



Queen Mary PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2015

Attendees: Kathy O'Sullivan, Rosemary Thomas, Charlotte Watson, Michael Atkinson, Kathy Findlay, Mahala McCullagh, Sasa Chambers, Vicky Aneliunas, Tamsin Tarling, Kristin Loheyde, Lei Zhuang, Lihua Xiao, Judith Zhao, Jane Chen, John Groves, Anne Lee (VSB), Judy Yeung, Lori Matick, Chris Atkinson, Bree Stanlake

Regrets: Rebecca Anderson, Matthew Taylor, Lisa Meyer

Meeting commenced: 7:00pm

1. **Approval of Agenda**
 - **Moved by:** Judy
 - **Seconded by:** Vicky
 - **Unanimous approval – Motion carried**
2. **Approval of February 10th, 2015 Minutes**
 - **Moved by:** Lori
 - **Seconded by:** Judy
 - **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**
3. **Charlotte Watson – Transportation Planner – HASTe BC**
 - topic tonight is the process of how project is going to work.
 - Greener city initiative – increasing active transportation by supporting family and schools in getting to school by means other than car.
 - it will cover safety but its not the primary purpose.
 - school district, city, ICBC, Translink, VPD, Coastal Health and HUB are partners –they are the change-makers that can actually make things happen through budgeted programs.
 - the stakeholders from above groups are very passionate about the project and transportation for children and schools.
 - the process:
 - i. Map sent home – this is parents opportunity to give input on how they get to school.
 - ii. There is also an online survey – very important to fill this out. This is where the numbers come from to determine how to weight the various issues.

- iii. Teachers asking children in class how they are getting to and from school.
- iv. Recommendations made with stakeholders and HAST group based on above as well as their own research done via walkabouts in various districts.
- v. Plan worked on over the summer.
- vi. Families will be given a “best routes map” to get to and from school.
- vii. Presentation by HAST will be given in the Fall to parents.

We need to distinguish between construction impact and how parents would normally get to and from school. Important to think beyond today when completing the survey – input should be based on what regular routes would be. Transportation concerns related specifically to construction should be sent to ...(names?)

4. **Michael Atkinson – Queen Mary Safe Contact**

- Update on sports: x country, full slate for volleyball and basketball and next up is track and field.
- Thank you to Chris and Sue (basketball coaches), Davin Smith (Sebastian’s dad), Claire Cullen and Heidi Harmer (Green Team).
- Thanks to the PAC for approving funds for uniforms. Opportunity to order more and sell them for next year as they are very popular.
- Safe Contact: VSB is very progressive on inclusion, valuing diversity, and as a result they have laid out policy on LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender or Queer) students.
- We now have things like gender-neutral washrooms as an example.
- As part of the policy each school must have a person designated as a Safe Contact.
- A Safe Contact is someone who is an ally for inclusion, tolerance and equal rights; someone who may have some background, training, experience in the areas of bullying or may be familiar with specific literature on the topic.
- This year Michael Atkinson has teamed up with (?) and will be the Safe Contact reps.
- In April (International Pink Day month) the staff will be engaged in a luncheon to get started on the education; students will be involved as by participating in a variety of ideas, activities and discussions throughout the month.

5. **Principal’s / Vice-Principal’s Report – Kathy O’Sullivan and Rosemary Thomas**

- Students and Staff were eager to be back at school after Spring Break.
- VSB Preliminary Budget Process Update will be given to us tomorrow at the Superintendent’s Meeting.
- Seismic Program Update.
- Foundation Skills Assessment Results are being distributed to the Grade 4 and 7 parents this week.
- Satisfaction Surveys – Gr. 4 and Gr 7 students and parents – Online – parents will receive a letter with a log on number to submit this online.
- Work commenced on the existing sanitary line over Spring break.
- Second floor for new building is going up.
- BC Education Plan – Today at our staff meeting we met to look at the New BC Education Plan: 21st that is demanding new ideas for how things get done. We are in the process of looking at why things look similar and aligning what we do with what we know. We had an overview of the Three Core Competencies, which underlay all

areas of the curriculum. Competencies are: Communication, Thinking, Personal and Social Competence.

- This is a curriculum redesign as the first stage looking into the graduation years as not a grad program. It is expected to be in legislation by July 2016.
- Working with staff about various staggered lunch times (Once we move into the new school will only have portable multipurpose room.
- Introduced Recycle and Organic Program – Recycling Organic and Landfill bins – Teachers and TEGS working together to help everyone to sort century is fundamentally a different environment.

School Events – March and April

- Ready Set Learn – three and four Year olds – Friday, March 27
- Month of April – National Volunteer Month and International Pink Day
- Track and Field begins
- Body Science - April 13 Parent Presentation and April 20 and 21 Student
- Strings Concert - April 23
- April 27 – Pro D Day – School Planning
- April 30 – Volunteer Tea - Thank you to our volunteers
- New Calendar for next Year will be reviewing with SPC and PAC before

What to look forward to: A Busy Third Term

- School Fees to be set for next year approved by staff and SPC
- School Organization for 2015-2016
- Welcome to Kindergarten – end of May
- Various Curricular Units for all students
- -Volunteer appreciation tea is April 30th
- -Graduation party is June 18th

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

- Teacher and Staff appreciation luncheon is Thurs April 9th. Theme is “World Favorite Dishes”. Volunteers needed to bring food!
- Parents will receive information this week on luncheon calling for volunteers
- Plant sale: Lisa Meyer heading up. Order forms will be sent home. Will need volunteers for arrival of plants.
- Book sale: Need someone to head this up. Will likely be in May. Awaiting final date. See Mahala if you know someone who wants to head this up.
- Arts Umbrella and Young Rembrandts arts programs being offered. Info on website.
- 2nd hot lunch program going forward on Tuesdays. All ordering needs to be done online through QM website – link to C'est Mon Café.
- Info on website on parent seminars: Body Science
- QM scholarship applications mailed out to high schools and are also available online
- BC PAC AGM being held May 2.
- Sketch of landscape plan completed: aiming to get it approved asap so we can get some fundraising going to fund the project.
- Anna Kemp (QM parent and artist) has displayed paintings at Mix Bakery – you can purchase them and 20% of proceeds will go to QM.
- Seismic update: PST issue – John Puddifoot reports that the ministry will allow the 500K shortfall in funds to come out of contingency. Kathy to follow up with trustees to confirm

this. Kathy will also work with them to direct how we are going to spend this money to help restore some of the scope of the original project.

- Also questioning the ministry to find out what happened to the neighborhood learning project budget. Currently the seismic budget is being used to fund this.
- Windows – we are putting pressure on VSB to cover maintenance or replacement cost with their capital fund.

7. Treasurer’s Report – Sasa Chambers

-Report distributed.

8. DPAC Report – Matthew Taylor

- Report Distributed

9. Chris Atkinson, VSB

- Confirms that there will be a base built for playground equipment on north end and south end of school.
- Construction contingency: usually new builds get 5-10%. Makes sense to get more for a hybrid but we only get 6%.
- \$30M announced for NLC – but it was never received by the school board. QM approved for 663 square meters. Chris assuming it was used to fund the NLC but can’t confirm.
- \$500K PST/GST shortfall – Chris will follow up.

10. Other Business:

No other business.

11. Adjourn

- **Moved to adjourn by:** Kathy F.
- Meeting adjourned 8:30pm.