

# **NRP PAC GENERAL MEETING AGENDA**

**November 16, 2021**

**6:30pm - 7:30pm**

**via Zoom Meeting**

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**Call to Order: 6:33pm**

**Greeting:** Please join us in acknowledging that we live on the unceded traditional lands of the xwməθkwəyə m (Musqueam) People's.

## **1. ADOPTION OF THIS AGENDA**

**MOTION: To approve this Agenda**

**Moved:** Yuki, Seconded: Sun, All in favour, Carried.

## **2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS PAC AGM MEETING MINUTES ON OCTOBER 19, 2021**

**MOTION: To approve the October 19, 2021 PAC AGM Meeting Minutes**

**Moved:** Sun, Seconded: Yuki, All in favour, Carried.

## **3. NRP STAFF REPORT – HENRY PETERS + SHANNON BURKE**

- November 1 is a historic holiday for the Musqueam people. It observes a historic ruling made by a judge on how Musqueam lands are to be honoured, respected and dealt with.

- Musqueam land acknowledgement.

- Thank you to the PAC for supporting NRP. NRP is thankful for families and parents who work together with the school to provide the best school experience. Parents are always welcome to talk to anyone at the school.

- "NRP School Plan" committee has been called for its annual review of the School Plan. The School Plan is focused on student engagement, student choice and student voice. Key points are to respect the rights of all individuals and prohibit discrimination in the school environment. Racism will not be tolerated.

- A message was sent out via the app and over email regarding "Communicating Student Learning". There are a few changes that are possible within the ministry and district guidelines: some communities will choose to report before winter break, and some reports will come out in January. All reporting – formal or informal – are ways for teachers to connect with families on how their child is doing at school, and how they are being supported. Reports are a snapshot of a student's progress at that moment.

- NRP is working to make indigenous ways of learning an authentic part of the NRP learning experience. Something as simple as circadian rhythms can affect productivity. A balanced day – three equal periods

of extended learning with two – can also factor into productivity. This is a natural segue to a balanced calendar which can follow indigenous calendars. If there is parent interest in pursuing this, Mr. Peters can provide further details.

- Staffing changes: Ms. Herman has taken on a district position. Ms. Blanteroo will be taking over Ms. Herman's position for the time being. Ms. Baldarelli has returned from a maternity leave. Mr. Peters has passed along the wonderful parent comments to her substitute Ms. Wong. Thank you to Ms. Wong.

- Critical incidents and communication: lightning hit NRP during a storm which affected the bells and PA system. The school has been working on fixing this.

Last week, there were many emergency vehicles called to the school around 3:00pm, NRP will communicate incidents that impact the community. With that, the school will also ensure privacy and confidentiality in these situations. NRP will communicate necessary information remaining cautious with what is being shared so that the privacy of the families involved are respected.

- NRP will be working with Playground Committee closely as it moves towards building out an Indigenous Garden. NRP is committed to donating funds towards this legacy community project.

- Health and Safety: Dropping off and picking up on wet days – particularly in front of the school's main doors – continues to be very problematic. Cars cannot park on both sides of the road. This obstructs vehicles trying to enter and leave. Please be respectful and cautious.

- Friday, November 26 is an Indigenous focus day. School will be closed to students. Staff will be participating online in events, experience and activities that the VSB indigenous department has arranged.

#### Parent Questions:

- How many Kindergarten classes will there be, 4 or 5? Initial projections based on district enrolment (UHill, NRP, Queen Elizabeth is over enrolled) starts conservative. This school year planning started with 4 Kindergarten classes, NRP had 60 children on the waitlist and they pushed for another Kindergarten class. The upcoming school year will likely remain at 100 Kindergarten students.
- Can Grade 6s do lunch buddies? Yes. Mr. Peters will continue that conversation based on class needs.
- Will there be after school programs (basketball teams, music clubs, etc.)? After school sports are currently in session – cross country, volleyball. There is discretion at school level for how to proceed with after school sports. Space rentals are allowed through the VSB.
- Clarify message about Direct Appeal? There was confusion about the Direct Appeal being a school or PAC request. The Direct Appeal is a school request, asking families to contribute to the school directly via Cash Online. The money goes directly to the VSB who issues charitable receipts and back to NRP. NRP has a school committee that looks at how these funds are used. Apologies if there any confusion regarding the Direct Appeal. This is separate to the PAC, and not a PAC request.
- Can NRP hire another music teacher? Prep time (110mins/week to prepare for teaching) is a contractual commitment to teachers during the school week. Prep time is provided by teachers on staff such as applied skills and food class and music. An additional teacher couldn't be hired during the school day but additional music could be offered by an after-school program or lunch-time program.
- Are all classes getting equal time in the gym for physical literacy in addition to running laps/playground time? Every class has scheduled gym and physical educational time. Some communities do this together. Bigger classes go in the gym on their own. Children running laps on the gravel pitch may be a part of the daily mandated physical activity.
- In extreme weather situations where safety is an issue and deemed unsafe, children will be allowed to stay indoors. If it is just rain, children will have recess outdoors.

- Balanced Calendars cannot add cost to VSB. It will have the same amount of instructional time, but holidays are grouped together into three equal periods and three equal instructional periods. This may not align with sport leagues, summer leagues and may cause scheduling conflicts with other schools.

#### **4. MOTION TO ADD MICHELLE ZENG TO 2021/2022 PAC EXECUTIVES**

**MOTION: To add Michelle Zeng to 2021/2022 PAC Executive Committee**

**Moved:** Sun, Seconded: Michelle, All in favour, Carried.

#### **5. MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF VOLUNTEER COACH SHIRTS**

- Requested by Ms. Jesseca Eng (G7 teacher)
- 20 shirts with the school logo - \$272.11 (including taxes)
- Paid with the Gaming Grant fund
- Currently the NRP volleyball team is being coached by G7s volunteers from University Hill Elementary. These shirts would help differentiate the volunteer coaches, with enough stock to keep for future volunteer coaches.

**MOTION: To approve the purchase of volunteer coach shirts**

**Moved:** Sun, Seconded: Taniya, All in favour, Carried.

#### **7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

##### **FUNDRAISING – YUKI NAMEKAWA**

- Fresh to You Fundraiser: Thank you to our families, the PAC sold 119 bundles and raised \$1,042.00
- The fresh products will be delivered on Thursday, November 18 to NRP. Volunteers are needed to divide the bulk order in separate bundles. The delivery is expected to arrive between 9am – 12pm.
- Curbside pick-up will be arranged on Thursday, November 18 from 2:30pm – 3:30pm, next to the gravel field. Message will be sent out on the PAC web and school app.

##### **PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE – MICHELLE CHEONG**

- Welcome Atul Gadhia as the Co-Lead of the Playground Committee.
- The first meeting with Mr. Peters was last week. More meetings will be scheduled to get more background information on the work that NRP has already done on the Indigenous Garden.
- Excited to work closely with NRP to create a learning environment and legacy piece for the whole community to enjoy and experience.

##### **TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**

- Members of the committee are working with a UNA representative and a UBC Campus Community representative.
- Survey conducted last year will be reviewed by both organizations and they will recommendations actions in official terms. They would like to present their findings and recommendations at the next PAC meeting in January.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 18 at 6:30pm.

#### **8. Q & A**

#### **9. TERMINATION OF MEETING – 7:14pm**