



Queen Mary PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2018.

Attendees: Erin Gibbs, Justin Morrison, Janine Kobylka, Judy Yeung, Nazy Alborz, Kathy Findlay, Scott Trinder, Vicky Aneliunas, Ana Hidalgo, Oscar Zapata, Merle Miedzygorski, Maria Koebisch, Michael Atkinson.

Regrets: Tamara Knott, Rebecca Anderson, Angela Zi, CJ Harmer.

Meeting commenced: 9:03am

1. Approval of Agenda

- **Moved by:** Kathy Findlay
- **Seconded by:** Judy Yeung
- **Motion carried.**

2. Approval of January 23, 2018 Minutes

- **Moved by:** Judy Yeung
- **Seconded by:** Kathy Findlay
- **Motion carried.**

3. Principal's Report – Erin Gibbs

- Mara St. Onge did series of Bilnga workshops with the classes – focus on social and emotional learning, self-regulation and calming strategies.
 - She will return for an upcoming Pro-D Day to work on community building.
- Lunar New Year Assembly this Thursday, Feb. 15 @ 11:15am in the gym. Parents can attend.
- Many thanks from the teachers for the extra PIN money.
- Direct Drive - \$8630 raised so far – great start!
- School Active Travel Survey (2nd part) will be going home with students Feb. 26 - March 2.
- Pink Day Assembly will take place on Feb. 27 - Michael Atkinson will lead.
- Next year's school planning will begin in May.
 - Will not likely bring back class placement/friend request forms. Lots of work goes into class placements. More info to come in the next newsletter.

4. Chair's Report – Justin Morrison

- Upcoming: Pink Shirt day – Jill Tracy finalizing plans
 - Trying to get pink shirts done on time as a fundraiser – Jill has a design for the shirts.
 - Buddy Benches will be unveiled and explained at school-wide Pink Day assembly.
 - Can we do a drive to recycle gently used pink shirts to donate to our sister school? Set up a box in the foyer?

- Posters going up shortly
- Get a couple of volunteers to do bulletin board for Pink Shirt Day
- Soaring Eagle Nature Walks – can we get this program going school-wide? Can we get teachers on board and use funding from Gaming Account?
- Grade 7 Grad upcoming - need to get a committee of 3-5 parents to organize
 - Kathy will send an email to Grade 7 parents
 - Justin will put info in PAC email blast
 - Parents work with teachers to organize
 - Committee can apply to PAC for funding (usually \$250) and can also do ice cream sale and ask for parental contribution from each family (approx. \$20).
- 1st Aid Course for Grade 6s and 7s – course will be offered to all Grade 6 and 7 students
 - PAC will fund \$15 per student
 - Need to set a date
 - One-day 6-hour course – since school day is only 5 hours long, maybe look into getting course spread over 2 days.
 - Hoping to run course every two years so that all grade 6/7 kids at Queen Mary take course.
- PAC Executive approved \$75 for afterschool French program
 - PAC is open to suggestions / funding applications for broadening scope of kids' education.

5. Michael Atkinson – Green Team

- Part of huge greenscaping campaign that happened with seismic upgrade was installation of raised garden beds.
 - Lots of interest and support from PAC – thank you
 - Thank you to all of the parents and staff who have helped out with TEGS/GreenTeam initiatives
- Fear is that without planning and coordination, the beds will go underutilized or people might feel left out.
- Michael will be approaching staff with SPEC program for this Spring/Summer growing season (see attached info sheet).
 - Looking to coordinate 4 classes to partner with SPEC using raised food beds
 - Start seedlings in classroom, then transplant outdoors
 - Asking PAC for \$3036 in funding for this initiative
 - Potential issues: watering (improved system and people to do it); need someone to tend gardens over the summer (TASC did it last summer)
- **MOTION from the floor: to approve \$3036 for SPEC Program for 4 classes**
 - **Moved by:** Kathy Findlay
 - **Seconded by:** Maria Koebisch
 - **Unanimous approval – Motion carried**
- 2nd Green Team Initiative – The Classroom Gardener (see attached info sheet) proposed for 2018/19 school year
 - Take each class through 4 growing seasons
 - Classroom Gardener teaches teachers how to implement program with their classes
 - Goal is to have it be part of the curriculum
 - Michael will approach staff regarding Classroom Gardener program to gauge willingness

- Doesn't require 100% teacher participation – program can still run if some classes opt out
 - Lisa from Classroom Gardener will come to a staff meeting to present and could come to a PAC to present as well.
 - Funding for Classroom Gardener – could add a “Green Fund” to fees at beginning of school year; PAC could contribute funds
- 6. Treasurer's Report – Justin Morrison for Angela Zi – see attached report**
- Monies are in from Holiday fundraising initiatives
 - Need to find out why we are still being charged for Beanstream
- 7. DPAC Report – Vicky Aneliunas for CJ Harmer**
- Next DPAC meeting is Thurs., February 22, @7pm at School Board Office (1580 West Broadway) – there will be a presentation by Jan Unwin and Suzanne Hoffman regarding “Educational Transformation: What does the new curriculum mean for your children?”
- 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:** Merle Miedzygorski
 - **Seconded by:** Vicky Aneliunas
 - **Unanimous Approval – Motion carried**
- 9. Other Business**
- Need to approve funding for Safe Arrival phone line for 2017. Will soon be moving to new system that will eliminate the need for a separate phone line.
 - **MOTION from the floor to approve \$729.36 from Operating Funds for the Safe Arrival phone line for 2017.**
 - **Moved by:** Kathy Findlay
 - **Seconded by:** Scott Trinder
 - **Unanimous approval – Motion carried**
 - Nazy Alborz – looking into fundraising opportunity with Osborne Books
 - Would need a room to sell books - music room good for this type of activity
- 10. Adjourn**
- Meeting adjourned at 10:02am