



Queen Mary PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2016.

Attendees: Kathy O'Sullivan, Kathy Findlay, Mahala McCullagh, Rebecca Anderson, Sasa Chambers, Matthew Taylor, Scott Trinder, Judy Yeung, Vicky Aneliunas, Heidi Harmer, Merle Miedzygorski.

Regrets: Lori Matick, Lisa Meyer.

Meeting commenced: 7:08 pm

1. Approval of Agenda

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

2. Approval of December 8, 2015 Minutes

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

3. Principal's Report – Kathy O'Sullivan

- Into Phase II of Seismic project – the demolition of Building B & C.
- Still attending Site Meetings.
- VSB/Resource Audit - Jan. 19 VSB audit team came to review all files. Worked today to have them as up to date as possible. A few challenges that need to be completed before Friday, Jan 22.
- VSB has just posted a bunch of information regarding seismic upgrades in the district.
- 2015-2016 Projections – We sent home Are You Moving Form? This is to capture our student enrollment for next year. Currently we have 339 students. International student enrollment is 18. The VSB is projecting 297, which does not include international students. (Projecting 316 for Sept. with international students).
 - Foundation Skills Assessment for Grade 4 to 7 – January 11 to February 21. Letters home to Grade 4 and Grade 7 parents from BCTF - letter home
 - Exclusion letters sent to the office to be tabulated
 - Exams are the teachers responsibility
 - More information can be found on the Ministry of Education Website
 - Satisfactory Surveys – 10 - 15 minutes to complete online 28 questions – see Ministry website, Electronic Survey available to April 30, 2016
- New Curriculum Implementation Plans – School Teams – 3 teachers and 1 admin will be attending workshops given by the Ministry – Wednesday, January 20 – changed to Friday, January 22.

- New Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (Accountability Contracts – e.g. School Plan) - 3 prescribed goal areas for all schools – intellectual development, social and emotional development and career development. Plans will reflect local efforts to support each student and specific groups – Aboriginal students, children in care and students with special needs. GOOD NEWS – 2015-2016 Transition year.
- Leadership Team – Have scheduled meetings to plan for term 2 - Ice Cream Day Friday, January 22nd.
- Basketball Teams are in full swing, with games starting this week.
- TEGs Team - Met to plant containers for the deck.
- January and February Events:
 - Monday, January 12 – Professional Development Day (no school for students) – Ron Ritchert speaker at PW for family of schools - **Making Thinking Visible** – very productive valuable day for teachers.
 - February – Friendship, Pink Day, Black History Month.
 - Monday, February 8 – Family Day.
 - Tuesday, February 9 – Pro D #5.
 - Thursday, February 18 – Early Dismissal Day 2:00.

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

- Babysitting Course set up for March 4th Pro-D for Grade 6 & 7's. A condensed version to fit in 8:30am-4pm day.
- New Pro-D days for staff to learn new curriculum: March 4th & April 18th
- Arts Umbrella & Young Rembrandts starting tomorrow (Wed) for Winter Term. Will look into separating the days for next year!
- Mad Science running with two (2) sessions already! Good feedback. Session is full, but hoping to run another session – likely after Spring Break.
- Looking at doing Robotic Lego for the older kids. Mahala will get a contact name.
- Greenscaping fundraising now at \$99,600!!
- Gala has sold 76 tickets to-date (9 tables so far)! Looking to cap at 15-20 Tables, depending on ticket sales by end of Feb.
- Open House on March 2nd 6-8pm – showcasing where we are at so far: Library, TEGS, Greenscaping. Strings will perform, skit from Greenscaping Fundraising launch to be replayed, Tours by Leadership, coffee/tea. Mr. A's PE classes will do some invite drop-offs on W. 10th and neighbourhood. Open to ALL!
- Anti-Bullying awareness: looking for guest speakers to come in that week, including an information evening for parents. Selling more pink clothing for support.
- Charmaine Ho's class doing the ice-cream sale this Friday. (SOS Children's Village, BC)
- The Parent Advocacy Network (PAN), in conjunction with Families Against Cuts to Education (FACE), is targeting the provincial government with a goal to deliver hundreds of paper postcards - campaign well underway - and thousands of online signatures from citizens declaring "**I Stand with the Standing Committee**" to increase funding for public education.
- HeatherBrae will be working on installing our Net once we get a scheduled date from Contractor. Remaining landscaping will have to wait until the end of new building completion.

5. Treasurer's Report – Sasa Chambers

- Lots of activity in December! Purdy's, Pointsettas, and Craft & Bake Sale to thank for that! Increasing prices did help, despite fewer students this year and no Centerpieces!
 - Bank Fees incurred for Global Payments to allow Credit Card payments for the Gala fundraiser tickets, including HSBC fees – all are one-time only.
 - Reserved \$24,900 for playground equipment.
6. **DPAC Report –Matthew Taylor**
- Vancouver Board of Education just put out an Interim Long Range Facilities Plan has just come out. We are lucky to already be in seismic upgrading. Board requesting schools be at 95% occupancy to remain open. They have suggested closing a number of schools not meeting occupancy, or repurpose for schools going through seismic upgrade. Long list of schools in jeopardy of closure. Link will be put on our website for more detailed information.
 - Vancouver proper not growing, as much as Greater Vancouver areas.
7. **MOTION:** to approve an additional \$125 of PIN money for each of the 20 classroom/resource groups. These funds are used for consumables purchased by the teachers for their classrooms and will come from our general funds account.
- **Moved by:** Scott
 - **Seconded by:** Heidi
 - **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**
8. **MOTION:** to approve a \$2,500 deposit for the Museum of Anthropology rental for the Greenscaping Fundraising Gala on May 6, 2016.
- **Moved by:** Sasa
 - **Seconded by:** Matthew
 - **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**
9. **Parent Presentations/Seminars 2016 - Kathy**
- We try to have a number of good presentations every other year, so that new families (and siblings) get the benefit of good information.
 - Want to encourage families to bring suggestions for one more topic this year.
 - Gordon Neufeld is world-renowned for building relationships, the importance of play, raising boys, parenting, etc.
 - Neuro-science on adolescent brains, might be good for Grade 5-7's. Book called "BrainStorm" by Daniel Segal highly recommended by Heidi Harmer.
 - Still trying to work on a Literacy Writer and some authors to come do presentations for students in Term #2 or #3.
10. **Library** - Discussion took place on when the new Library will open to students. Estimate is February 1st.
11. **Adjourn**
- **Moved to adjourn by:** Kathy F.
 - Meeting adjourned 8:15pm.