



Queen Mary PAC Meeting Minutes (online Zoom Meeting)

Date: Tuesday, February 9th , 2021.

Attendees: Megan Davies, Janine Kobyłka, Julie Sutherland, Sasa Chambers, Christine Darvell, Molly Johnson, Tracey Wood, Ismael Bailleul, Kulijit Sajjan, James Shi, Sheri Jamali, Yi

(names collected from Zoom Participant list)

Regrets: Sian Dowle, Bree Stanlake, Meghan Stanlake,

Meeting commenced: 7:03 PM

1. Approval of Agenda

- **Moved by:** Kuljit Sajjan
- **Seconded by:** Sasa Chambers
- **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**

2. Approval of January 12, 2021 Minutes

- **Moved by:** Julie Sutherland
- **Seconded by:** Sasa Chambers
- **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**

3. Principal's Report – Megan Davies

- **Health and Safety & Option 4**
 - New requirements from PHO last week for Elementary, Middle and Secondary schools
 - Meeting tomorrow for Principals with District staff to determine how the changes will impact schools (Elem & Sec) – updates will subsequently be shared with staff, students and families as necessary
 - An announcement regarding Option 4 Learning from Home (currently scheduled to end on March 1) is expected from the VSB on Wednesday evening
 - QM will be following up with families regarding this announcement on Thursday or Friday (the 11th or 12th)
 - Questions re Communication for the school/VSB/VCH if there is a case/exposure at school - Should VCH determine that the school needs to communicate with families and staff regarding COVID-19, I will follow through promptly. Information comes to schools (and the VSB) as soon as it's available and school and district staff are on hand 24/7 to respond accordingly.

- **Progress Reports**

- Went home last week. The program that we used to produce the reports was new to us – and now standard across the VSB
- Any feedback is be great! Feel free to give me a call, send an email, write a comment in the meeting message function within this meeting or share/ask questions at the end of the mtg
- We had a few technical glitches – which is to be expected at the school and district level as we all transition to the online tool
- Opportunities over the coming weeks to connect with teachers regarding the progress reports or your child/children’s learning
- Early dismissal tomorrow – 2pm – some teachers are using tomorrow (and this week) for conferencing. Other teachers spread conferences out over late February and/or March
- Please remember that you can connect with your child’s teacher at any time to talk about progress and learning – you do not have to wait for a conference time or rely only on the progress report or scheduled opportunities.

- **Black History Month**

- We’ve been having announcements each day to share information about Black Canadians and Canada’s history
- A digital assembly recording was shared on Monday and classes have been watching it this week
- Classes have been asked to complete a board displaying some of the learning that’s happened in their class during the month – either from class lessons, announcements, the assembly. We will have a gallery walk at the end of the month.

- **FSAs**

- Information from the BCTF went home to families last week (or the week before). Grade 4 and 7 families are asked to fill out and return the BCTF form to the school if they wish for their child to not write the FSAs
- Benefits of having a child write the FSAs include:
 - Supports the school, VSB and Ministry in better understanding the needs of students
 - Designed to indicate how each child and all students in BC are doing in literacy and numeracy
 - Provide data regarding a child’s learning that can shape teaching and learning for the remainder of the school year
- Last year 21/39 grade 4s wrote the FSAs and 26/61 grade 7’s wrote the FSAs

- **Weather & Closure due to Weather**

- Recess and lunch continue to be outside every day – please ensure that your child/children are prepared!
- **NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL CLOSURE** - By 6:00 am, the VSB will post information about snow closures on its website at www.vsb.bc.ca and will inform local media stations.

