



Queen Mary PAC Meeting Minutes (online Zoom Meeting)

Date: Tuesday, May 11th, 2021.

Attendees: Megan Davies, Janine Kobylka, Sasa Chambers, Sian Dowle, Christine Darvell, Molly Johnson, Sheri Jamali, Fu Keung Ding, Dy Wang, Karen Quan, Samaneh Ghabelzadeh, Maria Koebsch, Sandra Nelson, Bern Akpinar, Sila, Orhun, Pedram and Karen, Kuljit Sajjan, Cameron, Irene Au

(names collected from Zoom Participant list)

Regrets: Bree Stanlake, Tracey Wood, Meghan Stanlake, Julie Sutherland

Meeting commenced: 7:03 PM

1. Approval of Agenda

- **Moved by:** Christine Darvell
- **Seconded by:** Molly Johnson
- **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**

2. Approval of April 13, 2021 Minutes

- **Moved by:** Sandra Nelson
- **Seconded by:** Molly Johnson
- **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**

3. Principal's Report – Megan Davies

- Thank you
 - to all parents and caregivers for the support this school year
 - on behalf of QM staff for the appreciation card and gift card to a local business
 - continued flexibility and understanding in a year that has been very challenging at the school, at home and beyond
- School Organization
 - very tentative
 - currently staffed for 13 divisions – we have recently received our staffing entitlement and, as expected with our decrease in general enrolment (and also a decrease in our ELL, International, Special Ed numbers) or staffing is down – both classroom and non-enrolling (resource and prep). We are still waiting for our staffing entitlement for student support workers
- FSAs
 - Foundation Skills Assessment (Reading, Writing and Numeracy)

- Grade 4s and 7s across the province are able to take part
 - Grade 4 (26/43 students wrote the FSA)
 - Reading 89% On track or higher (53% extending)
 - Writing 100% On track or higher (35% extending)
 - Numeracy 97% On track or higher (35% extending)
 - Grade 7 (10/53 students wrote the FSA)
 - Reading 100% On track or higher (50% extending)
 - Writing 100% On track or higher (30% extending)
 - Numeracy 100% On track or higher (50% extending)
 - Booklets will be sent home late this week/early next week
- **Grade 7 Recognition**
 - Grade 7 team at QM is looking to organize an online recognition that will have similar components as previous years' assemblies (address by staff, students, parent, recognition of each student, scholarship etc)
 - Grade 7s will receive a yearbook (unique for this year)
 - Working with a committee to plan a recognition that fits into current protocols
 - Ronny Duttgupta scholarship - *This award was created in memory of a former Queen Mary student, Ronny Duttgupta, who died in 1982. It is awarded annually to one Queen Mary Grade 7 student who best exemplifies the qualities Ronny demonstrated: overall high academic standards combined with environmental awareness, a love of learning and a keen interest in the world.* The scholarship is comprised of a medal, the inscription of the student's name on a plaque at Queen Mary, and the sum of \$250 for the student to use towards a summer program or save towards post-secondary education. A committee, comprised of the Principal, a member of the PAC and a QM Teacher, will make the selection in June. Please contact Megan if you are interested in helping with reviewing applications and selecting a recipient. A recipient will need to be selected by mid-June (applications will likely be due June 7th)
 - **Upcoming Dates**
 - May 18 – Welcome to Kindergarten (online)
 - May 24 – Victoria Day – school not in session
 - June 24 – Grade 7 Recognition Assembly
 - June 29 – Last day for students

4. DPAC Report – Molly Johnson

- Proposed budget had some deficits and worries about cuts, but some money has been found and no longer in deficit
- SLO program has been cancelled after a vote by Board Trustees. Some see this is a positive, other feel that we should now be looking at how to potentially replace/evolve this program to address gaps it leaves
- Suzanne Hoffman, VSB superintendent, is moving on to a new role.
- Looking ahead to what school will look like in the Fall, very mixed opinions as to what things should look like. Secondary School is of greater concern than the elementary

5. Chair's Report – Janine Kobyłka

Direct Drive Update

- Numbers are in – did very well this year; exceeded our ask by over \$5,000
- Raised \$27,830 – thank you so much for generosity and support!

Alumni Scholarship

- All applications are in – received 5 (same last year)
- Carlie Condon heading up selection committee again this year – thank you!
- If you're interested in being part of selection committee, contact me

Grade 7 Grad

- In-person celebrations cancelled again this year
- PAC traditionally gives \$250 towards grade 7 leaving ceremony – last year when grad was cancelled, \$350 was donated so Grade 7 parents could put a yearbook together
- Grade 7 parents will do same this year – propose donating \$350 again this year

Staff Appreciation Lunch

- Staff and teachers all received their gift cards and cards – very well-received; many nice words of thanks

Next Year's PAC Executive

- Doing quite well finding people, especially for essential positions
- Thank you to everyone who has stepped up
- Still looking for a member at large and potentially a Vice Chair
- Please contact me if you're interested or would like any more info on positions

One to One Literacy

- Charity group works in schools helping kids with one-on-one reading
- Offering free workshops for parents on June 1st, 10th and 15th – learn positive reading strategies to support kids at home
- Content best suited for kids Grade 1-3
- I'll put info and registration link on website

PAC Garden Beds

- A couple of hiccups with the execution
- Found out no outside water access on red brick building
- Outside water only accessible from next to main entrance of new building
- In order to reach all beds on north side of gravel field, need to purchase a portable hose reel and another 100' of hose - \$311.35

6. MOTION: To approve \$350 from Gaming funds for Grade 7 yearbooks.

- **Moved by:** Molly Johnson
- **Seconded by:** Sheri Jamali
- **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**

7. MOTION: To approve \$311.35 (\$277.99 + tax) from Gaming funds for a portable hose reel and an extra 100' of hose to reach the PAC garden beds.

- **Moved by:** Kuljit Sajjan
- **Seconded by:** Molly Johnson

- **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**

8. Treasurer’s Report – Sasa Chambers/Bree Stanlake

- Again, little activity in the accounts.
- There are a handful of committed funds from previous motions which have still to be spent
- Gaming account will stand around \$4800; General account at \$4700

9. Other Business/Questions

- Question about where the garden hose and reel we are purchasing will be kept. There is a storage room outside of the gym and they will be housed there.

10. Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned 7:42 pm