



# Upper Lynn PAC Meeting

February 24, 2020

7:00pm

## **PAC Executive in attendance:**

Mary Ann Bell  
Sandee Sangha  
Leslie Jaremchuk  
Rita Vilensky  
Caroline Chambers  
Megan Renzitti

## **Absent with regrets:**

Natallia Dzmitryieva  
Jess Sprowson  
Susanna Wilson Smith  
Jacquie Kydd  
Victoria Kelly

## **School staff in attendance:**

Randy Holman, Principal  
Lise Grendel, Vice Principal  
Kelly Blaker, Grade 4/5 teacher

## **Other attendees:**

Cyndi Gerlach, NVSD School Trustee

1. Mary Ann called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.
2. Financials update  
As Jess and Natallia were not present at the meeting, Mary Ann briefly reviewed the financials: they are on track as per mid-year expectations.
3. Approve January 27, 2020 meeting minutes  
The minutes from the last meeting were posted on Facebook and the ULPAC website, and paper copies were circulated. There was a motion to approve the minutes as published.

PROPOSED: Christina Ferino  
SECONDED: Amanda Procter  
CARRIED

4. Message from School Administration  
*Sports:* All teams are improving and everyone is having fun.

Randy noted the following dates:

*Rockology:* This presentation is scheduled for Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm. The theme of the presentation is "earth science and rock and roll".

*Pink Shirt Day:* There will be a kindness and games rotation. The focus for this year is on kindness. If anyone wants to buy a shirt ULPAC can bring them out of storage for sale.

*Grade 7 programming visit:* Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Course request forms will be sent out; the deadline to submit them is next Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

*Strategic planning evening:* Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Carson Graham from 4:00-8:00pm, which is the same night as the ULE open house. (The ULE open house is from 2:15-3:15pm and again from 6:00-7:00pm.) Randy encouraged parents to attend both events.

There will be no early dismissal at the end of February because of next week's open house.

*iKid:* March 4-5 for Grade 2's. Randy thanked ULPAC for funding this program.

*Report cards:* These will be published on March 6<sup>th</sup> online.

The upstairs washrooms have been under renovation for months and should be complete and operational by the end of next week (March 6<sup>th</sup>).

*Free field hockey instruction:* Primary students will enjoy this from March 9-12.

K-screening for hearing

*Vaping discussion:* The public health nurse will be coming to Upper Lynn on March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> to talk about vaping with Divisions 1-8. The aim of the presentation will be to prepare students for the prevalence of vaping activity in secondary schools and to deter students from vaping. Cyndi noted some of the issues surrounding vaping, including clever marketing from vaping companies, attractive flavours and peer pressure. Students are not allowed to smoke or vape on school property but vaping is still very popular, particularly among secondary school students.

*Spring break!* The last day of classes is Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Classes will resume on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

All of these dates are posted on the PAC calendar and on the school calendar.

5. Cyndi Gerlach, NVSD School Trustee

Mary Ann introduced Cyndi Gerlach as one of NVSD's school trustees. Cyndi is the school trustee for Argyle and Argyle FOS. Her job is to liaise between the school and school board office and between the school and parents. She advises all three groups. Her role is to ensure that parents' and students' voices are heard at the school board level. She invited parents and students to ask questions to all trustees; they are always available.

Cyndi asked if mountain bikers are an issue at Upper Lynn. Parents agreed that some mountain bikers ride from McNair Park to the Upper Lynn field at quite high speeds which can be dangerous. After school seems to be a particularly problematic time. A parent who is a member of North Shore Mountain Biking Association said that NSMBA could send out an email to their members to slow down, especially during after school time. Many riders in the area are NSMBA members.

A parent brought up the issue of childcare availability, particularly for Upper Lynn families due to location. Cyndi noted that this has been an issue for many years. Problems include decreasing space within schools due to closing/amalgamating schools and contract language regarding classroom usage. Daycares are shutting down which exacerbates the situation. The City of North Vancouver contributed financially to Ridgeway Elementary construction to include daycare space; however, the District of North Vancouver points to SD44 to fund childcare spaces. There was a discussion about innovative childcare options and the impact of not having available childcare.

