

NRP PAC minutes

April 4th, 2019

Meeting called to order 6:32 by Chair Jody Yau

Attendance = Jennifer Figarski (Volunteer Chair), Jeanine Rhemtulla (Treasurer), Tara Ivanochko, Paul Keeling, Dara Poon, Julie Wang, Donghong Liu (Lunch Treasurer), Rob Peregoodoff (DPAC Rep), Claire Chow, Fei Liu (Parent Education Chair), Jody Yau (Chair), Lyndsay Campbell, Priscila Supimpa, Grace Jiang, Yiping Zhu, Sun Wan, Lili Tsang, Rachel Ren, Csilla Tamas

1. Approval of February Pac Minutes as presented
 - a. Motion by Rob Peregoodoff, seconded by Jennifer Figarski, motion carried unanimously
2. Financial Report by treasurer (Jeanine Rhemtulla)
 - a. Please see appendix for treasurer's report and bank account update for Sept 1, 2018 to April 1, 2019
 - b. Gaming grant = discussion around creating an ad hoc committee for the spending of the gaming grant. If parents are interested then they should reach out to the treasurer.
3. Committee reports
 - a. Lunch = through chair from lunch coordinator, all is good
 - b. Event Committee
 - i. Spring Fair -
 1. getting tables
 2. Volunteers
 3. Food truck - Bannock truck will defer to Sports Day
4. School Report = Principal (R. Fazio) sends regrets, VP (Teena Smith) provided the report
 - a. Multicultural day
 - b. Black History Month to be celebrated
 - c. Communicating student learning
 - d. Staffing update (6 supervision aides, SSA's tough to fill positions)
 - e. Losing Grade 8's, increase in 1 division to 5 for K intake.
 - f. Athletics - Girls Basketball have done well,
 - g. Presentations = Selena Noon, Safer schools (tech), Netherlands delegation
 - h. High school articulation
 - i. School planning (social and emotional learning/mental health)

*****See attached for full report details*****

5. New Business
 - a. Field Trips - Spiro Robots field trip to Apple store for Gr. 6, presented by Grade 6 parent

- i. Letter from Acting Principal (M. McEwan) to all Grade 6 student parents/guardians submitted for discussion.
 - ii. Ad hoc committee - review of the existing field trip policies with goal of addressing any gaps with regard to vendor and marketing. R Peregoodoff to lead (TBC)
 - iii. Ad hoc committee - explore NRP possible expanding use of gaming grant funds to support and guide coding and STEM activities at NRP. R Peregoodoff to lead (TBC)
- b. Math Club/Competitions - presentation Math club exec looking for support in extending beyond April.
- i. Presentation by (?) Parent Volunteer for the Math Club, asking for support to extend the Math club beyond the current date (?) communicated by the teacher sponsor (R. Fazio).
 - ii. The Chair responded:
 - 1. Unfortunately this situation is beyond the scope of the PAC to become directly involved, however some points of clarification:
 - a. The club must communicate directly with the teacher sponsor and school administration (in this case the same person); a member of PAC exec will attend as has been requested by Administration.
 - b. It is normal practice for clubs to have defined beginning and end dates and not to run year round.
 - c. Sponsorship of clubs within public education is entirely a volunteer exercise; if there is no volunteer for whatever reason, the school cannot sponsor or be involved in any with the club.
 - iii. A parent (R. Peregoodoff) shared his concerns that while the general intent of the Math Club is to be commended, it has unfortunately developed a reputation as being elitist by other students and parents within NRP, and in his opinion, can be seen to be a proxy curriculum for those parents who are dissatisfied with the math curriculum their children are receiving at NRP.
 - 1. The response of the volunteer coach supported the dissatisfaction of the current formal math curriculum
 - 2. Another Math Club parent asked the question on what are the policies governing where formal curriculum and co-curricular activities overlap? Teena and Jody said they would look at the VSB Policies

Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm

Next PAC Meeting will be May 1, 2019