



## Queen Mary PAC Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday, March 8, 2016.

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

**Regrets:** Lisa Meyer, Lori Matick, Sasa Chambers.

**Meeting commenced:** 7:06 pm

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### 1. Approval of Agenda

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

### 2. Approval of February 16, 2016 Minutes

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

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

- Projections for 2016-17 = 35 Kindergartens have registered. Currently have 339 students, with 18 International students. VSB is projecting 297, which does not include international students (316 with international students).
- Seismic update:
  - Now have a TASC Board to discuss items needed for TASC – millwork above sink in multipurpose room, and one lockable cabinet (like what teachers have in their classroom).
  - Looking at including Projection equipment in Multipurpose Room for TASC use.
  - Completion of Multipurpose Room and Gym is scheduled for December 2016.
- Open House was a huge success – numerous positive comments came in! New families and old were impressed.
- Curriculum day on March 4<sup>th</sup> was very successful & well-received. Karen Li from Science World – Inquiry process to connect it with new Science Curriculum.
- Basketball Season Finale – between Students and staff at lunch today. Lots of fun!
- March events:
  - Mar 10 – Report Cards go home
  - Project Chef this week for Div. 8 & 9.
  - Student-led conferences on March 9<sup>th</sup> – early dismissal.
  - Ready, Set, Learn scheduled for Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> – 3 & 4 year olds.
  - April is National Volunteer Month and Int'l Pink Day

- Track & Field begins after Spring Break.
- Grade 7 Camp – April 6-8 at Camp Sasamat.
- BC Curriculum Implementation Day – April 15<sup>th</sup> (no school for students)
- Pro-D Day for School Planning – April 18<sup>th</sup>
- Volunteer Tea – Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.
- New Calendar for next year – will be reviewing with PAC before submission.
- School Fees to be set for next year, approved by staff and PAC, prior to April 30<sup>th</sup> Budgeting deadline.
- What to look forward to:
  - Results of the FSA will be sent home after Spring Break
  - Satisfaction Surveys – Grade 4 & 7 – January to mid-April.
  - Young Actors Presentation, Author Visit, Tennis – May & June.
- Met with Grade 7 Grad Committee.

#### **4. Chair’s Report – Kathy Findlay/Mahala McCullagh**

- Mad Science will be back after Spring Break – April 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Arts Umbrella & Young Rembrandts coming back after Spring Break,
- Thank you for all the help for the Open House – lots of positive feedback & interest for the Grand re-opening.
- Almost \$125,000 raised for landscaping.
- Finalizing colours & details for Space ball (climbing unit).
- Grad Committee has begun planning for Grade 7 Grad, thanks to Heidi Harmer for spear-heading! Grad on June 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Ice-cream day on Friday for TEGS. April – Grade 4 camp, May – Ms. King’s class for African Education, June for Grade 7 Grad.
- June 10<sup>th</sup> will be Family Spring Dance.
- Library seems “sparse”. Lit books for senior grades are sitting in storage in a Resource classroom. Need resources to get Lit resources out and organized. No storage left for library resources (6 filing cabinets of Lit Circles, Guided Reading, etc). Parents want all the books in storage out onto the shelves and accessible to students and teachers. Grade 6/7 classes no longer go to library, as there are no books of suitable level for them anymore. Proposing a letter from PAC requesting all the books and resources in storage (and paid for by PAC) be included in the Library – Kathy will draft, and Matthew will proof.
- If we can get volunteers to run Book Sale, it will continue.
- Sister School Project – successfully donated 57 boxes of clothing and books in one week!! Looking at doing a “Back-to-School Back-Pack” drive for our Sister School for September. Anyone interested in working with a volunteer at the Sister School on this and further ideas, would be greatly appreciated. Maybe an additional Ice-Cream Sale.
- April 14<sup>th</sup> – Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. Make your favourite dish!!

#### **5. Treasurer’s Report – Sasa Chambers**

- Deferred.

#### **6. DPAC Report – Matthew Taylor**

- Attended Open House for VSB – long-range strategic plan being worked on.
- VSB 2021: Specific questions for parents to express opinions on future budgets.
  - How can we make sure that all students have equal access to quality education?
  - How can we engage our students to reach their full potential?

- What role should our schools play in their communities?
  - How do we set priorities and use resources most efficiently?
  - Would like community comments to take back from school, rather than just his opinion. Suggesting a meeting or an email collection of thoughts. Check out website: [www.vsb.bc.ca/vsbengagement/](http://www.vsb.bc.ca/vsbengagement/) for details.
  - Proposed plan for budget and school cuts is scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup>, and worked on in May before summer break.
  - Matthew to proof a letter regarding the Strings Program.
7. **MOTION:** to approve a \$250 expenditure from Gaming Funds account for the Grade 7 Grad in June 2016.
- **Moved by:** Kathy F.
  - **Seconded by:** Evann
  - **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**
8. **MOTION:** to spend \$750 of Gaming Funds for the annual Queen Mary Scholarship that is awarded to a grade 12 Queen Mary alumni student.
- **Moved by:** Mahala
  - **Seconded by:** Matthew
  - **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**
9. **Gala Attendance – How can we sell another 91 tickets?**
- Heidi suggesting a Raffle to win a pair of tickets. (Are we able to sell raffle tickets without a Gaming License?)
  - Need to get Class Parents involved in spreading the word to all Parents to sell tickets!
  - Competition in the classes to push selling tickets to parents: class with most tickets sold wins a prize (Pizza day?).
  - Notify Byng PAC – any QM Alumni parents might want to attend.
  - Accepting donations for Silent Auction, etc.
  - Going to be LOTS of fun: Casino, Diamond Martini Bar, Silent Auction, Disco ball & DJ for dancing, great food, etc!!!! Black Jack, Poker, Roulette. Photo Booth!
  - Trying to organize a Group Babysitting location at WPG United Church.
10. **Other Business**
- Brian Scudamore (of 1-800-GOT-Junk) uses a “Vision Board” for his employees. Wondering how could we use a Vision Board/Wall in our school? Offering to facilitate planning & goal-setting for our school or community. Looking at next year.
  - TEGS Team will be meeting after Spring Break – looking at rolling out some activities. Need more volunteers to join this fun team!!!
  - Parents are dropping off children in the intersection, blocking traffic in all directions. Also issues with Parking in “No Parking” zones. Need to get some Parent volunteers to assist with Crossing-Guard duty for safety issues.
11. **Adjourn**
- **Moved to adjourn by:** Kathy F.
  - Meeting adjourned 8:25pm.