



## Queen Mary PAC Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**Attendees:** Kathy O'Sullivan, Kathy Findlay, Rebecca Anderson, Lisa Meyer, Scott Trinder, Judy Yeung, Janine Kobylka, Vicky Aneliunas, Evann Siebens, Kirsty Morrison, Maria Koebsch, Liang Fang.

**Regrets:** Matthew Taylor, Sasa Chambers, Lori Matick, Mahala McCullagh.

**Meeting commenced:** 9:06 am

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### 1. Approval of Agenda

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

### 2. Approval of September 15, 2015 Minutes

- **Moved by:** Scott
- **Seconded by:** Lisa
- **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**

### 3. HUB Presentation – Alyshia Burak/Scout Gray

HUB increases street cycling skills for youth, and encourages higher levels of active travel. Find out how your school can:

- Promote and demonstrate cycling as a fun, healthy, and social way to exercise, be independent, and connect to the neighbourhood
- Build and increase riding skills
- Teach and promote safe, responsible cycling
- Encourage parents and families to ride together to school, work, and for fun!
- Having a meeting with Grade 4&5's – in class day last week, and a second session next week on school grounds. Introduction with road signs, safety, cycling skills. Need some extra parent volunteers on Monday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>!
- Main issues for lack of cycling to school is:
  - Large hills to get up on way to/from school
  - Close enough to walk
  - Theft issues in the area
  - Speed of "other" cyclists going on W. 8<sup>th</sup> do not always stop at Trimble corner.
  - Bike racks will be re-assigned after seismic is complete.
- Bike to School/work week in May – will send information to be posted on PAC Board.
- VSB has bike racks available, if necessary.
- Maybe City of Vancouver could provide some money for "cages" for bikes, as more secure storage. (Suggested that HUB make inquiries to COV on this topic.)

- There are programs for adults too – commuter training, etc. Feel free to contact HUB for support.

#### 4. Principal's Report – Kathy O'Sullivan

- Two UBC students in Kindergarten class this year.
- Six UBC students visiting for Social Studies experience.
- Terry Fox Run was very successful – raised over \$5000, and matched by an anonymous donor – so QM raised over \$10,000. Hoping to do a special presentation.
- Provincial Pro-D day is on Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Safety information: Earthquake Prep bins being updated by Rebecca; students practicing Fire Drills and Hold and Secure (Code Yellow) and Lock Down (Code Red) Drills
- Earthquake drill Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> around the Province – Shake Down!
- School Goals: Writing & Aboriginal enhancement. Teachers went to Musquem for an educational presentation and planning an idea to bring some of the information into their classes.
- Artist in Residence: Anastasia Hendry met with 3 students from Div. 1-7 – designing & creating Button Blankets, and Coast Salish doing weaving to be attached to the bottom of the blankets.
- School Events:
  - Individual photos done – retakes coming up soon.
  - Lice Screening completed and had very few incidents!
  - Cross-Country meeting at Vanier Park on Thurs. Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:15. District Meet at Trout Lake on Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Primary classes working on projects about Fall, All About Me, and pumpkins.
  - Grade 4's preparing for camp on Oct. 26 & 27 in Squamish – very excited! Some parents went with Teachers to preview Long House!
  - Intermediate classes: some of their projects are related to critical thinking, analyzing current events and media, ecology, renewable and nonrenewable Resources,
  - October is International School Library month – DEAR (drop everything and read) on Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - Leadership Team: Volunteers for PA Announcers, Primary Monitors, Office Monitors, Equipment Monitors, Teacher Helpers, School Tour Guides, Performance MCs...Campaigns they are planning ...We Scare Hunger, Rafiki Bracelets, We Create Change and finding causes to support with Ice Cream Sales – e.g. Terry Fox.
  - Ice-Cream Sales: Last one for Terry Fox raised over \$400, next one for Grade 7 Camp.
  - Conferences on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> early dismissal – Teachers who did not have conferences in October will schedule conferences this time.
- Ministry of Education – Administrators will be working with the **Curriculum Redesign – What is new and What's the same?** at our superintendent's meeting in our breakout sessions on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Handout showing what is being presented/discussed at Teachers Meeting tomorrow. More information can be found online at: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/home>
- Seismic Phase I almost complete – Phase II scheduled to begin early December. Everything has to be cleaned before we can move in – hoping for early December
  - Week of October 26 – removal of the music cupboard to transfer it to the new classroom
  - Library closed November 9 to inventory the collection. Beginning packing the library

- November 30 hopefully the construction to be finished in the Heritage Building and New Replacement Building.
- Week of December 7th – Packing and Moving – Movers need at least three full days to move the classrooms. Planning school-wide activities for Dec. 11th to have kids out of the way for prepping to move.
  - December 14 – goal is to be fully operational
  - The principal will update the PAC in November about confirmation of move dates.
- Deconstruction will take a couple of months to remove hazardous materials internally, etc. then after demolition some time to remove the waste.
- Back playground will then be completely off-limits.

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

- Kids are finally getting efficient with Ice-Cream sales: learning about inventory, count money, etc. Raised \$400 for Terry Fox in September.
- Email blast went out on the weekend.
- Thank you to Rebecca for organizing the Earthquake Bins.
- Thank you to Vicky Aneliunas for organizing the Lice Screening.
- Thank you Scott Trinder for keeping our sign updated with school activities.
- Landscaping fundraising:
  - Planning to get the crafts done in the first two weeks of November for the Christmas Craft & Bake Sale. Kathy & Lisa will inventory our craft supplies and suggest crafts to use up supplied.
  - This year PAC will help with expenses for crafts, up to \$50 per class, with receipts. Trying to prevent parents from absorbing the whole cost of crafts!
  - Pointsettias & Purdy's sales will happen again this year, to help our fundraising for landscaping.
  - Stay tuned for Holiday Craft Sale date & call for volunteers.
- Landscaping projects not covered by seismic budget, resulting in PAC planning committee finalizing landscaping architectural plans. Landscaping committee, run by Evann Siebens, looking for more parent volunteers to help apply for grants, etc.
- PAC goal is a 6- or 7-month fundraising initiative to raise funds by end of school year.
- School Gala to wind-up fundraising, likely to be held at Museum of Anthropology on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Lots of planning by Mahala & Kathy, but will need many volunteers to help make it a success!
- Lori Matick will still be planning the Spring Dance.
- It was suggested that prices for Craft fair be raised, as it costs much more to make the crafts & baked goods than amounts charged for fundraising.
- Also suggested reducing size of cakes for Cake Walk – cupcakes instead? Or charge more?

## **6. Treasurer's Report – Kathy Findlay for Sasa Chambers**

- Currently have over \$42,000 in the two accounts.
- Pizza Night raised \$360 (net of pizza costs).
- Cheque given to QM for Teacher/Staff PIN money.
- Paying for Parent Presentation for iGuy/iGirl on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Getting \$7300 for Gaming Grant this year.

## **7. DPAC Report – Kathy Findlay for Matthew Taylor**

- DPAC meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup> at VSB.

- If anyone is interested in attending, please notify Kathy Findlay.

**8. Playground Equipment Options for Net Crawlers – Kathy Findlay**

- Some examples of Net Crawlers for playground area by the fencing facing W. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Would like parent input on choices, a vote to happen at a future PAC meeting.
- Discussing with HeatherBrae to provide the base for the Net Crawler playground before they complete Phase I, to be included in seismic budget as negotiated in lieu of moving existing Primary playground equipment.

**9. Adjourn**

- **Moved to adjourn by:** Kathy F.
- Meeting adjourned 10:10 am.