



Queen Mary PAC Meeting Minutes (online Zoom Meeting)

Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020.

Attendees: Megan Davies, Janine Kobylka, Julie Sutherland, Sian Dowle, Christine Darvell, Molly Johnson, Bree Stanlake, Greg Weir, Sandra Nelson, Atousa Atashbarg, Nirvana Kiarostami, Pedram and Karen, Maria Koebsch, Merle Miedzygorski, Kuljit Sajjan, Janet Badlikova, Joann Peng

(names collected from Zoom Participant list)

Regrets: Meghan Stanlake, Sasa Chambers, Tracey Wood

Meeting commenced: 7:02 PM

1. Approval of Agenda

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

2. Approval of November 10, 2020 Minutes

- **Moved by:** Christine Darvell
- **Seconded by:** Nirvana Kiarostami
- **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**

3. PAC Garden Box Presentation – Greg Weir

- During seismic upgrade of Queen Mary, PAC raised a great deal of money for outdoor learning spaces, play areas and gardens. This included an installation of the concrete planters on the east and north side of the gravel field perimeter
- As PAC paid for them, they are not maintained by the VSB. Over last couple of years they have not been tended to and are currently looking very 'sad'.
- There has been discussion that they need to be restored.
- The east side planters are going to be used by the school and the Classroom Gardener project
- PAC will be taking care of the north side planters
- We also need to replace a tree that has died. This tree was planted by a past Queen Mary family in memory of their two sons who died while at the school. It is important to replace it
- Greg Weir has consulted with a garden designer, Janet Butts, who has wonderful vision and plant knowledge. Priority is to add in plants that are drought resistant and can survive through the summer when school is not in session.

Motion to approve \$1167.00 of Gaming Funds for the purchase, delivery and installation of two Acer Maple Trees for the PAC garden beds (\$600 for trees, \$450 for delivery and installation + \$126 tax)

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

4. Principal's Report – Megan Davies

- **Thank You**

- Fundraisers have been very successful – Wreath & Planter, Purdy's, Raffle
- Special thanks to Janine
- Grateful for the support of our families
- Generosity for others outside of our community through the Holiday Hampers

- **Classroom Gardener**

- 1x/month for each class
- Shared space
- Resources for teachers
- Supplies and soil
- Care over the summer
- March - October

- **Progress Reports**

- New format – teachers are using an online tool that has been mandated by the district
- Same components – strength based, focus on Student Strengths, Areas for Growth, Ways to Support Learning at home and at school
- Sliding Scale for Curriculum
- Option 4 students will receive a report based on available work in LA and Numeracy
- Reports go home on January 29th
- More info will come in a January newsletter and at our January PAC meeting

- **Upcoming dates:**

- Dec. 16th or 17th Newsletter home
- Dec. 18th - Last day before the break
- Jan. 4 - First Day Back After Winter Break
- Jan. 18 - Professional Development Day
- Jan. 19 - Possible Return for Option 4 Students
- Jan. 29 - Progress Reports go home
- Feb. 12 - Professional Development Day
- Feb. 15 - Family Day
- Feb. 24 - Individual Photo Day (Tentative)

5. DPAC Report – Molly Johnson

- Lots of discussion around COVID and protocols, particularly masks
- Option 4 families also voiced issues and return dates for the transition program have now been pushed through March 2021

- A statement has been crafted voicing DPAC's support for the cancellation of the VPD School Liaison Officer (SLO) program. They would like VSB to move more quickly on this. Vote will take place in January
- Looking at long range plans. Advocating for equity between schools, the issue of neighbourhood schools and having school boundaries reflect where the students are living.

6. Chair's Report – Janine Kobyłka

- **Fundraising Update**

- Thank you for support of Growing Smiles and Purdy's
- Raised \$1500 from Growing Smiles; \$2450 from Purdy's; total \$3950.
- Donations for raffle fundraiser close to \$3000 – amazing! Thanks to everyone for generous support.
- Raffle will take place Wed. & Thurs. – prizes drawn on Thurs.
- Thank you to class parents who bought prizes for their divisions and other families who donated money and prizes – 32 great prizes

- **Direct Drive**

- Because of big holiday fundraising push in Dec., decided to postpone DD until early Feb.
- DD this school year is a continuation of previous two years' campaigns – trying to raise the last 1/3 of our \$60,000 technology ask

- **Thank you**

- Huge thank you to staff and especially our building engineers for keeping QM clean and safe!

- **DPAC Pulse Check Survey**

- looking to hear from all VSB parents about the year so far
- Deadline is this Friday
- Survey link is on PAC homepage

- **Upcoming Events**

- Deb MacNamara online parent presentation on Raising Kids in a Digital World – Jan. 28
- Registration info available in new year
- Classroom Gardener – school-wide project getting kids outside gardening. After grants and other funding school is short \$1340. PAC is proposing to cover the amount from Gaming funds.

Motion to approve \$1340.00 of Gaming Funds for PAC's portion of Queen Mary's Classroom Gardner Project.

- **Moved by:** Julie Sutherland
- **Seconded by:** Maria Koebsch
- **Unanimous approval – Motion carried**

7. Treasurer's Report – Sasa Chambers/Bree Stanlake

- Little activity. General account stands at \$3000.00 and Gaming account is at \$12,226.00
- With spending approved at today's meeting, and holiday fundraising income – accounts will close out the year at around \$10,000.00

8. Other Business/Questions

- None

9. Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned 7:50 pm