



Queen Mary PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Attendees: Kathy O'Sullivan, Rosemary Thomas, Chris Atkinson – VSB, John Puddifoot, Mahala McCullagh, Rebecca Anderson, Matthew Taylor, Sasa Chambers, Lori Hay-Matick, 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: Kathy Findlay, Lori Hay-Matick

Meeting commenced: 7:05pm

1. **Approval of Agenda**
 - **Moved by:** Scott
 - **Seconded by:** Vicky
 - **Unanimous approval – Motion carried**
2. **Approval of March 24th, 2015 Minutes**
 - **Moved by:** Judy
 - **Seconded by:** Scott
 - **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**
3. **Principal's / Vice-Principal's Report – Kathy O'Sullivan and Rosemary Thomas**
 - District Budget update online – shortfall of \$8.52 Million projected.
 - SPC meeting in April. Kathy & Rose & Staff still discussing calendar (early dismissal dates).
 - Grade 7 Grad meeting (Anna Freschi, Rhianon Peterson). Grad scheduled for June 18th.
 - Letter going home to parents regarding "The Big One at 2" on May 2nd – VSB requesting a full student release! Notifying parents of an early pick-up at 2pm to accommodate, signing out from Teacher on the field.
 - Events happening:
 - Milton Randall – Drumming Workshop
 - Leadership Team: Ice-Cream Sale this month, Vow of Silence.
 - Body Science presentation to kids on April 20-21.
 - Pink Awareness assembly – led by Michael & Kate
 - Camp Parent Night – April 15
 - Julian Lawrence – author working with students.
 - Volunteer Tea – April 30th @ 10:30am.

- Seismic site meeting last Thursday (April 9th) – still projecting October, might be optimistic!
- Met with architect to review the landscape plan and interior choices for finishes (tiles, moulding, etc.) that need to be approved by the Board & purchased.

4. **Chair's Report –Mahala McCullagh**

- Kathy Findlay attending VSB meeting regarding Strings & Band program, will report next month on outcome.
- Thanks to all parents who supported Teachers' Appreciation Luncheon – much appreciated by Teachers. Many cash donations will be put towards a Staff/Teachers Brunch at the end of the year.
- Last Lice Screening this week for the year.
- Letter from the Ministry addressed to Board of Education regarding funds to be released for HST to PST/GST being taken out of our Contingency fund. Heard nothing further from Ministry, but sent a further letter of inquiry.
- Deadline for Tuesday Hot Lunch extended to April 20th – online orders only. Participation still quite low. Students are allowed to return for seconds.
- Plant Order Forms going home this week.
- Jamieson School is presenting a speaker on "Taming Worry Dragons" for parents of children who have tendencies to worry – inviting QM. April 21st.
- Next Ice-Cream sale to support Grade 7 Grad on Friday, April 17th.
- Scholarship for QM Alumni for Grade 12 student – deadline is May 1st to submit application.
- Child Run is May 31st – led by Lisa Meyer. Forms to sign up coming out soon.
- Spring Dance on June 6th. Reggae theme with Mr. Reimer's band. More information coming soon!
- Book Sale on May 26th – run by Jessica Tang! Send in your gently used books to help us make it a success! Watch for signs where to drop off! (Possibly Portable #1).
- Not a great turnout for Body Science presentation for parents last night – approx. 20 parents. Some parents found 6:30pm start difficult to make.

5. **Letter from Ministry – Chris Atkinson, VSB**

- Scope requested to be returned from original plan, still possible near end of project (millwork).
- Chris agrees that our concern regarding where the funds are returning (above or below the line) should be re-addressed.
- Hoping for the "slight" chance to use some of the funds towards Windows.

6. **Treasurer's Report – Sasa Chambers**

- Usual interest from the bank.
- Two cheques written in March – yet to be cashed.
- This week's author (Julian Morris – Graphic artist) to be paid by PAC.

7. **DPAC Report – Matthew Taylor**

- Band & Strings – controversy from last year's budget still a concern. Need to cut staffing. Board looking to do a "Prep" model pilot in some schools, and increase monthly fee from \$2.50 to \$5/month – not enough to sustain issue long-term. Kathy Findlay meeting VSB tonight to respond to this plan, which is not what stakeholders wanted.

8. Seismic Update – John Puddifoot

- John asked Jim Risquino regarding the incorrect GST calculation.
- Called Leslie regarding Contingency Fund – being held for surprises that always come up. She advised that money that gets released can be used for landscaping.
- Why is landscaping included, but new windows are not?
- How much money is left in Capital Fund for maintenance upgrades?
- The \$833,000 will be released at some point, assuming no further big surprises dip into it.
- Windows (fixing = \$250,000, replacing = \$575,000).
- John suggests that the PAC submit a letter to Special Advisory regarding Strings budget.

9. BCCPAC – John Puddifoot

- John running again for 1st Vice-President and Director.
- 24 Resolutions to be voted on.
- SPC's on chopping block for future years, although School Plans still happening.

10. Spring Dance – Lori Hay-Matick

- Deferred, as Lori was unable to attend.

11. Other Business:

- Scott suggesting a family Potluck in June down at the Beach, to end the year.
- Scott bringing up traffic on 6th Ave and Trimble. Wanting to ban Quadra from driving down 6th for safety (many parents driving too fast!).

12. Adjourn

- **Moved to adjourn by:** Mahala.
- Meeting adjourned 8:15pm.