



Queen Mary PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, March 11th, 2014.

Attendees: Kathy O'Sullivan, Kathy Findlay, Mahala McCullagh, Rebecca Anderson, Scott Trinder, Matthew Taylor, Judy Yeung, Christine Lee, Vicky Aneliunas, Sasa Chambers.

Regrets: Rosemary Thomas, Adina Trowhill, Jeff Pedersen, Lori Matick.

Meeting commenced: 7:05pm

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1. **Approval of Agenda**
 - **Moved by:** Matthew
 - **Seconded by:** Christine
 - **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**
 2. **Approval of Feb. 11, 2014 Minutes**
 - **Moved by:** Scott
 - **Seconded by:** Christine
 - **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**
 3. **Principal's / Vice-Principal's Report – Kathy O'Sullivan and Rosemary Thomas**
 - 372 kids to-date.
 - 40 K's registered for 2014-2015.
 - Still receiving forms regarding moving families.
 - Currently in the Budget stage with VSB – 1st round of projections done.
 - Still have some space, looking at International students.
 - VSB always gives 14 Int'l students, but looking at getting up to 20.
 - Seismic update: Thursday, March 13th is last day with old gym. Temporary Gym to be ready March 31st.
 - Intermediate playground now closed off, but using field at Trimble park as an alternate.
 - Met with a Project Team, who want to attend our next PAC meeting (April 8th) with news & update. Will update staff on Tues. Apr. 1st.
 - Confirmed that balcony in new building is back on the plans.
 - City is working with a landscaping group to get some trees for the boulevard.
 - School meetings: SPC & Grad committee will meet first week after Spring Break.
 - Anti-bullying week of events – very successful, with Genesis and Jessica Trach, Pink Week, Kindness Counts Friday – Amanda Todd's mother spoke at Churchill (Kindness Rocks for Grade 5-7's). A big thank you to PAC for supporting this week.
 - Looking ahead:
 - Ready, Set, Learn took place March 5th - 20 three and four year olds attended with presentations from Mr. Weir and activities with the kindergarten teachers

- and Ms. Hedley and the Librarian from West Point Grey Library.
- April – thank-you to volunteers
- May – Welcome to Kindergarten event.
- June – Farewell assemblies, Grade 7 Grad, Sports Day
- Parent Conferences: Feb. 25th & Mar. 12th
- Report Cards go home March 14th – academically kids are doing well, still working on the social aspects.
- Looking forward to a 2-week break.
- Completion of the Satisfaction Surveys – Gr. 4 and Gr 7 - January to Mid April.
- Artist in Residence and Jump Rope for Heart
- Question from Scott re: smaller class size and bringing in more Int'l students. Kathy O. confirmed that we would still be OK for numbers.

4. **Chair's Report – Kathy Findlay/Mahala McCullagh**

- SOLOS Parent Presentation – Parenting in a Digital World - May 28th @ 6:30pm. The school has also booked a presentation for the intermediate children on this topic for May 29th at school. Still trying to invite other schools to participate & reduce overall cost. <http://www.safeonlineoutreach.com/programs/school-based-internet-safety-program/>
- We are contacting Jules Quesnel, Queen Elizabeth, University Hill, Bayview, Canarvon and Kitchener to see if they would be interested in participating in this presentation with us as a way to reduce the overall cost. The cost of this 90-120 minute presentation is \$475.00. We will be asking people to RSVP so we can determine how many chairs and how much coffee we will need.
- We are still working on the questions for the Hot Lunch Survey. Rebecca is also following up with Jennifer Cook from the VSB to find out what approved list of vendors they can forward to us along with prices. Jennifer is responsible for health and safety around hot lunch programs.
- New guidelines for fundraisings from VSB. We will need to review these for next year.
- Direct Drive Letter – reminder sent out this week.
- Notice regarding Teacher Appreciation Lunch on April 10th will be sent out this week too. Sign up board will come out after spring break.
- Book Sale April 17th.
- The PAC will be offering a plant sale this year as a fundraiser during the month of April. Plants will be available for pick up on May 6th.
- School would like to put on the volunteer tea on April 30th.

5. **Treasurer's Report – Kathy Findlay for Adina Trowhill**

- Very few items out this month: Maple Man, Anti-bullying, additional PIN.

6. **DPAC Report – Matthew Taylor**

- Feb. 27th was DPAC forum on next year's budget.
- Overview of budget process. Just over \$0.5Billion for the province, shortfall of \$16M projected. 90% of revenue provided by the Ministry.
- Monica Mulburn called it a "dismal looking budget". Provincial Gov't has different priorities.
- If the VSB refuses to balance the budget, the Gov't will fire the Board.
- With no "low-fruit" left, money has to come out of one-time items (ie. Sale of assets, etc)
- Many meetings in April to finalize budget.
- Need to write to MLA's, etc to speak out for more funding.

In response to applications reviewed by the PAC Executive from both the Vice-Principal and the Parent Grad Committee, the following two motions are being presented:

7. **MOTION:** to approve a request for funding from the Vice Principal for \$700 from the Gaming Funds Account for the Legacy Art Project which will involve Divisions 1-4.

- **Moved by:** Mahala
- **Seconded by:** Sasa
- **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**

MOTION: to approve \$250.00 from the Gaming Funds Account as a contribution towards the expenses anticipated for the Grad Ceremony as per the application submitted by the parent grad committee.

- **Moved by:** Mahala
- **Seconded by:** Sasa
- **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**

8. **MOTION:** to spend \$750 of gaming money for the annual Queen Mary Scholarship that is awarded to a grade 12 Queen Mary alumni student.

- **Moved by:** Kathy F.
- **Seconded by:** Vicky
- **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**

We are looking for three parents to make up the scholarship application review committee. Applications will be sent to the high schools in early March and the deadline for applications is May 9th.

9. **Spring Dance –Lori Matick**

- Scheduled for June 6th with the theme of “1980’s / Rock ‘n’ Roll!”
- Live band
- Great prizes for 80’s themed contests & costumes
- We will need quite a few volunteers for Thursday afternoon prior (gym closed at 3pm June 5?), Friday afternoon, during dance (sales / help with food etc) and post-dance clean-up. Timing etc all same as last year.
- More info as we get closer
- Changing up the dinner menu – details to come.

10. **Other Business:**

- No other business was discussed.

11. **Adjourn**

- **Moved to adjourn by:** Kathy F.
- Meeting adjourned 7:48pm.