

Norma Rose Point PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: January 8, 2020

Location: NRP Library

PAC Executive in attendance: Jennifer F., Yuki N., Sun K., Fei L., Sharon Y., Donghong L., Monica W.,

Parent in attendance: Csilla T., Donna W., Mila C., Yawen H., Lanzhen C., Jessica L., Dara P., Laura Z.

School Admin & Staff in Attendance: Ian Cannon (Principal), Teena Smith (Vice-Principal)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

2. GREETING

Please join us in acknowledging that we live on the unceded traditional lands of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam) People's.

3. ADOPTION OF THIS AGENDA

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- 4.1. Approval of Nov. 2019 Meeting Minutes
Moved: Jennifer F. Second: Yawen H. All in favour
- 4.2. Approval of Dec. 2019 Meeting Minutes
Moved: Jennifer F. Second: Yuki N. All in favour

5. PAC CHAIRS REPORT

- 5.1. Thank you for those who attend today's meeting, we offered food and drinks to attract more parents to participate PAC meetings, and we will continue do so for the Feb. meeting. PAC will send out meeting reminders earlier.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1. Lunch Committee

- 6.1.1. student volunteers need to be more responsible and consistent with their duties
- 6.1.2. we are in short of parent volunteers, lunch program cannot run without parent volunteers, PAC will consider cut off hot lunch days if the situation gets worse. One parent suggested to follow what one of the North Vancouver public schools PAC does regarding volunteer recruitment: purchase option for parents who cannot volunteer actual hours but still want to contribute in other ways

6.2. Parent Ed. Committee

6.2.1. cyber security session was held at the end of Nov.

6.2.2. next session will be on Jan. 21, topic: right balance on student's academic performance and extra-curriculum activities recommendations, stay tuned for detail time and location

6.3. Events Committee

6.3.1. Multicultural Day is one month away, focus on K-5 again this year

6.3.2. Spring Fair: there will be 4 food trucks as last year

6.4. Traffic Committee

6.4.1. had a meeting with school admin and staff from UBC traffic department regarding traffic concerns at NRP

6.4.2. pick up/drop off area on Ortona Road is a concern, Drake towing company will be onsite from Monday Jan. 13, 2020 to tow any illegal parking vehicles

6.4.3. school will update traffic signage from no parking to no stopping

6.4.4. traffic committee is looking at the format of a survey to get an idea of the issues that stop parents from allowing their kid to walk/cycle to/from school, survey will be sending home soon

6.4.5. traffic committee will liaise with parent education committee to host a parent ed. session by using materials from VSB

6.4.6. we could build a better relationship with St. Anselm's Church for shared parking spaces

6.4.7. there are not many registrations for walking school bus from/to Wesbrook Village

6.4.8. Speed Watch Program: depending on RCMP staff to provide proper training for volunteers

6.4.9. one parent had concern regarding construction in front of daycare centre on Osoyoos Crescent. traffic committee has raised this concern in Dec, and there is a number to call for any on campus issues such as traffic, aggressive drivers, tree falling, etc.

604.822.2173. Also UBC non-emergency number is 604.224.1322

6.5. Social Media

6.5.1. one parent suggested to move PAC Calendar to the main page for easy access

7. STAFF REPORT

7.1. see attachment

8. NEW ITEMS

8.1. New Mandarin After-School program introduction, please go to rocketlanguagekids.com for more information

9. TERMINATION AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm. The next PAC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2020 @ 6pm, light refreshments will be provided.

January 8, 2020

January PAC Meeting

Administrator's Report

1. **Enrollment Update** – over the Winter Break six students left and were replaced by new registrants and wait listed students. We are currently at 776 students. Next year's Kindergarten enrollment is at 73; January 31st is the deadline for Kindergarten registration. There are many families who need to submit documents to complete their registrations. Students with incomplete registration documents are not registered.
2. **Mid-Year Report Cards** – are issued on January 30, 2020. Most teachers are using the formats they used last year. Next year, all report cards must meet the new Ministry guidelines. Staff have been asked to send a communication home regarding the report card format they are using.
3. **Term 2 Activities** – The term 2 extra-curricular activities start this week and are sponsored by school staff, the VSB Community Schools Team or operated by private operators through rentals. Some of the activities include chess club, coding, escape room creation, knitting club, garden club, improve theatre, primary art, internet safety and multi ball sports program.
4. **Round About Drop Off Zone** - Cars parked in the clearly marked drop off/pick up zone in the round about risk being towed by Drake Towing. This area must be accessible to emergency vehicles at all times. The school will not be "covering" tow fees.
5. **Staffing Update** – We are pleased to welcome Ms. Mang back from her maternity leave, her replacement, Sarah Hedley is now at Hudson Elementary School. As well, we are pleased to welcome 3 new School Support Workers Tanya Ravensgaard, Kalia Katsifaris and Callan Hoffman. The school now has it's full allotment of SSWs.

Delivered via email

The Honourable Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

January 12, 2020

Dear Minister Farnworth,

We are writing to again request additional RCMP resources for the University Endowment Lands.

Specifically, we request that the growing daytime population of non-resident students at UBC be taken into account when determining policing staff requirements. This letter follows one written to you by residents of the UEL in July 2019 and a follow-up letter from the UEL Community Advisory Council sent on October 20, 2019.

