



Queen Mary PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2018.

Attendees: Erin Gibbs, Justin Morrison, Janine Kobyłka, Judy Yeung, Scott Trinder, Rebecca Anderson, CJ Harmer, Maria Kobsch, Aliz Szabo, Merle Miedzygorski, Lori Matick.

Regrets: Nazy Alborz, Angela Zi.

Meeting commenced: 9:06am

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1. **Approval of Agenda**
 - **Moved by:** Scott
 - **Seconded by:** Lori
 - **Motion carried.**
 2. **Approval of March 13, 2018 Minutes**
 - **Moved by:** Janine
 - **Seconded by:** Judy
 - **Motion carried.**
 3. **Principal's Report – Erin Gibbs**
 - Humboldt tragedy – Staff meeting today to discuss, but nothing formal planned – keeping things low-key.
 - Direct Drive at \$15,930 + \$10,000 for STEM. Had one Tech lunch 'n' learn (Set BC) for teachers, one more scheduled.
 - Rainbow Assembly – April 11th @ 11am. Parents welcome.
 - Volunteer Tea on April 26th @ 10:30-11:30 in the Library – invitations going out next week.
 - Big One @ 2 on May 3rd – having a partial Emergency Student Reunification process.
 4. **Chair's Report – Justin Morrison**
 - Invoice received for First Aid Course that took place on March 9th for approx. 75 students.
 - Traffic calming measures will not be coming from City until Summer 2019! Our Safety Cones keep getting run over and need replacing. Speed is a big issue, even during busy crossing times! Justin suggesting parents start calling to voice concerns! Scott suggesting we get the "larger" Stop signs for more visibility. A Petition for parents to sign at the Crosswalk might be a good idea.
 - Dirt piles on the play area being worked on – weeding first!
 - Nature Walks being planned for all Grades, by PAC. Will get plan reviewed by Teachers, to get on board. Jericho Stewards from Jericho Nature Conservancy & Soaring Eagles.

5. Treasurer's Report – Justin Morrison for Angela Zi

- General Account payments out: donation to Queen Alexandra meal program; 2017 Safe Arrival phone bill; Greenscaping project request. Balance sitting at \$14,274.49, after cheque paying for Pink Shirt clears.
- Gaming Account sitting at \$4,325.79.
- Committed funds: Author visit \$475; Sex-Ed parent presentation from General Acct \$367.50; Sex-Ed student presentation from Gaming Acct. \$1,050; Feb ice-cream sales toward "Umbrella Community Fund" \$330; March ice-cream sales held for Queen Alexandra Pink Shirts in 2019 \$144.50; Teacher Luncheon donation repayment \$40; Anita Bramhoff presentation \$500.
- Nurtured Heart (Anita Bramhoff)– parent talk on April 25th, 6:30-8pm. PAC will provide babysitting.

6. DPAC Report – CJ Harmer

- General Meeting on Thursday, April 12th – 7-9pm. David Green discussing VSB Budget. Budget increased only slightly!
- CJ stepping down (daughter graduating this year). Anyone interested, feel free to inquire.
- Good opportunity to learn the "goings on" at the District level.

7. Call for Nominations to PAC Executive:

Chair – Justin Morrison

Vice-Chair – Tamara Knott

Secretary - **OPEN**

Treasurer – Angela Zi

DPAC Representative - **OPEN**

3 Members-at-Large – Janine Kobyłka, Judy Yeung, Rebecca Anderson

- Would really like more Fathers involved with PAC!!

8. Online Math Program – Merle Miedzygorski

- Asking for PAC to assist keeping the online math program (or any program) going. iExcel being used by many students. Need to ensure it's in place when school starts in Sept (to prevent login issues experienced at the beginning of this year).
- Motion to be included in May PAC Meeting Agenda.

9. Blingja - "Bling Out Your Inner Ninja" – Mara St. Onge

- Nominated for "Woman of Distinction"! Former VSB staff.
- Teaching "social emotional learning" for youth/classroom and tools for parents to assist children to cope
- Developed curriculum for everyone to practice in classroom and at home.
- Has been in every class providing tools to assist students to deal with anxiety at school and to recognize triggers and how to prepare for them.
- Blingja Breathing – visual tool to help calm down.
- Blingja Brain – flexible thinking.
- Find more information at www.blingja.com.

10. Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 10:30am.