



Queen Mary PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2016.

Attendees: Kathy O'Sullivan, Kathy Findlay, Mahala McCullagh, Rebecca Anderson, Scott Trinder, Lisa Meyer, Vicky Aneliunas, Janine Kobylka, Lori Matick, Evann Siebens, Hiba Alquaraghuli, Katrina Laslo, Bree Stanlake.

Regrets: Sasa Chambers, Matthew Taylor, Judy Yeung.

Meeting commenced: 9:04 am

1. Approval of Agenda

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

2. Approval of January 19, 2016 Minutes

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

3. Principal's Report – Kathy O'Sullivan

- Staffing organization in process for Budget. Projections at 339 students for 2016-17 year, 35 Kindergartens registered.
- Seismic update
 - Deficiencies of Phase I are being addressed.
 - Staff are adjusting to smaller spaces and new ways of working.
 - B & C Wings down. Currently working on stabilizing the ground for structures.
 - Completion of Multipurpose Room and Gym – December 2016.
- Reminding kids about cell phone policy at school –**cell phones must be turned off and out of sight during school time from 9:00 to 3:00pm.** Cell phones are for emergency purposes only. Students may use cell phones only with the permission of their teacher. The staff and the PAC have discussed this issue extensively and have approved this as a Queen Mary policy. (This policy has been issued in the last newsletter and was printed in the March newsletter of 2013.).
- TEGs: Michael Atkinson leading ongoing meetings with students & committees.
- Early dismissal Feb 18th – student-led conferences
- Report cards go home March 10th.
- Transforming Curriculum Implementation Plans – QM team consists of Maria King, Michael Atkinson, Sandra Hedley & Kathy O'Sullivan. Meeting with Kitchener's team regarding curriculum – Feb. 19th, March 1st, and for all staff on March 4th & April 15th Pro-D days.

- Plans for Author visits: Sandra Hedley pursuing having Carl Chan & Julian Lawrence.
- Project Chef in Divisions 8 & 9 first full week of March.
- Washroom signage will be changing to deal with traffic flow challenges, particularly at the Grade 6 & 7 Level.
- Feb events:
 - Feb 1 & 2 – Fire Safety House – Grade 3s
 - Feb. 8 –Family Day
 - Feb. 9 – Pro D Day
 - Feb 15 – Assembly: skits, anti-bullying
 - Feb 22 – 26 Anti Bullying Week – Pink Day Feb. 25
 - TEGs – ongoing meetings continue with the students and TEGs committee
 - Mar 2 – Open House
 - Mar 4 – Pro-D Day
 - Mar 10 – Report Cards go home
- Grade 4's & 7's – FSA's will be completed by end of Feb. Results will be sent to parents after Spring Break. Satisfaction surveys still open until mid-April.
- Ready Set Learn Event for 3 and 4 year olds – March 31st

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

- Strings program looks to be in danger of being discontinued next year. Handout showing possible options. Cutting Grade 4 program has reduced budget considerably, which was foretold by parents/teachers. Trying to gain support to save the program.
- Parent presentations: promoting the arts on Feb. 18th; Bayview hosting Feb. 24th – What's happening to Education in BC.
- Parent Advocacy Network – if anyone is interested in representing QM to participate in the Online Petition to the Ministry for improved educational financing & support to arts programs.
- Ms. Akita looking for parent assistance in getting letters/petitions typed and submitted to Government. She is fighting hard to keep Strings program, and appreciates parent support. Reducing to 6/7's means she would have to add another school (currently 5 schools per week), making it very difficult to give quality programs.
- Our Sister School has asked for a clothing drive next week. A box will be put in the lobby area to collect items that are in need. Please consider donating gently used items! Parent at that school working with those teachers to work on other ways we can help (ie. Scholastic support books during summer break, etc.).
- Just about 50% raised on Greenscaping Goal. PAC will be knocking on doors in neighbourhood, as well as local businesses.
- Need extra volunteers to assist with selling Anti-Bullying items before/after school next week. Each kid will get a Bookmark in their class next week.
- Leadership team selling ice-cream next Friday.
- Early-Bird deadline is Feb. 29th for Gala tickets. Tables are sold out! Still need to sell 200 tickets by deadline of March 30th.
- Open House: approx. 30 RSVP's from QM Alumni! 6:30pm strings concert, TEGS skit, Leadership tours of school 6:15-7:30 every 15 minutes. Refreshments in lobby, and displays of finished product.
- Teacher's Appreciation Lunch – April 14th in the new Staff Room. Still working on logistics of where food will be situated, to allow seating in Staff Room.

5. Treasurer's Report – Kathy Findlay for Sasa Chambers

- Number of deposits regarding Gala ticket sales.
6. **DPAC Report – Kathy Findlay for Matthew Taylor**
- See Chair report.
7. **Spring Dance - Lori**
- Theme is chosen: Hip Hop!!!
 - Music by Mr. Reimer's band.
 - Demi Lovato, tickets as prizes!
8. **Adjourn**
- **Moved to adjourn by:** Kathy F.
 - Meeting adjourned 9:48am.