To reiterate, in July of last year there were a series of very serious home invasions and robberies. In one case, it took the local RCMP fully two hours to respond in part because they had been occupied with a loud student house party. In another case, it appears a drone was being used to survey a property for a possible future break-in. The local RCMP detachment Commander has described the UEL as a “target rich” environment, with criminals apparently aware that policing resources are stretched thin. The Commander has acknowledged that his detachment is understaffed.

In addition, the Parent Advisory Council at Norma Rose Point Elementary School is concerned about the local RCMP’s ability to enforce the Motor Vehicle Act. The school has requested increased support to manage traffic at peak times around the school day, but have been told the local detachment is stretched and cannot provide this support. More traffic, unchecked speeders and distracted drivers have created an unsettling environment on the campus roads leading to the school. Caregivers are hesitant to let children walk or cycle to school unaccompanied by adults as they are constantly at risk due to careless drivers on campus. Drivers operate with a high disregard for traffic rules and road markings and there is a sense of permissiveness that has been engendered by the lack of consistent traffic enforcement. Among the many dangerous infractions observed: drivers are passing along solid yellow lines, failing to stop for pedestrians at crosswalks, speeding, and running red lights. Safe parking practices are not enforced and put pedestrians at risk. An increase in RCMP staffing levels may help support traffic enforcement and increase safety on campus roads that NRP students and their families use to get to school from the surrounding neighbourhoods.

At University Hill Elementary school, there has been a recent increase in crime. There were three break-ins on the school grounds in the period from September to December, 2019. One incident was a break-in into the school, a second was a break-in to a car parked briefly in front of the school in the late afternoon, and the third resulted in four skylights being stolen from the roof of the school. These incidents have increased anxiety and safety concerns among staff and parents.

The local RCMP has requested more resources, but have not seen additional allocations despite the rising demands from the growing UBC student population. At a recent UEL meeting, the Commander highlighted time-consuming demands for the policing of Wreck Beach and the increasing time spent responding to student mental health emergency calls on campus.

In your October 11, 2019 letter to the residents of the UEL, you indicate that *“the provincial government has made significant financial investments in the BC Provincial Police Service over the past several years. I am aware, however, that front-line police resource levels at provincial jurisdictional detachments such as*

the University RCMP Detachment have not increased as a result of these investments". We ask that you address the clear shortfall in policing services in the greater UEL community by taking into account the growing demands on the RCMP from the non-resident UBC student population.

We look forward to seeing progress on this issue.

Regards,



UEL Community Advisory Council
pp. Claire Huxtable

Cc: Jonn Braman, Manager, University Endowment Lands
The Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Stg Chuck Lan, University RCMP Detachment Commander
The Honourable David Eby, M.L.A. Vancouver Point Grey
Richard Watson, Chair, University Neighbourhood Association
Ian Cannon, Principal, Norma Rose Point School
Trevor Wrinch, Principal, University Hill Elementary School

Update from NRP Traffic Safety Committee Member Mila Cyr

Thanks to Principal Ian Cannon for his support and assistance in getting the Traffic Safety Committee off to a good start.

A roundtable discussion was held Dec 3, 2020 at NRP. Those present included: Krista Falkner Campus & Community Planning, Hayden O'Connor VSB Facilities Planner, Mr. Cannon, Traffic Safety Committee: Beth Krisciunas, Binoy Mascarenhas, Mila Cyr. Absent: Will Emo, University Endowment Lands

The following issues were discussed:

1. Unsafe congestion in the PUDO (Pick up and Drop off) areas

-towing of vehicles to occur, installation of new "No Stopping" signage will be investigated

2. Traffic safety issues on roads leading to the school & the Development of a Mode Survey

-the Traffic Safety Committee and Hayden O'Connor are working to develop this survey which may help identify areas of concern in the neighbourhood and on campus routes to NRP. Once developed, survey will be sent out via the NRP app.

-results will be shared with VSB, UBC Campus and Community Planning, The University Neighbourhoods Association (UNA), and The University Endowment Lands (UEL), and the local RCMP detachment to find ways to improve safe access to NRP.

4. Parent and Student Education

-development of materials and possible parent education session to be developed for NRP in the near future with the assistance of VSB staff

5. Other initiatives discussed:

-Speed Watch: Community Liaison at RCMP detachment is investigating raising resources for training community volunteers for this program in the near future, funding dependant.

-Drive to 5 PUDO pattern to be investigated as a way to reduce congestion.

-Continued focus on Walk and Roll Program to encourage walking to school.

Additional Update:

Because of its location on UBC campus and the many entities responsible for road and traffic safety here, NRP lacks a Vancouver Police Department School Liaison to help navigate these issues. That said, the RCMP is a key resource to many of our core endeavours to improve safety and access to NRP. However, the local detachment has reduced staffing (core policing model) and is strained to ensure the safety of commuting families to NRP.

The University Endowment Land's Community Advisory Council (UEL-CAC) has been petitioning the provincial government, specifically the Hon. Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, asking for more RCMP staffing at local detachment to help keep our roads and community safe.

Principal Ian Cannon (on behalf of the NRP PAC) has joined the UEL-CAC's most recent petition, joining the voices of the UEL as well as Trevor Wrich, Principal of UHill Elementary. (See attached letter).

