



## Queen Mary PAC Meeting Minutes (online Zoom Meeting)

**Date:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021.

**Attendees:** Julie Sutherland, Megan Davies, Janine Kobylka, Walker Quan, Laura Sims, Sheri Jamali, Molly Johnson, Sila Sahin, Yue Ma

Queen Mary families joining via **Zoom**

**Meeting commenced:** 7:02 PM

1. **Approval of Agenda-** Julie Sutherland
  - **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**
  
2. **Approval of Minutes-**Julie Sutherland
  - **Moved by:** Janine Kobylka
  - **Seconded by:** Christine Darvell
  - **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**
  
3. **Election of 2020/2021 New PAC Executive-**Julie Sutherland  
Motion: to elect Laura Sims as Vice President and Yue Ma as Secretary and to add them both as signatories on the two PAC bank Accounts at HSBC.
  - **Moved:** Julie Veerman
  - **Seconded by:** Sheri Jamali
  - **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**
  
4. **Thank you for all Cross-Country volunteer parents-** Julie Sutherland
  
5. **Two classroom parents still needed: Except** two divisions, others are still open for volunteers. we would love to get these filled in next week.
  
6. **Some program updates-** Julie Sutherland
  - Book sale: pushed from Fall; will revisit in the new year
  - First aid and babysitting courses: postponed to the new year
  - PAC meeting: go through the end of calendar year. Will keep more virtual.
  - Fundraising and other events in winter: important for teachers and students.
  - This comes fast from Nov to Dec. Welcome more co-leader to join.
  - craft and bake: probably won't be a full one as last year which kids can participate in.
  
7. **Direct Drive** Julie Sutherland  
This is PAC's one of the two fundraisings. This year's goal is \$20,000.

## **8. Principal's Report – Megan Davies**

### **1) Terry Fox Run**

- All classes participated in a Terry Fox run
- Thank you to families who supported our campaign. This year with online donations, cash and cheque donations and a matching total donation from a private donor, we will have raised well over \$5,500.

### **2) Social Emotional Learning and Wellness Focus**

- Classes are currently participating in 2-3 social emotional wellness and self-regulations lessons with Todd Schleyer – a student support worker who is supporting QM this Fall
- Lessons focus on and/or support baseline language and understanding for ALL QM students around social emotional learning and wellness
- Brain based SEL terminology, understanding and strategies
- Opportunity for staff to consult and collaborate regarding student and class needs, dynamics, strengths and available supports and strategies
- Current writes up/article on the VSB's main webpage featuring Claire Pijanowski, our school counsellor, and some of her work (and tips) around social emotional wellness and mental health

### **3) Communicating Student Learning**

- Strength-based reporting
- A minimum of 5 opportunities to meet/learn about a child's progress (strengths, stretches and ways to support learning at school and home)
- Typically, QM has conferences in the Fall and Spring, a written report in January and June and at least one other connection from staff (meeting, phone call, open house etc).
- We have early dismissal in October and November – families may arrange a phone call or Zoom/Teams meeting with their classroom teacher on those dates (or in between if those dates do not work). Teachers will likely reach out to families very soon (if they haven't already)

### **4) Foundation Skills Assessment**

Each year the ministry conducts a standardized Rdg, Wrtg and Num assessment with students in Grades 4 & 7

- The assessments are scheduled by the ministry for Oct/Nov
- Some students do not write the FSAs – either because the school determines that it is not an appropriate exercise/assessment (due to language proficiency, learning needs, social/emotional factors) OR because the child's family chooses to opt out
- Last year, 52% of Grade 4 students and 20% of Grade 7 students took the FSAs
- Many families opt out of the assessment
- More information will be shared with Grade 4 & 7 families within the next week

## 5) VSB seeks public input about its education plan

- The VSB's education plan will include the goals and objectives for the Vancouver School Board for the next five years. It will be the District's roadmap to lead to improved outcomes for students. The education plan will be the basis for operational planning and will also help the Board to make decisions about the allocation of resources with a commitment to strive toward the plan's specific goals and objectives.
- The Vancouver School Board wants to hear the expectations and aspirations of all Vancouver citizens
- The Board invites anyone with an interest in Vancouver's public schools to respond to a brief survey.
- The survey takes less than 10 minutes to complete and responses are anonymous.
- Visit [edplan2026.vsb.bc.ca](http://edplan2026.vsb.bc.ca) to share your input. The survey closes Monday, October 18, 2021.

## 6) Halloween

- Students can wear costumes to school on Oct. 29th (school appropriate, leave masks and accessories at home)
- Like last year, teachers may take their class on a neighborhood walk while in costumes
- We are still waiting for direction from the VSB regarding treats – last year, we were unable to provide or share food/treats.

## 7) Upcoming:

- Oct. 18 – 21 Last week for Cross Country – thank you to our parent volunteers and QM coaches – M. Atkinson, A. Klassen, L. Bromley, M. King (volley ball to start soon – Gr. 6 & 7 with A. Klassen, P. Ho, E. Schneider)
- Oct. 20 – Early dismissal (2pm) for conferences (phone or Zoom/Teams)
- Oct. 21 – Earthquake Drill (possible practice with student release/reunification for 1-2 classes)
- Oct. 22 – Provincial Professional Day (School not in session)
- Oct. 29 – Halloween at Queen Mary
- Nov. 10 – Virtual Remembrance Day Assembly
- Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day (Thursday) – school not in session
- Nov. 12 – School in session (Friday)

## 8. Treasurer's Report – Walker Quan

- Update: Account balance: \$4787.04 Gaming balance: \$5912.30, Total funds: \$10,699.34
- Committed Funds: PAC dues, website, teacher PIN.
- Expecting another influx from gaming close \$6000. Mid-October will come. Those cheques will appear in cash or outstanding in October financial.
- Also had a discussion how to use the gaming funds. Good to have a better financial position.

## 9. DPAC Report- Sheri Jamali

- **Virtual learning:** if online learners want to back to school there is spot guaranteed. Learning resources for online learning will be provided.
- **Safety and mask:** Mask required through kindergarten to grade7. Especially kindergarten to grade 3. parents have to cooperate with new policy. DPAC will support with any concern.
- Ventilation at school: The VSB has inspected and upgraded ventilation at all schools, including having replaced 7,000 filters to the MERV13 type that are recommended for reducing airborne infectious aerosol exposure.
- The media reached out to DPAC and we have made our position evident that more should be done to ensure the safety of our kids; specifically, that the lack of a masking mandate for K-3 and lack of notifications is troubling to parents.
- At Queen Mary school, there are 4 kids request for mask exception so far.

## 10. Other Business

- No other business or questions

## 11. Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50pm