



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

**Date:** Tuesday, November 10, 2020.

**Attendees:** Megan Davies, Janine Kobylka, Julie Sutherland, Sian Dowle, Christine Darvell, Molly Johnson, Sasa Chambers, Tracey Wood, Jennifer Lam, Tom Duffy, Almu Guiles, Natalie Zhao, Maria Koebisch, Wendy Wang, Oana Hyatt, Olivia, Sandra, Natalia, Xiaojou, Pedram and Karen

*(names collected from Zoom Participant list)*

**Regrets:** Bree Stanlake, Meghan Stanlake

**Meeting commenced:** 7:03PM

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### 1. Approval of Agenda

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

### 2. Approval of October 13, 2020 Minutes

- **Moved by:** Christine Darvell
- **Seconded by:** Tracey Wood
- **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**

### 3. Principal's Report – Megan Davies

- **Return to School**
  - 9 students returned from Learning from Home on Nov. 9th
  - 48 students are learning from home
  - Our current enrollment is 288
  - School is now 84% in person learning
  - The next date for students to return is in January after Winter Break
  - Yesterday, teachers and students took the opportunity to review information from the Sept. H&S Orientation
- **Remembrance Day Assembly**
  - Pre-recorded and shared with classes this morning
  - Included an acknowledgement of Indigenous Veterans' Day (Nov. 8th) as well as Remembrance Day
  - Contributions of artwork, poetry, song and information from 7 classes

- All classes made/contributed a wreath – which was placed at the front of our school in the afternoon.
- Wreaths are hanging outside until Friday.
- **Public Health Orders**
- Queen Mary is reviewing and reinforcing our COVID-19 health and safety plans and procedures.
- This week staff have reviewed and reinforced health and safety protocols and procedures with all students.
- At this time, it is our collective responsibility to continue our efforts and ensure we all follow the guidelines that keep us safe:
  - Maximize physical distancing
  - Minimize physical contact
  - Practice frequent and proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette
  - Wear masks as appropriate and required
  - Conscientiously complete the daily self-health check prior to arriving at Queen Mary.
- Please arrive to school no earlier than 8:55am and leave promptly at 3:00pm
- Several of our Intermediate students who walk to school independently are arriving 15-20 min before the bell (there have been over 25-40 Intermediate students here 15-20 min early each day)
- Please read through and consider the new health orders that are in effect until Nov. 23 - particularly the sections on Limiting Social Interactions and Gatherings – which include playdates and/or gathering outside
- **Walk Whatever the Weather**
- Neighbour request to not park on West 5th Ave – the street has become very busy during drop off and pick up times and residents have reported that it is not only unsafe but also challenging to find parking in front of/near their house
- For those who live nearby, please consider walking to school
- For those who live further away and need to drive, please consider parking a 3-4 blocks away and walking to the school
- **Upcoming:**
- Nov. 10 – School not in session
- Nov. 26 – Early Dismissal

#### 4. DPAC Report – Molly Johnson

- Meeting was held on Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>
- There was a presentation on Mental Health featuring the voice of students
- There was a lot of discussion around notification process of COVID cases at a school. Parents feel it is too slow and want more transparency. Many social media sites are reporting more information from VCH, and this in turn has raised issues around privacy of affected individual and their family.
- Also addressed the review of the School Liaison Officer Program (SLO) which involves RCMP and VPD going into schools. The VSB have committed to a review of the role of the

program within the schools, and it is not happening quickly. DPAC are creating a position on this to address with the VSB

