



## Queen Mary PAC Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday, January 15, 2019.

**Attendees:** Megan Davies, Justin Morrison, Angela Zi, Janine Kobyłka, Rebecca Anderson, Dan Bartok, Maria Koebisch, Scott Trinder

**Regrets:** Tamara Knott, Nazy Alborz, Judy Yeung

**Meeting commenced:** 7:07pm

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### 1. Approval of Agenda

- **Moved by:** Rebecca Anderson
- **Seconded by:** Scott Trinder
- **Motion carried.**

### 2. Approval of December 11, 2018 Minutes

- **Moved by:** Dan Bartok
- **Seconded by:** Rebecca Anderson
- **Motion carried.**

### 3. Artstarts Grant – Greg Weir Presentation – Growing Together Workshops

- Greg has received a \$3,500 Artstarts Grant towards a \$5,000 proposal to conduct song writing workshops with kids
- He is looking to get the other \$1,500 covered from other sources – approaching PAC
- Proposal:
  - 50 x 1-hour sessions with kids (all divisions welcome to participate – at teachers' discretion)
  - Will be conducted on his 2 non-teaching days
  - Aerienna Bruce of Squamish Nation will participate
  - Info and examples of Greg's work with kids can be found on his website [www.mrweir.ca](http://www.mrweir.ca)
- PAC will discuss with QM about possible cost sharing
- Motion for funding will go on Feb/19 agenda

### 4. Principal's Report – Megan Davies

- 2019-2020
  - Notice to return went home today – please complete and return asap
  - K registration is underway – district will determine the number of K classes we have next year based on current enrollment numbers, catchment/neighbourhood stats, enrollment at surrounding schools

- Progress Reports
  - Sent home on Feb. 1
  - Strengths-based language
  - 3 areas of comments: Strengths, Areas of Growth, Ways to Support Learning
  - Competency Scale shows how a student is doing on concepts covered thus far in various subject areas
  - Descriptors for the competency scale: Beginning, Developing, Applying, Extending
  - Attachments may include IEP, ELL Report, Resource Report, Lates
  - Recent newsletter had some suggestions for questions that families may ask their child about their report card
    - You may wish to:
      - Ask your child to tell you more about the progress report comments that focus upon his/her strengths
      - Look for the classroom teacher's suggestions for areas of growth and ways to support learning and make a goal with your child to support his/her growth
      - Remember that a progress report is a snapshot – it doesn't highlight every strength and/or ability
      - Recognize and celebrate your child's hard work, learning and perseverance!
- Grade 6 Walking to 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Request for feedback
  - [Highlights of discussion that ensued: Rather than issuing passes like the Grade 7s have, QM and Intermediate team would prefer parents write a note on the day, allowing their Grade 6 child to go to 10<sup>th</sup> at lunch; Parent support for giving Grade 6s opportunity to go to 10<sup>th</sup> for lunch; Parent support for permission notes rather than passes]
- Garden Update
  - Quotes coming in for extending a water source to the garden
  - Working with the VSB (Sustainability Coordinator and Grounds)
  - Upcoming Pro-D for staff will be a Soaring Eagles Nature Walk (in the Spring)
  - On Jan. 25th, QM will be hosting a District Pro-D about Place Based Learning
- Upcoming Dates:
  - Jan. 16 – Spirit Day – Hero Day
  - Jan. 22 – Earthquake Drill
  - Jan. 23 – Spirit Day – Backwards Day
  - Jan. 25 – Professional Day – School not in session
  - Jan. 28-29 – Micro-bits Presentations
  - Jan. 29 – Lice Screening
  - Jan. 30 – Spirit Day – Each class chooses their own theme
  - Feb. 1 – Progress Reports home
  - Feb. 1 – Hold and Secure Drill
  - Feb. 15 – Professional Day – School not in session
  - Feb. 18 – Family Day – School not in session

## 5. Chair's Report – Justin Morrison

- Garden Project moving forward
  - Looking at quotes
  - PAC would ideally like to get water all the way to the garden
- Soaring Eagles Pro D Day – what can PAC do to further the cause?
- Lori Snyder working with staff on Indigenous Foodscapes – growing native plant gardens in Vancouver schools
- Holiday Fundraising Totals
  - Wreaths \$247.50
  - Purdy's \$1600.00
  - Craft and Bake Sale \$6060.00
  - Total: \$7907.50
  - Thank you to Kathy Findlay for all of her hard work!
- Direct Drive – no numbers yet
- Final thought – focus on self-compassion rather than self-esteem as a way of building sustainable resilience in kids

- **MOTION: To spend \$750.00 of Gaming Funds for the annual Queen Mary Scholarship that is awarded to a grade 12 Queen Mary alumni student.**

[Vote tabled until February PAC meeting to allow time to research eligible uses of Gaming Funds]

- **MOTION: To approve an additional \$125.00 of PIN money from the General Account for each of the 20 classroom/resource groups (\$2500 total). These funds are used for consumables purchased by the teachers for their classrooms.**

**Moved by:** Rebecca Anderson

**Seconded by:** Dan Bartok

**Unanimous Approval – Motion carried**

- **MOTION: To spend \$250.00 of Gaming Funds for the Grade 7 Leaving Celebration in June.**

**Moved by:** Angela Zi

**Seconded by:** Rebecca Anderson

**Unanimous Approval – Motion carried**

## 6. Treasurer's Report – Angela Zi – see attached report

- Holiday fundraising was a great success - \$7907
- We still have some committed funds that have yet to be paid out
- Families are still registering for IXL so will be less than the \$2000 committed

## 7. DPAC Report – Maria Koebsch – see DPAC website

- There was a racist incident at Lord Byng High School
- Next DPAC meeting will focus on cannabis legalization and schools

## 8. Other Business

- Choir at QM:
  - Maria Koebisch is offering to teach a trial choir program
  - once a week at lunch hour, Grades 3+, max. 30 kids
  - cost: \$50/session for Maria (around \$1,000 total for 20 sessions – 15 weeks + rehearsals)
  - could split cost between participating families and the PAC
  - would like to start after Family Day Weekend
- Pink Shirt Day – Jill Tracy not organizing this year; too late to order from official Pink Shirt Day supplier
  - Will try to use same design and supplier as last year
- PAC Exec voted to reimburse \$20.21 to Jodi MacKay and \$40 to Shelia Kuzminski for class holiday craft projects

## 9. Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm