



Queen Mary PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 10, 2015

Attendees: Kathy O'Sullivan, Rosemary Thomas, Chris Atkinson (VSB), Kathy Findlay, Mahala McCullagh, Rebecca Anderson, Matthew Taylor, Sasa Chambers, Scott Trinder, Vicky Aneliunas, Jo Sears, Kristin Loheyde, Gary Lee, Lihua Xiao, Judy Yeung, Heidi Harmer, Julie Bettinger, Helen Wang, Rob Eisses, Davina Bradshaw, Warren Poole, Garth Hunte, Alex Radic.

Regrets: Lori Matick

Meeting commenced: 7:05pm

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1. **Approval of Agenda**
 - **Moved by:** Sasa
 - **Seconded by:** Scott
 - **Unanimous approval – Motion carried**
 2. **Approval of January 13th, 2015 Minutes**
 - **Moved by:** Scott
 - **Seconded by:** Judy
 - **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**
 3. **Seismic Update – Chris Atkinson, VSB**
 - Costs: budget vs. construction costs – not usually published.
 - Contingencies: hazardous materials – lead paint, lower asbestos, heavy metals. Cost overruns cut into millwork, etc.
 - Footprint reduced due to \$1.2M over-budget. Reducing envelope: less glazing, brickwork, reduced window budget in new building.
 - Neighbourhood learning space is funded by government for community uses.
 - Early Learning Space is not supported by government any longer and therefore removed from our project to save budget by \$3,000 per square meter.
 - Why is budgeting for each project so uneven? Renovation of Heritage buildings costs much more than “new builds”, so why is our budget marginally more than General Gordon’s new build budget? (No answers provided.)
 - Cost estimator is hired by VSB to present construction budgets. There are only two estimators in Vancouver that VSB utilizes.
 - New builds get 70% of the old footprint.
 - We are currently still on-schedule for a completion date of September 2016 however we may not move into the classrooms until the Fall of 2015 financially and work schedule.

- **None of the direct questions asked of Chris in any of the PAC correspondences or during the meeting were answered to our satisfaction. In fact we received no specific real answers to any of our questions.**
- **There are no further cuts planned to our budget.**
- Chris will come back to next meeting to update on where schedule is for classroom move-in for September.

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

- The principal has been attending the Site meetings every other week about the project.
- Currently we are waiting to hear if our project is on time and whether we will be moving in September or later.
- We continue to monitor the safety and security of students as new things occur. Heatherbrae continues to keep us informed about crews and big machines on site.
- School Planning Council and the Student Learning and Achievement Committee are meeting this month
- School Travel Planning – Queen Mary is one of five schools in Vancouver who has been selected to participate in the City of Vancouver 2014-2015 School Travel Planning Program (STP) **Objectives:** reduce the demand for vehicle trips to and from schools, increase walking and cycling to and from school, improve traffic safety adjacent to schools, reduce vehicle emissions adjacent to schools and improve the overall health and well being of students. Charlotte Watson (HASTe) will be working with us. We have a start up meeting with admin Feb 3 and they would like to meet with PAC. There will be a take home survey to collect baseline data.
- Feb 12 and Mar 4 – Early Dismissal 2:00 for Parent Teacher Conferences
- Wednesday, February – 25 -BC Pink Day- We will encourage students to wear pink on that day but our school would like to focus on International Pink Day
- Feb. 20 – Our student leadership team will be hosting a pajama day to encourage reading. Will include going to classes and reading to them.

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

- One class had a particularly large quantity of lice cases, had an extra session for that class.
- Scott got a new sign for 6th Avenue regarding access/parking.
- SOLOS presentation at JQ was a good turnout! Link to website was incorrect, but will send out the correct password in a news blast.
- Val Overgard gave report to Committee III meeting regarding Strings program. Report will be put on our website for parents to review.

6. Treasurer's Report – Sasa Chambers

- Leftover "outstanding" bills have cleared. Lice cheque had been lost and was re-issued.
- Gaming funds from 2012 need to be spent by end of June 2015. Will need to request a special request to defer for landscaping use.

7. DPAC Report – Matthew Taylor

- Advocacy Workshop put on by DPAC.

8. Queen Mary Scholarship:

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:** Matthew
- **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**

9. Landscape Update – Kathy Findlay

- Landscaping Committee’s list of priorities handed out for review.
- Getting a landscape architect to help establish a plan and budget for our “most important needs”.
- Hoping to raise a total of \$30,000 from our Direct Drives to put towards our Landscape plan.

10. Hot Lunch

- C’est Mon Café – trial scheduled for Friday, Feb. 27th.
- Vicky investigated JQ lunch program, having spoken to other parents.
- Eric charges \$4.50 per meal, topped up by PAC for fundraising. Includes fruit/veggie, but no drink or treat – which are optional add-ons.
- Order & pay online via Paypal (no need for a paypal account).
- Orders can be cancelled by 9am same day.
- Enough food to provide seconds for kids who are still hungry.
- Very reasonable, accommodating. Very little parent volunteers needed, although helpful on the day for “pop-up” situations.
- Likes to put lunch out for the smaller children on their tables, and remainder line-up.
- Able to provide up to 5 different choices each week. PAC to decide limit of choices.
- No meals have nuts or sesame seeds, although suggests children with allergies avoid the desserts (prepared off-site).

11. Green Team Update

- Looking for parent volunteers to help the sub-teams & field trips.
- Five sub-teams: “Chefs” with Ms. Wendie, “Green Thumbs” (to grow food) with Clare Cullen, “Spuds & Tubs” (growing potatoes) with Maria King, “Percolate-Plan-Promote” with Michael Atkinson (researching & teaching), “Reduce-Reuse-Recycle-Rot” with Heidi Harmer (Rot = composting).
- Looking to rejuvenate the Terra-Cycle program, run by the kids.

12. Other Business:

- Scott requested putting parking & Quadra Daycare access on next month’s agenda.

13. Adjourn

- **Moved to adjourn by:** Kathy F.
- Meeting adjourned 8:58pm.