- **Upcoming dates:**

Feb. 10 – 2pm dismissal

Feb. 12 – Professional Day

Feb. 15 – Family Day

Feb. 24 – Pink Shirt Day (digital assembly)

Feb. 24 – Photo Day POSTPONED

Mar. 3 – 2pm dismissal

Mar. 5 – Classroom Gardener begins (every Friday from Mar. 5 – early November 2021)

Mar. 15 – 26 – Spring Break

4. **DPAC Report – Molly Johnson**

- Concern with COVID-19 notifications. Would like more transparency and feedback from VCH. VCH will only speak directly to VSB
- Would like Option 4 to continue for families
- Long Range Facilities plan – passed January 25 2021
- School Liaison Officer Program – details to come for an online survey and written submissions
- Anti-racism – goal to provide resources to PAC and parents. They will also post a video to DPAC website
- Fine Arts Review – parents can also email feedback in this regard.

5. **Chair’s Report – Janine Kobyłka**

- **Direct Drive**

- Postponed DD until now so as not to make too many requests at holidays
- This year’s ask - \$22,150 - remainder of what wasn’t raised from our DD campaign over the last two years
- Last year 34 families donated; raised less than half of last year’s ask which was simply a continuation of the year before
- Really hoping that we can raise the rest this year – recommending a contribution of at least \$75 per student for a total of \$22,150.
- Hoping for 100% participation – not everyone can contribute total amount, but all donations are greatly appreciated and every donation of \$20 or more will receive a tax receipt from the VSB
- Would allow the school to purchase the rest of the tech request from two years ago plus 10 additional laptops and a laptop cart
- Hard copies of DD forms go home this week; can also be found on PAC website under “fundraising” with a direct link to School Cash donation page
- Donations easier online and you’ll get your tax receipt sooner

- **Deborah MacNamara**

- Great presentation on Jan 28th – thanks to everyone who attended
- Has free online presentation tomorrow on dealing with frustration in kids
- Can register on the Neufeld Institute website

- Unfortunately, 1-2:30pm - conflicts with early dismissal – but will be recorded and posted on Neufeld website; great presentations available there for free
- **Saleema Noon**
 - Has free online workshop for parents of preteens – how support them with managing social media, body changes, and bullying
 - Different from parent presentation coming up at QM in April
 - Every other year PAC tries to support Saleema Noon body science workshops for kids and parents – had to cancel last year so rebooked for April 2021
 - Will still be online but will be “live” Zoom presentations for each class and for parents at April’s PAC mtg.
- **Pink Shirt Day**
 - Coming up on Feb. 24th
 - Orders all in – 147 total; two divisions had generous parents buy shirts for the whole class – thank you!
 - Hoping to see all students and families in pink on the 24th
- **Gardening of PAC Beds**
 - East wall garden beds will be used by Classroom Gardener Project
 - Have a revised plan for the north beds
 - Already approved two maples; need to approve rest (plants and labour)
 - Will need to get volunteers to help water for the first year or so – PAC responsible for beds

6. **MOTION:** To approve \$350 + GST (\$367.50) from the General Account for an online Saleema Noon Body Science parent presentation during our April 13, 2021 PAC meeting.

- **Moved by:** Sheri Jamali
- **Seconded by:** Julie Sutherland
- **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**

7. **MOTION:** To approve \$1100 + GST (\$1155.00) from the Gaming Account for two days of online Saleema Noon Body Science workshops for QM students on April 15 & 16, 2021.

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

8. **MOTION:** To approve \$1359.75 (\$1295 + GST) from the Gaming Account for all labour, waste removal, and dump fees associated with the weeding, prepping and planting of the PAC garden beds on the north side of the gravel field and the northeast corner of the gravel field.

- **Moved by:** Molly Johnson
- **Seconded by:** Julie Sutherland
- **Unanimous approval – Motion carried**

9. **MOTION:** To approve \$425 + tax from the Gaming Account for all plants (shrubs, perennials, etc., including delivery) for the PAC garden beds on the North side of the gravel field.
 - **Moved by:** Julie Sutherland
 - **Seconded by:** Molly Johnson
 - **Unanimous approval – Motion carried**

10. **Treasurer’s Report – Sasa Chambers/Bree Stanlake**
 - Activity in January was minimal
 - Accounts are healthy
 - Sasa will fill out and complete a bank questionnaire

11. **Other Business/Questions**
 - None/No Questions

12. **Adjourn**
 - Meeting adjourned 7:56pm