- DPAC meetings are open and all can attend

## 5. Chair's Report – Janine Kobyłka

- Thanks for attending
- Website updated with link to new PHO restrictions
- **Class Parents**
  - Have a parent for each division – thank you so much for your time and support
  - Some class reps indicating it has been difficult getting parents' contact info – if you haven't emailed your info to your class rep yet, please do so.
- **Fundraising**
  - Decided to wait until new year to go ahead with Read-a-Thon – will focus attention now on Holiday Fundraising and Direct Drive
  - Holiday fundraisers – Purdy's and Growing Smiles (wreaths/poinsettias etc.) – both doing well so far.
  - Please spread the word – family, friends, neighbours
  - Details on PAC website under fundraising
  - Order deadline for Growing Smiles - next Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Order deadline for Purdy's - the following Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>
- **Direct Drive**
  - Direct Appeal letter will come out beginning of December – still working on details
  - Have had a hard time over past couple of years raising money for technology – it continues to be the primary item that teachers identify as most needed in classrooms
  - Unfortunately, tech is an item that needs updating once in a while and we are still working on meeting the ask from two years ago. Kids do so much on computers and iPads now and some of what is at the school is very outdated.
- **Gardening - PAC Beds**
  - Concrete beds around the gravel field belong to PAC – paid for by PAC during seismic reno and VSB doesn't maintain them
  - They're in pretty rough shape right now – need some TLC
  - We no longer have a Green Team of parents and teachers, but Greg Weir is leading the effort to tidy them up and plant drought resistant plants so they can survive the summers
  - Need some volunteers to clean out beds and help plant – obviously not right now due to new restrictions
  - But if you'd be interested in helping out once restrictions are lifted (likely outside of school hours), please contact me at [info@queenmarypac.com](mailto:info@queenmarypac.com) (email on PAC website)
- **Hampers for sister school**
  - For last several years families at QM have been putting together holiday hampers for families in need at our sister school

- The need there this year is great – if your family would like to put together a hamper, please contact Lara Osen-Scudamore at [laraosen@gmail.com](mailto:laraosen@gmail.com)

- **Deborah MacNamara Parent Presentation**

- PAC has arranged for Deborah MacNamara to give an online Parent Education seminar on “Technology, the Digital World and Kids” on Thursday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>
- MacNamara is a clinical counsellor, on Faculty at the Neufeld Institute and the Director of Kid’s Best Bet, a counselling centre for families. She’s a best-selling author, an award-winning researcher, and has over 20 years’ experience as a teacher and counsellor working with leading institutions such as the University of British Columbia, Kwantlen Polytechnic University, the Canadian Mental Health Association, and the Vancouver School Board. She regularly appears on radio and TV, her articles appear in parenting magazines, websites, and newsletters across Canada and internationally.

**Motion to approve \$450 + GST for Deborah MacNamara Parent Presentation from the general for an online Parent Education Seminar on Technology, Digital World and Kids on January 28<sup>th</sup> 2021 (from 100 Zoom participants)**

- **Moved by:** Molly Johnson
- **Seconded by:** Sasa Chambers
- **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**

- Thanks, Julie for all your effort with the Queen Mary Family Survey!

**6. PAC Survey Results – Julie Sutherland**

- We had 81 completed responses; viewed by 153 people – this is a good response
- Good representation across the grades
- Vast majority feel very positive and very connected to the school
- Lots of interest in more connection, but the ‘how’ of that connection is varied
- Good understanding of PAC role, but neutral response on being willing to become a member of PAC executive
- Parents would like to see more money spent on extracurricular and STEM activities. We need to blend that with still supporting teacher’s need for updated technology in the classrooms.
- Janet Ip won draw for \$100 Skip the Dishes GC for completing the survey

**7. Treasurer’s Report – Sasa Chambers/Bree Stanlake**

- Not a lot of activity in October
- Gaming grant approximately \$6400 has been deposited

**8. Other Business/Questions**

- Question around expectations of masks being worn at school. Answer: Policy is same as it was in September K-5 masks are optional and grade 6 &7’s and staff must wear a mask when they are outside of their learning group (hallway, in stairwell, if in area of school with another cohort). VSB recommendation is to wear one at all time, but the policy has not changed.

- SLO – we do have one visiting our school currently. Ms. Davies responded that our interaction with them has always been positive, around traffic, safety for school and students, grade 7 transition to high school. Their role is one of support.

**9. Adjourn**

- Meeting adjourned 7:56 pm