weeks. Dates are on the PAC and NRP App Calendars. Wide ranging topics discussed. Parents can come with questions or concerns and discuss in a safe environment.

School Report:

Karen Reporting:

Staffing Changes

- Along with Karen moving to Norquay and Teena Smith coming there have been some changes with staffing –
 - Maple: Sian Dowle has been hired as Learning Support
 - Alder: Betty Mang is on Mat Leave and just had a baby boy today. Congrats to her!! Becky is filling Betty's mat leave
 - Cedar: Angela Hicks still off – Ms. McConville was filling in but now Natalie Anderson is covering during Angela's absence.
 - Hemlock: Robin Robertson has left and Steven Asdrubale has been hired to replace him as Learning Support

Inquiry Learning:

- It is not only NRP students who are doing Inquiry learning! NRP staff is also hard at work in this area.
- The VSB has a program called “Collaborative Inquiry”. Currently NRP has teachers participating in 6 groups doing 6 different Inquiry projects as well as 3 sets of teachers in District Based Inquiry projects.
- A very exciting time and it is great for parents to know that our teachers are constantly expanding their learning.

Communicating Student Learning (CSL):

- The title “Report Card” is now replaced by CSL. It provides better ongoing feedback for students
- NRP has been involved in the Pilot Project for CSL for the past 3 years..
- What and When can parents expect CSL to happen?
 - Goal Setting Conferences: Just happened several weeks ago
 - Paper Report Cards: End of January and end of June
 - Student Led Conference: March
 - Each Community will generally hold a Celebration of Learning several times during the school year. This is dependent on the Community so parents should keep an eye out for communication.
- Remember that NRP Reporting does not use letter grades. Half of all VSB schools are now following this model.
 - Important to note that mini schools are aware of this and that report cards do not get handed out until the end of January. They will accommodate any and all students applying to mini schools.
 - This also applies to high schools. NRP is in constant communication with UHill Secondary about the students that are moving there next September. In fact staff and administration from both NRP and UHill Secondary have already met and gone over each child that will be attending high school next year.
- About ½ of the VSB district is currently involved in the CSL Pilot project. It was estimated that by Sept. 2019 all schools would be using this model but the Province of BC is actually looking at wanting to roll this out province wide. So now the district will wait on the Ministry of Education for their plan.
- Transitioning to UHill Secondary:
 - Staff and administration from both schools will continue their close collaboration to make the student transition as smooth as possible.
 - Also coming up in the next few months:
 - Parent Info Night
 - The UHill Counsellor coming to NRP to speak to students
 - Kids from NRP will visit the high school.

New Business:

- Grade 8 student organizing Santa Workshop for Fri. Dec. 14
Let us all support this fundraiser! Bring in one or more items (Gently used book, toy or game). Items will be sold on Dec. 14th. Free Gift Wrapping available!

- Food Bank: The Grade 8 Leadership team is taking the lead on this. Food bank donation boxes will be passed around to all classes this week. Please bring a non perishable food item to donate!
 - NRP will donate half of what is raised to the UBC Food Bank (used by students and families on campus) and half to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank.
 - Jody will send messaging out before the end of the week along with a suggested list of debatable items.

- Grade 8 Leadership
 - Just a note that Jody is in touch with Sarah Endicott (grade 8 teacher and Leadership sponsor) and is so excited to be hearing their enthusiasm and ideas. It is important that parents know how these students are coming up with great ideas and hopefully, if needed, we can support them.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:42pm

Next PAC Meeting Wednesday February 6th at 6:30pm