



## Queen Mary PAC Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday, October 9, 2018.

**Attendees:** Megan Davies, Justin Morrison, Tamara Knott, Angela Zi, Janine Kobylka, Maria Koebisch, Judy Yeung, Nazy Alborz, Kathy Findlay, Scott Trinder

**Regrets:** Rebecca Anderson

**Meeting commenced:** 9:06am

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1. **Approval of Agenda**
    - **Moved by:** Judy Yeung
    - **Seconded by:** Scott Trinder
    - **Motion carried.**
  2. **Approval of September 11, 2018 Minutes**
    - **Moved by:** Scott Trinder
    - **Seconded by:** Kathy Findlay
    - **Motion carried.**
  3. **Principal's Report – Megan Davies**
    - Thank You
      - Ongoing support, care & time
      - Positive impact on QM's culture and programming
    - Goal Setting Conferences
      - Last week and ongoing
      - Opportunity for families to meet with the teacher to discuss goals for the year
    - Teacher Candidates at QM
      - Amber Lum (Maria King) and Celine Majcher (Kylie Johnson)
    - FSA's at QM
      - Grade 4 & 7
      - Info and a letter from the VSB went home last week
      - Oct. 15 – Nov. 9
    - Sports at QM
      - Cross Country – ongoing with the final meet on the 18<sup>th</sup> – thank you coaches – M. Atkinson, M. King, Yukiko – as well as many parent volunteers
      - Volleyball is starting soon – A. Klassen, E. Schneider, M. Tappert have expressed interest in coaching
    - VSB Info/Letter re: lead in water
      - Please refer to VSB Letter posted on QM website and emailed to families
      - At its public meeting on September 24, 2018, the Board committed to further improve the safety of drinking water. This includes the decision to re-pipe all affected schools, and to permanently close all drinking fountains that tested

between 5-10 ppb and replace them with water bottle filling stations without lead containing materials. In addition, the Board directed staff to develop a plan to eliminate the presence of lead in water in all District schools. These measures will mean that there will be even less possibility of lead in drinking water sources.

- **QUEEN MARY ELEMENTARY Status of Drinking Water** – Because QUEEN MARY ELEMENTARY had an upgrade to its plumbing system after 1990 or was built after 1990 when the building code was changed so that no lead containing materials were used in plumbing, there is no source of lead contamination from the from the school's plumbing system. Lead levels are extremely low in Vancouver's water supply, particularly since Metro Vancouver started to neutralize its water in 2011. If you are concerned and choose to provide bottled drinking water for your child, please consider using refillable bottles.
- Traffic, Crossing Guard, Parking
  - Crossing Guard started this month – Intermediate divisions have chosen 2 months to cover
  - Working with the city and VSB around wheelchair accessibility and drop off/pick up
  - Newsletter – Walk Whatever the Weather
  - Walk your Wheels (8:30 – 3:30 school days and in the evening at school events)
- CSL Pilot
  - Year two – school-wide
  - 2 formal written reports (school-wide) in January and June
  - 3+ additional reports/communications throughout the school year
  - Shift in focus to strength based
  - Shift in language on competency scale
  - QM staff have submitted applications to be part of 2 VSB Inquiry Groups focussing on Communicating Student Learning in the curriculum
- Upcoming dates:
  - Oct. 10 & 15 Class reviews
  - Oct. 17 Author Visit – Kenneth Oppal
  - Oct. 12, 15, 16, 17 iGirl & iGuy
  - Oct. 18 – Shake Out Drill
  - Oct. 19 – Professional Day
  - Oct. 15 – Nov. 9 Grade 4 & 7 FSAs
  - Oct. 24 – Flying Bob
  - Oct. 30 – Photo Retakes
  - Nov. 8 – Remembrance Day Assembly

#### **4. Chair's Report – Justin Morrison**

- Halloween Costume Swap Sale to be held on Oct 22 & 23 from 3-5pm in the Music Room
  - Announcement will go out today
  - Costumes will be collected in a box in the lobby between Oct. 9 – Oct. 18; each costume should be complete and in a separate bag
  - Costumes will be sold for \$5 or \$10 and proceeds will go to PAC; PAC will determine whether to use funds on QM initiatives or to donate
  - Need volunteers and clothing racks (either rent or ask parents to borrow)
  - Nazi doing posters

- Mental Health Initiatives
    - What can we do as PAC to help support mental health of students?
    - Look into bringing back UBC speakers - Anxiety about Transition to High School
    - Give kids tools to deal with anxiety and stressors and to foster resilience
- 5. Treasurer's Report – Justin Morrison for Angela Zi – see attached report**
- Pizza night raised over \$800
  - Reflex Math (\$300) to come off committed funds – school looking to switch to IXL
- 6. DPAC Report – Maria Koebsch**
- Upcoming Dates/Events to be put on website and in email blast:
    - Oct. 1 – 5 – Kids Ride Free on Translink buses
    - Oct. 4 – DPAC's VSB Trustee Forum, 6:30-9:00pm at Sir Charles Tupper Secondary Cafeteria
    - Oct. 13&14 – Special Kids Vote Program
    - Oct. 25 – DPAC General Meeting: SOGI 123 Information Session, 7-9pm at Vancouver Education Centre, rm. 180, 1580 W Broadway
    - Nov. 15 – Provincial ADHD Clinic, 7-9pm at Vancouver Education Centre, rm. 180, 1580 W Broadway
- 7. MOTION: To approve \$3465.00 from the Gaming Account for the cost of the iGirl and iGuy student program on Oct. 12, 15-17, 2018 (3 groups x \$1100 + 5% GST).**
- **Moved by:** Kathy Findlay
  - **Seconded by:** Judy Yeung
  - **Unanimous Approval – Motion carried**
- 8. MOTION: To approve \$367.50 from the General Account for a 90 minute iGirl/iGuy parent presentation on Oct. 10, 2018 (\$350 + 5% GST).**
- **Moved by:** Kathy Findlay
  - **Seconded by:** Scott Trinder
  - **Unanimous Approval – Motion carried**
- 9. MOTION: To approve \$577.50 from the Gaming Account for an author visit from Kenneth Oppel on Oct. 17, 2018 (\$550 + 5% GST).**
- **Moved by:** Kathy Findlay
  - **Seconded by:** Maria Koebsch
  - **Unanimous Approval – Motion carried**
- 10. Other Business**
- IXL Math:
    - Several teachers have requested IXL Math for students to use at home and in class (some classes have used in the past)
    - School initially quoted \$600 for school license, then discovered actual cost is \$3000 for whole school – too much for school to cover for supplementary math program
    - PAC suggests charging parents directly for cost of the program (approx. \$10 per student, Gr. 1 – 7)

- School cannot charge families more money after start of school year than published last spring
- Could be offered to families as voluntary program. PAC proposes covering any shortfall in funds from voluntary contributions up to \$2000.
- Motion will be added to November's agenda for PAC to spend up to \$2000 to cover any shortfall from voluntary contributions for school IXL license.
- Need to think of programs directed at K-3s for Gaming money, i.e. author visits etc.

## **11. Adjourn**

- Meeting adjourned at 10:19am