

NRP PAC GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

May 17, 2022

6:30pm - 7:30pm

via Zoom Meeting

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Call to Order: 6:30pm

Greeting: We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the xwməθkwəyə̓m (Musqueam) People.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS PAC MEETING MINUTES ON APRIL 19, 2022

MOTION: To approve the April 19, 2022 PAC AGM Meeting Minutes.

MOVED: Michelle, Seconded: Sun, All in favour, Carried.

3. NRP STAFF REPORT – HENRY PETERS

- Thank you; it is good to be back. Apologies for missing the last PAC meeting. Spring Break to June is a race to the finish line – it is very busy.

- Grateful to be on Musqueam land and that NRP is situated in such a beautiful environment. Most notable is how NRP students enjoy exploring and fort building in the forest.

- Every year or every second year, together with UBC, Grade 4 and 7 does a survey called the MDI (Middle Years Development Instrument). This is a self-reported questionnaire that looks at broader relationships and wellness. It is trying to develop a picture of what Grade 7s are like in the NRP community and also all across Vancouver.

- One of the first things of notice is that 48% of Grade 7s report have low well-being. The District average which surveyed 3000 Grade 7 students is at 49%. This number is concerning. Is this reflective of 2.5 years of the pandemic? Perhaps there needs to be a level of sensitivity to these group of students. This also emphasizes the importance of going outside as part of daily school activity and to have unstructured exploration time.

- Importance of play. Block some negative media that may be coming their way.

- Thank you to PAC for supporting NRP financially and through collaboration.

- NRP will be adding another Division next school year, from 31 to 32 Divisions. There is a big demand at NRP and neighbouring schools and not enough space for families moving into the community. Next year, there will be 100 Kindergarten students which is consistent with this year; every year this group of 100 students moves up and an additional Division is required to accommodate this movement of students. More staffing will be added.

- Goal is to keep younger students together and older students together in the physical school building. There may be some communities or spaces where there are multi-grades together.

- Some teachers have expressed a greater interest in team teaching communities next year, so you may see groups of teachers opting to team teach an entire community. These will be ongoing discussions.

- There has been mixed feedback about alternative school calendars. There could be future discussions about a dual track calendar school, this could be something to consider in terms of innovation in teaching and learning. There is no proposal for such a calendar at this time, just a suggestion for innovation.
- NRP is in talks with a school board in Saskatchewan that has 9 Cree immersion schools about how to incorporate learning in Indigenous first language at NRP via Zoom or team calls (like a pen pal relationship).
- There will be a few more events in June regarding communicating student learning.
- Welcome to Kindergarten will happen in person on June 1.
- Two documents have been sent out to all families: school calendar for next year with the early dismissal and school closure dates and school fees, activity fee has been raised by \$8.
- Health: NRP continues to monitor the school closely for health-related issues and has been lucky to be very healthy school. It has been a very active year for seasonal allergies. For a large school, we remain a healthy site. NRP still wrestles with staff absences and covering both teacher and support assignments. Thank you to families who are very accommodating in picking up their children who become sick at school.
- Thank you for the Classroom Learning Experience Fund that helps support field trips and bring in specialists.
- Thank you for supporting the Indigenous Focus: playground and play space, upgrades to the Indigenous garden and outdoor space.
- ASK: iPads in many of the communities are very old and many are unable to access the internet. NRP is in need of new iPads throughout the communities and is currently looking at ways of replacing them one community at a time.
- Sports Day is in discussions. More information will be provided shortly.

Q+A

Q: Do you have any statistics from previous years pre-pandemic? Is the 49% higher or lower than pre-pandemic, because what I remember in the past was that it was also considered concerningly high?

A: I don't have this data at the moment. NRP should be able to find previous NRP and District survey data. Ms. Burke has referenced that there were concerns about this number pre-pandemic but perhaps this number wasn't as high. Sleep, diet and wellness were a concern even prior to Mr. Cannon's arrival.

Q: Is Sports Day for parents as well?

A: Not sure. We will keep you informed.

4. MOTION TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE PAC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FROM OCTOBER TO JUNE STARTING 2023

- PAC AGM elects new executive members every year.
- Current AGM is held in October after some executive members have already left the school.
- There is a need to transfer the roles and responsibilities of PAC executive positions before the old executive members leave.
- PAC's new financial year would run from June to June.

MOTION: Motion to change the date of the PAC Annual General Meeting from October to June starting 2023.

MOVED: Michelle, Seconded: Sun, All in favour, Carried.

5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

EVENTS REPORT – DANIEL CAPELOZA

- Multicultural Week:

Date: May 16 – 20th;

Time: 3:00 – 3:30pm

Location: NRP's outdoor area (close to the Multipurpose Room).

During the week, there will be 2 cultural booths set up at the Sundial Plaza (main entrance on the field side) along with performances (weather permitting). Different cultures will be presented every day.

- Thank you to all the parents who are involved! We have had beautiful sunny weather so far!

- Thank you to the school for providing space, equipment and tents.

Schedule:

Monday: South Asia cultural booth

Tuesday: Taekwondo (Korean Martial Arts) performance

Wednesday: Latin America (Brazilian music) performance

Thursday: Japan cultural booth

Friday: China – Folk music and dance performances

6. NEW ITEMS – QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS?

Q: NRP is unfortunately not like other neighbouring schools when it comes to activities like sports day and teams like basketball and volleyball starting Grade 5. We have a couple of teachers with physical education backgrounds yet there is no one except Chef Smith.

A (Mr. Peters): This year, NRP started the year with a Cross Country team and multiple Volleyball teams that have played against other schools. Basketball (girls and boys) has just finished. NRP does often tend to have the same sports coaches. NRP has Volleyball coaches from UHill that run practices on weekday mornings and they have continued on throughout the year. Pickleball, Badminton is also played. Every school is dependent on staff members who are willing to take on those extracurricular activities and sports. Not sure if there is a track and field team running this year. The UBC Thunderbird Track and Field team has offered coaching services but it is again dependent on a staff member who is willing to take on this extra-curricular responsibility and no one on NRP staff volunteered to take that on at this time.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 21 @ 6:30pm

9. TERMINATION OF MEETING – 7:03pm