

Norma Rose Point PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: November 13, 2019

Location: NRP Library

PAC Executive in attendance: Jennifer Figarski, Jeanine Rhentulla, Beth Kriscionas, Yuki Namekawa, Sun Kim, Fei Lin, Donna Zhou, Paul Keeling

Parent in attendance: Laura Zajac, Mila Cyr, Naoma Rotem-Kohavi, Sophia Yurist, Binoy Mascavenhas

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm.

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

Moved: Jeanine R., Seconded: Beth K., All in Favor, Carried

5. PAC CHAIRS REPORT

5.1. Talked about how she feels like she is starting to settle in to her role and that everyone else is as well, there are a lot of new people this year which is a great thing.

5.2. Will be working with everyone to update and improve pac website asap with no ads and make easier to navigate.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

6.1. Financial Updates

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1. Lunch Committee

7.1.1. Discussing about adding new caterer, Searching for new Sushi caterer

7.1.2.Snack Kits: In case students forgot bringing lunch which often happens in special time schedule like field trips, prepare snack kits in the classroom

7.2. Parent Ed. Committee

7.2.1.Two sessions (Climate Change, Halloween costume swap) have been held, now planning a session about internet safety

7.3. Events Committee

7.3.1.Staff Appreciation lunch resulted in success, moving on to Spring Fair and Multi-cultural day

7.4. Traffic Committee

7.4.1.To provide the safest possible environment for kids commuting to school, Starting from surveying their commute mode and the reason, Reaching out to various stakeholders to build support and implement solutions

7.4.2.Recruit more volunteers

7.5.Website upgrades

7.5.1.Will start to use paid website to take off advertisement

7.5.2.Developing an idea of streaming the meetings, upgrading the web adding FAQ, message board where parents can ask, connecting with Facebook and Twitters to induce more parents to PAC web

8. **STAFF REPORT**

Refer the attached file

9. **TERMINATION AND NEXT MEETING**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm. The next PAC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2019 at 6:30pm.

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PAC Meeting Administrator Report

1. **Remembrance Day Assemblies** – held a primary and an intermediate assembly organized by Ms. Cole and Ms. Bell. Both were extremely well done and age appropriate. It was nice to have parents attending both assemblies. Next year I would like to move in to the big gym to encourage greater parent attendance.
2. **FSA** – the FSA's have been completed and submitted to the District for marking, the results should be available in 6 to 8 weeks. Student test booklets will be returned to the families.
3. **Conferences** – the 2 nights of conferences were very well attended. Teachers arranged alternate times for parents who scheduling challenges. The first report cards will be issued on January 20, 2020.
4. **Core French Funds** – Core French funds are provided to support the grade 5 to 7 Core French program. The teachers have received \$1500 and have until the end of March to spend the funds.
5. **Gym Equipment** – the school recently received the gym equipment provided through generous PAC funding. The equipment is now in use for all classes.
6. **2 Growing Concerns** – unfortunately the use of homophobic and racial slurs has been increasing among students. We are working with VSB consultants to guide our practice in dealing with this situation. Secondly, there is an increase in physicality on the playground to solve problems. Students are resorting to yelling, pushing and hitting as a first reaction to disputes and perceptions of unfairness. We are working with District staff to guide our practice. We really need parent support in these two areas.
7. **Home/School Communication** – we have both a school website and a school app. The website is mandatory and the structure is determined by the District. While we are able to edit some content, other is content must be edited by the District. The school app information is more accurate and updated than the info in the school web site. We strongly encourage parents to use the app and ensure the notifications are turned on. We are in the midst of updating the web site; it will be an ongoing and time-consuming process.