



Queen Mary PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, December 9th, 2014

Attendees: Kathy O'Sullivan, Rosemary Thomas, Kathy Findlay, Mahala McCullagh, Vicki Aneliunas, Judy Yeung, Matthew Taylor, Sasa Chambers, Lisa Meyer.

Regrets: Lori Matick, Rebecca Anderson, Bree Stanlake.

Meeting commenced: 7:05pm

1. Approval of Agenda

- **Moved by:** Sasa Chambers
- **Seconded by:** Judy Yeung
- **Unanimous approval – Motion carried**

2. Approval of November 18th, 2014 Minutes

- Change to Nov. minutes- Christmas tree was donated to school and will be stored off site to use again next year
- **Moved by:** Sasa Chambers
- **Seconded by:** Vicki Aneliunas
- **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**

3. Principal's / Vice-Principal's Report – Kathy O'Sullivan and Rosemary Thomas

Kathy:

- Big thank you to Mahala and crew for craft and bake sale, it was a huge success!
- Report cards go home Dec. 12th.
- Sing-Along for 3 days next week: Wed. 9-10am, Thurs, 1:30-2:30, Fri. 9-10am.
- Kids working on holiday activities, field trips, still doing curricular work.
- Teachers doing book clubs and inquiry groups.
- Resource team met with Autism network and they received new resources to bring to staff.
- Leadership team raised \$400 from ice cream sale and they purchased goats. Next sale this Friday, Dec. 12th.
- Seismic meeting: we are getting balcony.

Rosemary:

- Thanks to Mahala for craft sale, kids loved it.
- Hamper going to family in need from east side Vancouver: staff taking care of food, Kathy F. purchased gifts for the family.

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

- Landscape committee made up of 3 parents, 3 teachers and Kathy O'Sullivan: They visited 6 sites, over 2 days, took pictures for good ideas. They are hoping by February they can get a list of priorities of what they would like to see in a QM landscape/garden. The committee will then seek approval from PAC and support from community to raise funds to supplement direct drive from QM parents.
- Need parents to help coach basketball because there is a lot of interest in Gr. 5-7.
- As part of the support the PAC is giving to a family on the east side, Division 4 is making stockings for the family: they will decorate the stockings and wrap presents.
- Arts Umbrella program - are they running in New Year? Waiting to hear back from them.
- Santa will appear on last day of school to hand out gifts to musicians, then hand out small candy canes to students.
- SOLOS presentation to take place in February.
- Kathy F. met with Patti Bacchus regarding budget and change in plans on renovation/seismic. We need to address through School Board and Ministry. Try to see if we can get more money towards the budget. The tax change from HST to GST and PST may have cost Queen Mart up to a \$1Million in the budget. Will make best effort to make a difference here. Patty thought trustees would endorse letter to Ministry. We lost learning space, which in the future may cause issues with growing population in the QM catchment.
- Would ESL parents like to see newsletters translated into their language? One parent stepped up and helped with this in Chinese. A number of Chinese families completed a form to receive translated information when available

5. Treasurer's Report – Sasa Chambers

- Nov. collected interest in both accounts.
- Lice screening cheque not cashed, and Devry Greenhouses hasn't been cashed.
- Got invoice for uniforms, pinnies.
- Vicky will follow up to see when Lice cheque will be cashed.

6. DPAC Report – Matthew Taylor

- Went to DPAC meeting - less info provided this year than before. Message was "time of transition". Meeting was hearing feedback about goals for schools. Following are some discussed items at DPAC meeting:
 - Steve Cardwell retiring, looking for new Superintendent
 - Big trustee turnover
 - Discussion re: new Chair-Patti Bacchus ousted and Chris Richardson in
 - Seismic office set up in school board and dedicated to looking into seismic projects
 - Talk about a revised curriculum
 - Aboriginal safety and issue of discrimination in schools
 - Issue of PAC's doing too much fundraising and need to do more advocacy work. Discussion around working groups on different ways to keep programs like strings. Kathy F. reported that she had been part of the preliminary discussions and has brought forward some ideas including coming up with 2 or 3 options and doing a DPAC survey for parents to respond to. Valerie Overgaard has been hired by the VSB to assist with coming up with a solution to strings issue. Ways to get more information from parents. Lots of issues and ideas being brought forward around strings and band such as at what age to start.

7. **Holiday Bake and Craft Sale – Mahala McCullagh/Lisa Meyer**
 - Thanks to all volunteers that helped by baking and making crafts and for volunteering time on the day for craft and bake sale. Thanks to Kathy O. for moving bins on Monday morning.
8. **Christmas Fundraising –Kathy, Lisa**
 - Purdy's chocolates – 17 families participated this year: \$757 raised.
 - Poinsettias – 67 families participated: \$1385 in profit, plus some sold at school.
 - Hoping Direct Drive will engage other families to contribute directly to some of the areas where we will need funding down the road.
9. **Adjourn**
 - **Moved to adjourn by:** Kathy F.
 - Meeting adjourned 7:52pm.