



Queen Mary PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, January 13, 2015

Attendees: Kathy O'Sullivan, Rosemary Thomas, Kathy Findlay, Mahala McCullagh, Rebecca Anderson, Vicki Aneliunas, Sasa Chambers, Scott Trinder, Heidi Harmer, Bree Stanlake, Jo Sears, Kristin Loheyde, Lisa Meyer, Heather Loblaw, Vittoria Canale, Gary Lee, Lihua Xiao, Holly Ryan.

Regrets: Lori Matick, Matthew Taylor.

Meeting commenced: 7:05pm

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1. **Approval of Agenda**
 - **Moved by:** Sasa
 - **Seconded by:** Bree
 - **Unanimous approval – Motion carried**
 2. **Approval of December 9th, 2014 Minutes**
 - **Moved by:** Kathy F.
 - **Seconded by:** Scott
 - **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**
 3. **Principal's / Vice-Principal's Report – Kathy O'Sullivan and Rosemary Thomas**

Kathy:

 - Ping Ho is back from Mat Leave, teaching 6/7.
 - Edda Mejia is new Supervision Aide, replacing Charlotte Goelz who retired.
 - Looking at projections for 2015-2016: notices went home this week. Currently 373 students, 30 international students – VSB projecting 320, which does not include international students (many students are temporary).
 - Attendance Health & Wellness program within the VSB. \$20M spent on attendance each year. Kathy & Rose attended a 2-day seminar. Looking how to better support attendance.
 - New data system "MyEducationBC" is being rolled out in January.
 - K's: Human Early Learning Partnership with UBC – K teachers do a survey with each child. Ultimately to see that all children graduate high school.
 - Grade 4+7: Foundation Skills Assessment (approx. 4.5 hours) between Jan. 15th – Feb. 21st. Letters went home today for any exclusions. More detailed information online at Ministry of Education.
 - Grade 7 Grad committee has met to discuss Grad – Anna Freschi to coordinate, but would like another person to assist.

Rosemary:

- Artist in Residence – still ongoing with Phyllis Schwartz from last Spring, with 6&7's.
- Ice-Cream Sales are consistent at approx. \$400 each month. Fall sales raised enough for 8 goats for a family in Africa; leadership raised another \$200 for more goats. If sales are consistent for January's ice-cream sales towards Grade 7 Camp, should reduce individual costs by \$10 each.
- Basketball: 4 teams. 60% played at QM, let by Mr. Atkinson. Kids are excited.
- TEGS: rec'd grant of \$2000. Meeting on Friday at lunch, divided into 3 sub-groups for ongoing participation.
- Yushin from Grade 7 has won "Principal for a Day" – to be granted January 30th.
- Chinese New Year Lion Dance, February 19th. Valentine's, Friendship & Black History Month.

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

- Second Lice Screening session in Jan 22-23, coordinated by Vicky. Final session in May.
- Profit \$4,130.10 from Craft Bake Sale. Still going strong!
- Pointsetta sales profit: \$1,450.92
- \$767 profit from Purdy's sales.
- Earthquake Bin: Kathy O'Sullivan will check on status of water leak being fixed.
- Arts Umbrella still going ahead – got 12 enrolled, Port #1 on Tuesdays.
- Direct Drive received \$19,000 before Christmas Break. Goal is \$40,000, with 70% earmarked for Seismic landscaping & playground, etc.
- PAC Meeting attendance: how can we improve attendance? Suggested ideas discussed:
 - Start ½ hour later; alternate between evening and morning meetings; more advertisement through the classroom; sheet of stickers in classroom for students to put in Agendas week before; Class parents send out email to class; include an interesting topic for discussion; door prizes, wine/cheese to entice turnout. Focus topic by grade each month; have a parent from each class attend on a schedule.
 - Reminders on "School Day" by Erin.
 - Put up "where we're at" boards out for parents to review before PAC Meetings.
- Landscaping plans: visited 7 other schools & Science World for garden ideas. Working on Corporate Sponsorships for some ideas. Will come up with a "wish list" of ideas and price them out to present to PAC for fundraising purposes. Feedback over the next few months will be crucial for future planning.

5. Treasurer's Report – Sasa Chambers

- Interest gained on Gaming Account, only movement on that account.
- Payments from General Account: Pointsettias, Holiday Hamper for a family in need, Cellist at Holiday Sing-along.
- Payments outstanding for Lice Screening & photocopying for Pointsettia sales.

6. DPAC Report – Matthew Taylor

- Nothing this month.

7. **MOTION:** to approve an additional \$125 of PIN money for each of the 21 classroom/resource groups. These funds are used for consumables purchased by the teachers for their classrooms and will come from our general funds account
 - **Moved by:** Kathy F.
 - **Seconded by:** Kristin
 - **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**
8. **Seismic Project Update – Kathy Findlay**
 - Letters from Kathy F. to Alan Wong (Facilities) and Min. of Educ. & Van. Board of Trustees letter to Minister of Education, regarding our budget cuts.
 - Kathy spoke to Patti Bacchus to discuss how to fight for our budget to be revised to match current needs.
 - Want to get our “original footprint” re-established, and have space to bring Music room back up from the basement.
 - Looking to get some our “maintenance budget” to replace windows on the red building.
 - Kathy to attend a meeting with Comm. II on Jan. 21st to present our concerns. Would love support from parents to show up at meeting at 5pm at VSB.
9. **Parent Presentations/Seminars – Mahala McCullagh**
 - February 4th – SOLOS @ Jules quesnel to share costs (see QM Pac website)
 - Apr. 13th - Selima Noon (student presentations on April 28-29)
 - May 20th - Healthy Eating for Children @ JQ
10. **Strings Program Update – Kathy Findlay**
 - Kathy going to VSB on Monday to discuss options for the future of Strings Program.
 - Looking at “user pay” system that can also subsidize those who cannot afford it.
 - Option of making it a Prep Class not optimum – ALL kids would have to participate part of the year.
 - Mediator (Val Overguard) hired to collect input from various groups.
 - Suggesting a survey through DPAC.
11. **Parking in front of Quadra issue:**
 - Still major issues with parents driving down W. 6th towards Quadra to drop-off/pick-up, blocking emergency lane, safety issue for kids crossing road from Trimble Park.
 - Suggesting to get parent volunteers to assist with patrolling intersections.
 - City of Vancouver will make some changes on W. 6th after Seismic is complete.
12. **New Business – Hot Lunch:**
 - Lihua mentioned that many Asian parents in the community want more hot lunch days, and she has 21 parents willing to volunteer help to make it happen.
 - Vicky has spoken to a couple of parents from JQ who have C’est Mon Café doing hot lunch on Wednesdays. She will check them out to see what the food/service is like, for possible trial at QM.
 - With more details, will discuss options at next meeting.
13. **Adjourn**
 - **Moved to adjourn by:** Kathy F.
 - Meeting adjourned 8:38pm.