



## Queen Mary PAC Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Attendees:** Margaret Jorgensen, Justin Morrison, Janine Kobyłka, Judy Yeung, Rebecca Anderson, Tamara Knott, Angela Zi, Linda O'Reilly (VSB), Rob Eisses, Carly & Scott Trinder, Naomi Morrison, Keven & Brandi Goodearue, Jill Tracy, Tracey Wood, C. Pitchford-Yeung, Christine Darvell, Merle Miedzygorski, Kathy Findlay, Eva Oberle, Vittoria Ross, Heidi Harmer.

**Regrets:** CJ Harmer, Nazy Alborz.

**Meeting commenced:** 7:02pm

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### 1. Approval of Agenda

- **Moved by:** Tamara
- **Seconded by:** Jill
- **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**

### 2. Approval of October 10, 2017 Minutes

- **Moved by:** Liz
- **Seconded by:** Tamara
- **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**

### 3. Core Competencies – Linda O'Reilly

- Has worked in Education for almost 50 years!
- Who do you want [your child] to be after 13 years of school?
  - Independent, kind, content,
  - Similar attributes for measuring core competencies.
  - Each new generation demands new ways of “connecting”
- Key features of BC's new curriculum:
  - Myth - Rigorous learning will disappear – core subjects will remain, tools will change.
  - Effective teaching, first, technology (tools), second.
  - Student voice – Teacher's role = facilitator of learning, Student's role = active, investigator (student-driven inquiry).
  - True – there will be an explicit focus on Core Competencies (which includes learning “the stuff”).
  - Core Competency learning is not new, but new to BC's education system.
  - Communication, Thinking Engines (critical & creative), Personal & Social Responsibility (Positive /personal/cultural identity, Personal awareness & responsibility, social responsibility)
  - CC is not just a new name for skills, but develop essential skills, abilities, attitudes & values.

- Student Self-Assessment & the CC: students develop the ability to reflect, identify their strengths & areas for improvement, set goals.
- Benefits: develop skills including ability to think **critically** about own work; **reflect** on individual strengths & challenges; **measure** progress toward goals.
- Self-assessments in many forms: photos, videos, illustrations, learning stories, “I can” statements, open-ended writes.
- Ultimate goal: for learners to employ CC every day in school & in life. They are integral to learning!

#### 4. **Acting Principal’s Report – Margaret Jorgensen**

- URStore – school wear with QM logo. Everything bought online provides 15% commission to the school. Will be discussed.
- Learning resources/grants – support acquisition of tools to support new curriculum. Grant funds need to be spent by January 31<sup>st</sup>. Wish lists from staff:
- Communicating student learning timeline: end of January for 1<sup>st</sup> mid-year report, and end of year, plus 3 other opportunities to share snapshot (could be open-house, portfolios, digital portfolios).
- Imagine Wall – Brian Scudamore coming in Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> to continue the dreams, visions.

#### 5. **Chair’s Report – Justin Morrison**

- Book Sale raised \$1500 for the Library! Thank you Judy & Janine!
- Setting up a small committee for rallying to those in need. Naomi Morrison will be our “contact point” for anonymous request for support to any family in need. Looking for a couple of additional parents to assist. Committee will be outside of PAC.

#### 6. **Treasurer’s Report –Angela Zi**

- Gaming account receives \$20/student based on LAST year’s enrollment.
- Lice Screening funds deposited, and cheque submitted for payment.
- General account has a balance of just over \$6,000.
- Gaming funds have \$1500 reserved for sexual education in Spring.

#### 7. **DPAC Report – CJ Harmer**

- deferred.

#### 8. **Parent Education Night – Tamara Knott**

QM has been invited to join other schools to bring Dr. Shimi Kang, UBC Professor, to the Byng Auditorium for a presentation on “The Self-Motivated Kid”. The cost of the Speaker is \$3,500, to be split between the six (6) participating PACs, for a cost to QM of \$585. The presentation is booked for January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Tamara will request minimum 1/6 of tickets, and inquire if QM can decide their own price (and assist those who cannot afford the price).

**MOTION: to spend \$585 of General Funds for 1/6 of the speaker presentation cost of “The Self-Motivated Kid”, scheduled for January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 being held at the Byng Auditorium.**

- **Moved by:** Tamara
- **Seconded by:** Heidi
- **Unanimous approval – Motion carried**

#### 9. **Adjourn**

- Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm