



Queen Mary PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2015

Attendees: Kathy O'Sullivan, Kathy Findlay, Mahala McCullagh, Sasa Chambers, Rebecca Anderson, Chris Atkinson (VSB), Judy Yeung, Lori Matick, Bree Stanlake

Regrets: Rosemary Thomas, Matthew Taylor, Lisa Meyer

Meeting commenced: 7:05pm

1. Approval of Agenda

- **Moved by:** Lori
- **Seconded by:** Judy
- **Unanimous approval – Motion carried**

2. Approval of April 14th, 2015 Minutes

- **Moved by:** Judy
- **Seconded by:** Kathy
- **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**

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

- Full-scale release practiced for our Earthquake Drill on May 7th. Teachers were firm with parents/caregivers to ensure ID was proper for signing out children. Thank you for parent cooperation. Staff were impressed how smooth it went. Thank you to Genesis Security with four volunteers to help secure the area. Review is happening, and "tweaking" will continue. Emergency Bin to be repaired/replaced.
- Down by one Division for next year, to 14 Divisions. One teacher to be "surplussed", but with retirements and changing roles, may not lose any staff. 340 students – currently 35 K's registered. Working on class placement information between teachers, parent concerns/requests, ELL's, etc. Parents can pick-up "class placement" form from the office & return by May 29th.
- Site meeting with Chris Atkinson in Red Building. Walls are up, looking good! Looking at options for flooring/paint etc. Still optimistic for Thanksgiving move-in!
- School Plan similar to this year: literacy with a writing focus, and aboriginal enhancement. Planning day on April 27th Pro-D was fruitful, will present to SPC on May 14th.
- Growing Chefs: some grade 2/3 classes are growing a variety of edible plants in their classrooms.
- Project Chef at Tapestry for grade 4/5's.
- Intermediate classes: Grade 7's go to camp next week, and Grade 6's have special activities planned.

- Kindergarten activities: Earth Day, Spring, Mother's Day projects and have been working on "Welcome to Kindergarten" event.
- Track & Field: First track meet was held at Camosun Park, with 18 students participating. Next meet has 36 students participating. Practicing "long jump" up on the field. Michael Atkinson looking to put QM in Provincial "meet" in Richmond over May long weekend. Thank you to parents who have helped with practices and driving students to meets!
- Leadership planning "Twin Day" after Camp.
- June activities still to come: sports day, etc.

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

- Track & Field team invited to International meet to watch!
- Looking forward to long weekend!
- Last "ice-cream" sale in support of Education Africa.
- Arts Umbrella still running sessions through Spring.
- Young Rembrandts' next session on "Cartooning" starting up next week.
- Child Run has 56 participants – currently #2 team for fundraising!
- PAC organizing food for Sports Day.
- Seismic update: updated list of items & costs that we are still hoping to have returned to the plan. Items still fighting for account for approx \$20,000. Landscaping items (VSB list) were not on our original plan. Want to focus some items as not covered under scope toward more important items requested.
- Running out of options to contact people regarding our Windows, and the Heritage issue. Would like parent assistance to source contacts at Heritage and/or Press with this matter.
- Direct Drive total (without 2nd letter) at \$21,245, plus \$10,000 donated specifically to math/science.
- Book Sale on May 26th - donations to Portable #1.
- 13 applicants for Scholarship fund. To be announced June 1st.

5. Treasurer's Report – Sasa Chambers

- A couple of deposits (lice screening, Teacher Appreciation donations).
- Cheques out: Jules Quesnel parent night & author visits by Ashley Spires and Julian Lawrence.

6. DPAC Report – Kathy Findlay for Matthew Taylor

- DPAC Report Deferred.
- BCCPAC Resolutions were sent by John Puddifoot, can be requested for review from Kathy Findlay.
- John was not elected to BCCPAC.

7. MOTION: to approve annual phone bill for Safe Arrival, of approximately \$720, from the Gaming Funds.

- **Moved by:** Kathy
- **Seconded by:** Lori
- **Unanimous approval – Motion carried**

8. Spring Plant Sale Summary – Kathy Findlay for Lisa Meyer

- Huge success! Had parents pick-up day before Earthquake Drill for more efficiency.
- Raised about \$1150 (approx. 50 families participated).

9. Spring Dance – Lori Matick

- June 12th in the Gym – Reggae & Beach Party
- Darryl Reimer's band hired for the dance.
- Posters are up, tickets go on sale at the end of May. \$10 for kids' dinner & dance, \$12 for adult dinner & dance. \$6 for dance only.
- Photo booth will be back. As well as a professional dancer!
- Great prizes for costumes!
- Food truck with lots of options!

10. Call for Nominations

- Call went out on email blast to parents.
- All positions are available. Anyone interested in a position, please let Kathy Findlay know before June 9th meeting.

11. Other Business:

No new business.

12. Adjourn

- **Moved to adjourn by:** Kathy F.
- Meeting adjourned 7:36pm.