



Queen Mary PAC Meeting Minutes (online Zoom Meeting)

Date: Tuesday, March 9th, 2021.

Attendees: Megan Davies, Janine Kobylka, Julie Sutherland, Sasa Chambers, Sian Dowle, Christine Darvell, Molly Johnson, Sheri Jamali, Alley, Samaneh Ghabelzadeh, Pedram and Karen, Sandra Nelson, Kuljit Sajjan

(names collected from Zoom Participant list)

Regrets: Bree Stanlake, Tracey Wood, Meghan Stanlake

Meeting commenced: 7:02 PM

1. Approval of Agenda

- **Moved by:** Christine Darvell
- **Seconded by:** Sheri Jamali
- **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**

2. Approval of February 9, 2021 Minutes

- **Moved by:** Julie Sutherland
- **Seconded by:** Christine Darvell
- **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**

3. Principal's Report – Megan Davies

2021-2022

- Beginning to formalize numbers for next year
- Currently looking at returning students, registered K's, cross boundary students, International students
- 2021-2022 school dates will be considered and formalized at an upcoming staff meeting (especially pro-d and early dismissal dates that have some flexibility at the school level)
- School Fees

All students	Some students	General Fieldtrip Estimates	Other optional expenses may include:
General supply - \$35 Activity fee - \$25 (General = school supplies (Activities = programs such as The Classroom Gardener, Friday)	Math Workbooks \$15-20 For students in Grades 4-7 IXL Num. & Lit. \$15-20 For students in K-Grade 7	K - \$5-50 1-2 \$25-100 3-7 \$50-200 Grade 7 Camp ~\$400	Hot lunch, photos, Sports Day, Gr. 7 hoodie, Tennis, fundraising for charities, fundraising through the PAC for QM etc

<p>Fitness, online or in class presentations etc)</p> <p>At this time, we will not be collecting fees for any programs/opportunities that can not be carried out due to H&S protocols. Eg. performances</p>	<p>(Some students may have workbooks AND IXL)</p>		
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The VSB will not deny a child access to the school supplies required, or exclude a child from any activities where a fee is charged, because of financial hardship. If at any time there is a financial challenge, please contact the school Principal.

School Events/Programs

Classroom Gardener

- 6 sessions for each class (4 this year, 2 next fall)
- Looking ahead to 2021-2022 and hoping to fund the program through Activity Fee, Direct Drive, PAC support and the school's budget.
- This year's program is \$14000 and includes resources, pro-d, supply costs

Student Learning Surveys – ongoing and open until April 30th

- Students (4, 7, 10, 12), Staff, Parents/Guardians
- <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey>
- Wide range of questions – academic, social, emotional, school connection, life skills, healthy eating/living, opportunities for students at school/outside of school (extra-curricular), school experience
- Info used by the school, district and ministry
- 30ish minutes

Upcoming dates:

Mar. 15-26 – Spring Break

Apr. 2-5 – Easter Weekend

Apr. 7 – 23 – Student Learning Surveys for Grade 4 & 7

Apr. 15-16 – Saleema Noon presentations for all classes

Apr. 26 – Professional Day (focus on Outdoor Education/Classroom Gardener)

4. DPAC Report – Molly Johnson

- Elementary Music Program review continues to take place. DPAC are looking for feedback/ideas on their rollout of the program.
- School Liaison Officer program continues to be discussed. DPAC has now changed their stance to the formation of an Anti-Racism Committee. At this point it is made up of black and indigenous families, with an aim to broaden representation moving forward. Opportunities to provide feedback on this moving forward.

- There is also a Restart Committee being formed looking at what schools will look like in our post-pandemic world. Particular focus being given to what has/has not worked at the secondary level. Contact DPAC if you are interested in being part of group.
- The Vancouver wide strategic plan is also being looked at. Two hour workshop will be held March 17th. See DPAC website for details.

5. Chair's Report – Janine Kobyłka

Direct Drive Update

- Thank you everyone who already donated – raised half of \$22,000 goal so far
- For those who haven't donated yet, please do so using QM PAC's unique School Cash Online donation page – direct link on PAC website under Fundraising tab
- Easier to donate online and get tax receipt right away – cheques very difficult to deal with year

Pink Shirt Update

- Not done as fundraiser - PAC offers shirts as way of helping school community to support anti-bullying but charge a couple of dollars extra per shirt
- Really good participation this year - raised over \$400

Alumni Scholarship

- Cash award established in 1996 to acknowledge all-around achievement by alumnus of QM upon acceptance into full-time post-secondary education program
- Funding allocated annually by PAC - \$1000 this year
- Deadline to submit application May 7th; winner announced on June 7th; winner gives a speech at Grade 7 leaving ceremony
- Info and link to application package can be found from high school guidance counsellors or PAC website
- Need a scholarship selection committee of 3-4 parents – please contact me if you're interested

Saleema Noon

- Parent presentation at next PAC meeting on April 13th; kids' workshops on April 15th and 16th
- Parents will get access to Body Science Online platform as well – info and links will go home after spring break

Next Year's PAC

- Need to fill several positions on PAC Exec next year – at a minimum: Treasurer, Secretary and DPAC Rep
- Please contact me if you're interested or would like any more info on positions

Staff Appreciation Lunch

- Normally held each April to recognize teachers and staff
- Had to cancel last April due to COVID
- Won't be able to do normally this year either but really want to show appreciation for hard work and dedication during this challenging year
- Instead of lunch, PAC proposing giving each staff member a gift card to a café / restaurant where they can go for / pick up lunch

Virtual Field Trips

- Difficult to find extra-curricular programming to spend Gaming Grant on this year
- Some organizations offering virtual fieldtrips – teachers can book, and “fieldtrips” conducted through Teams or Zoom at reasonable cost (ex. Art Gallery, Children's Fest etc.)
- PAC proposing to provide each Division with \$125 to book virtual fieldtrips for their classes

PAC Garden Beds

- Gardening work on north side of gravel field will be done over spring break – thank you to Megan for coming in to oversee work!

6. **MOTION:** To approve \$1000 from General Funds for the annual Queen Mary Scholarship that is awarded to a Grade 12 Queen Mary alumni student who has been accepted into a full time post-secondary education program.
 - **Moved by:** Kuljit Sajjan
 - **Seconded by:** Sheri Jamali
 - **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**

7. **MOTION:** To approve \$820 from General funds to cover the cost of restaurant/café gift cards to be given to all Queen Mary teachers and staff (c)
 - **Moved by:** Molly Johnson
 - **Seconded by:** Christine Darvell
 - **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**

8. **MOTION:** To approve \$1750 from the Gaming Account to cover the cost of ‘virtual’ field trips (art gallery, children’s festival, etc.) for all 14 divisions (\$125 per division). Field Trips to be determined by teachers.
 - **Moved by:** Julie Sutherland
 - **Seconded by:** Molly Johnson
 - **Unanimous approval – Motion carried**

10. **Treasurer’s Report – Sasa Chambers/Bree Stanlake**
 - Another quiet month on the accounts
 - All accounts continue to be in good standing
 - With committed funds, we look to end the year with healthy balances in both general and gaming accounts

11. **Other Business/Questions**
 - None

12. **Adjourn**
 - Meeting adjourned 7:45pm