



Queen Mary PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 19, 2019.

Attendees: Megan Davies, Justin Morrison, Judy Yeung, Janine Kobyłka, Rebecca Anderson, Scott Trinder, Christine Darvell, Nazy Alborz, Melea Burns

Regrets: Tamara Knott, Angela Zi, Maria Koebisch

Meeting commenced: 9:06am

1. Approval of Agenda

- **Moved by:** Rebecca Anderson
- **Seconded by:** Judy Yeung
- **Motion carried.**

2. Approval of January 15, 2019 Minutes

- **Moved by:** Judy Yeung
- **Seconded by:** Christine Darvell
- **Motion carried.**

3. Principal's Report – Megan Davies

- CSL Progress Reports went home Feb. 1
 - Some Divisions and teachers hosted student/family conferences last week
 - Megan looking for input from parents about progress reports. Parent Feedback: Student competency scale somewhat vague; some difficulty explaining it to kids; some parents satisfied with quality/amount of written feedback from teachers but some concern that depending on the teacher, written feedback could vary quite a bit; there are opportunities other than report cards to communicate issues – Megan will make sure families know that they can reach out to teachers if issues arise
- Recently in San Francisco for Educating with Empathy Conference
 - Self-compassion – how we treat ourselves as important as how we treat each other.
 - How can we employ empathy at school but also in larger community?
- Social Media
 - How can students self-monitor?
 - Need to look for ways to foresee and address issues that arise
- Upcoming Dates:
 - Feb. 22 – End of MDI for Grade 4s

- Feb. 26 – Lockdown Drill
- Feb. 27 – Grade 7 Camp Info Session
- Feb. 27 – Pink Shirt Day / Pink Shirt Assembly
- Feb. 28 – Milton Randall Drumming Workshop
- Mar. 5 – Fire Drill
- Mar. 6 – Early Dismissal
- Mar. 7 – Ready, Set, Learn

4. Chair's Report – Justin Morrison

- No update on Garden Project
- Choir to be offered by Maria Koebisch – Megan put info in latest newsletter
 - Will begin on a trial basis with 3 weeks of drop-in sessions before spring break – open to approx. 30 students in grades 3-5
 - After spring break, choir will be offered more formally to 30 grade 3-5 students who register and pay a \$20 fee (8 Monday lunchtime sessions)
 - Could be expanded to more students/grades if there's sufficient interest
- Queen Mary will cover 50% (\$750) of the cost of Greg Weir's Growing Together songwriting workshops.
- Importance of social media education for students
 - will look into suppliers other than SOLOS
 - Jesse Miller very good – does student and parent presentations
 - Chris Darvell has another potential supplier – will send name to Justin
 - Try to arrange presentation for this school year
- Substance use and high school
 - Education needed for students and parents regarding substance use (drugs, vaping, etc.)
 - Selma Smith suggested a contact person to Megan – Megan will follow up and pass info on to PAC
- **MOTION: To spend \$750.00 of General Funds for the annual Queen Mary Scholarship that is awarded to a grade 12 Queen Mary alumni student.
Moved by: Rebecca Anderson**
Seconded by: Nazy Alborz
Unanimous Approval – Motion carried
- **MOTION from the floor: To change the second motion on the agenda from “approve up to \$1500” for Songwriting Workshops to “approve \$750” for Songwriting Workshops.**
Moved by: Rebecca Anderson
Seconded by: Christine Darvell
Unanimous Approval – Motion carried
- **MOTION: To approve \$750.00 from Gaming Funds for Growing Together Songwriting Workshops with Greg Weir. Workshops will be conducted with all divisions that wish to participate and will take place on Mr. Weir's non-instructional days.**

Moved by: Scott Trinder

Seconded by: Judy Yeung

Unanimous Approval – Motion carried

5. **Treasurer’s Report – Justin Morrison for Angela Zi** – see attached report
 - PIN \$ out to school
 - Megan will give us final amount owing for IXL
6. **DPAC Report** – see DPAC website
7. **Other Business – Christine Darvell**
 - Speech Language Pathologist at QM – Ruth Hanson
 - QM used to have 2 SLPs, now down to one
 - Ruth has over 22 students on her roster and is at QM for ½ day per week
 - Students end up on a waitlist and are “triaged” on needs basis
 - How can we increase the amount of time the SLP spends at QM?
 - Megan said this conversation is happening at all schools and issue is best dealt with at DPAC / Trustee level – all non-enrolling support staff are at district level
 - QM’s new Trustee has asked to meet – Megan will get in touch with him and invite him to an upcoming PAC meeting
8. **Adjourn**
 - Meeting adjourned at 10:03am