

Our family were newcomers to Vancouver and Norma Rosepoint School in autumn of 2016. I joined NRP Parents Advisory Council immediately, so that I would get to know the school and the community, and also help to make a difference. I even signed up to be a PAC co-secretary, to record minutes of general and executive meetings. I did this because I know it takes the efforts of everyone —teachers, staff and parents—to help build a caring, nurturing learning environment for all our kids. No one person can do everything that is needed for a successful school. However, when we pool together many individual efforts, with each person contributing something (whether resources or time), we can collectively achieve something truly remarkable.

Over 18 years, I have volunteered at every pre-school and school attended by my two kids, one of whom is now in university. Volunteering at schools has been a win-win experience for me. I have learned a lot of different skills. I have made long-lasting friendships with fellow school parents. I have learned a lot about each school and community in which we lived. Through my and other volunteers' efforts, our kids' teachers got more resources and support to help them to provide the best learning experiences possible for our kids and their schoolmates. Finally, I have been better able to help my children thrive in the various schools that they have attended.

Please consider volunteering for NRP PAC, even if you start small.

*- Wendy Yip (Co-Secretary 2017/18)*

Serving as co-secretary on the PAC Executive has been an excellent way for me to get involved in my daughters' school, stay on top of the latest school news, and give back to a PAC that does so much for NRP and its students. If you are looking for a way to contribute to NRP, consider joining the PAC Executive. In particular, the position of Secretary works closely with the Chair to ensure that accurate minutes from all the PAC meetings, including the AGM, are recorded and distributed in a timely manner. The PAC meets once per month during the school year, so although the time commitment is minimal, its impact is significant. Thank you for letting me serve on the PAC Executive for the last 2 years. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with parents and staff who are dedicated and committed to providing the best experience for both students and parents.

*- Kelli Kadokawa (Co-Secretary 2017/18)*