6. DPAC Update

As Jacque was not present at the meeting, the DPAC update was deferred to next meeting.

7. General discussion and announcements

*Mountain Biking program with Escape Adventures*

Carrie Findlay presented the approved mountain biking program from Escape Adventures. She asked when parents wanted to open registration; Escape Adventures suggested March 31<sup>st</sup>. Carrie also suggested a parent info night prior to registration to discuss details of the program and what parents can expect from the program. March 30<sup>th</sup> is the suggested day for the info night, to be held in the library; this is to be confirmed. An alternative would be to hold the info night on April 6<sup>th</sup> for a half hour before the PAC meeting. Registration would open soon after that and would be open for around three weeks. Carrie then presented an overview of the minimum program requirements (i.e. 24" wheels, armour). The first day of the session will be a skills assessment.

Cyndi asked about the environmental impact of the mountain biking program, and safety for the students. Carrie noted that safety is a significant component of the program. Carrie will bring up the topic of environmental impact to Escape Adventures prior to the program.

*Bike to School Week*

Veronica Bartlett wants to hold the bike to school week in May and is asking for volunteers to help out. The tentative Bike to School event date is May 24<sup>th</sup>. Veronica is asked to send out a list of tasks that volunteers can do.

8. After School Programs

*Ultimate Frisbee*

Mary Ann noted that Ultimate has enough students to run the program.

9. Hot Lunch Update

Registration for the last Hot Lunch session of the school year will be open from March 2-11. We need lunch leaders for at least three hot lunch days: sushi, Cobs and Subway.

10. Family Photos Update

Family photos are booked for Mother's Day weekend with the same photographer (Scott Brammer) and the same venue (Lynn Canyon Park). Booking will take place through MunchaLunch about three weeks prior to Mother's Day weekend.

## 11. Key Volunteer & Executive Positions 2020/2021

Several key volunteer positions need to be filled for next year:

- Co/Vice-Chair (Sandee is staying on next year)
- Co-Secretary (Caroline is stepping down; Susanna is staying on next year)
- Carnival Chair (Dana Dykema will hold this position this year but is not sure if she can commit to next year)

## 12. New Business

### *Talent Show*

Talent Show is unlikely to happen this year. Tricia Eidnani, the previous Talent Show coordinator, cannot run the Show this year and no other parent has stepped up. This is a daytime volunteer commitment with student auditions and rehearsals and at least three evening commitments. A parent suggested a smaller scale than last year to make the volunteer commitment less daunting. The same parent noted that at Capilano Elementary their PAC paid for A/V items (i.e. a mixing board) as an investment for future in-house productions.

### *Speaker Program*

Lucy Ana noted that the response to having the Parker Johnson presentation at the school last week was overwhelmingly positive. Emma Milley, who spearheaded the presentation as part of Black History Month, noted that she has approached Ross Road Elementary about presenting there next year. She is planning more elements to celebrate Black History Month next year.

The next presentation is Colleen Drobot who is coming to Upper Lynn on Thursday, March 5th to present a workshop called Making Sense of Anxiety. 130 people already registered for this event; 68 from Upper Lynn. The presentation is free but registration is required. Teachers, staff and parents are encouraged to attend. This presentation was funded by our speaker's grant.

There was a question from the floor to Randy asking whether Mr. Piggott would keep the Multipurpose Room as his music classroom next year. Randy's response was that we do not know how many divisions there will be next year, but preliminary enrolment appears on par with previous years. Holly noted that it is hard to book after school programs with no programming space in the school; all rooms are at capacity. After school programs contribute to a vibrant school community and provide after school options for students and parents. Holly asked Randy if we could ask teachers to agree to let low key programs (i.e. Chess Club) run in their classrooms.

### *Argyle "Work In Progress" Party*

This event will happen on Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>. Revenue is specifically earmarked towards atrium furniture. Principal Kim Jonat has the furniture catalogue and is the main influencer as to what is purchased but all funding helps. There is a \$15,000 revenue budget. Tickets are \$40 each, with \$5 beer/cider/Nude soda, \$7 glasses of wine, and \$3 bottles of San Pellegrino sparkling water. There will be a great silent auction too! All parents are encouraged to attend the event.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.