



Queen Mary PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2017.

Attendees: Hugh Blackman, Kathy Findlay, Janine Kobylka, Evann Siebens, Judy Yeung, Rebecca Anderson, Scott Trinder, Vicky Aneliunas, Mahala McCullagh, Tracey Wood, Lori Matick, Maria Koebisch, Merle Miedzygorski, Allisa Kim

Regrets: Lisa Meyer, Sasa Chambers, Jed Brezer

Meeting commenced: 9:06am

1. Approval of Agenda

- **Moved by:** Evann Siebens
- **Seconded by:** Lori Matick
- **Motion carried.**

2. Approval of January 10, 2017 Minutes

- **Moved by:** Judy Yeung
- **Seconded by:** Evann Siebens
- **Motion carried.**

3. Principal's Report – Hugh Blackman

- Thanks to PAC for \$1100 for playground equipment – balls, storage carts etc.
 - Will train kids to be playground leaders and hand out equipment
- Code of Conduct: Staff met many times to revise. “QM Caring Community” assembly with students and pamphlets being sent home
 - Now current with VSB’s human rights requirements
- Green team meeting and plans
- Official QM school opening – thanks to parents who came out
- Increase of .6 FTE Support Teacher, Jennifer Felker
- STEM science – Arduinos / VEX / 3D printer / maker space and great resources for science!! (connecting with Science World and thx to special donor)
- Deficiencies being finished
- VSB \$10,000 towards window blinds
- ‘Lock Down / Code Red’ safe zones planned and security for class spaces
 - Safety film on windows needs to be redone
- Very successful Aboriginal Ed Pro D
- Next Pro D looking at new curriculum and assessment
- Report cards going home on Wednesday before Spring Break
- Update on temp. gym and portables – trying to get them removed
- Boys and girls basketball teams doing well thx to staff and parents coaches
- New K registrations for next year on target

- PAC and Green Team to share upstairs “garden room” and we are looking to increase PAC storage area downstairs
- AV for projector \$2500 – school would have to pay for install in MPX. Not doing and will just use a cart
- Getting quotes for bulletin boards for teachers and PAC – would like to be able to put up the kids’ artwork
- Looking to frame Virtues artwork in main foyer area
- PAC discuss about Artist in Residence project unfinished from 2-3 years ago?
- FSA results are in – QM results are low for a number of reasons (not all kids take test, kids aren’t prepped for test, etc.)

4. Chair’s Report – Kathy Findlay / Jed Brezer

- Hugh can go ahead with Direct Drive money for projects on list
- Big interest in the Arduino Uno Club – Dana Aweida is starting with her Grade 5s, then they will teach others
- Next week is Anti-Bullying Awareness week
 - Anti- Bullying Day is Wednesday, Feb. 22. Jessica Trach will be presenting to school @9:15. Parents are welcome to come to the presentation.
 - Kids are encouraged to wear pink on Wednesday (or all week)
 - Try to get a group picture of school in their pink shirts
 - 120 pink t-shirts were ordered. Profit from t-shirt sales went to buy pink t-shirts for our sister school as well as fund a Jessica Trach presentation.
 - Anti-bullying commitment letter to be sent home with kids to sign and return
 - Kathy will send out an email blast about donating used, too-small pink t-shirts to our sister school
- Kathy will write to school board trustee to try and get portables removed from the gravel field – this is the only playing field kids have, need to have access to it.
- Ice cream sale next Thurs., Feb. 23 in support of Anti-Bullying Awareness and Jump Rope for Heart
- Getting small filing cabinet donated to put in small PAC/Green Team room
- Get some shelving for the PAC storage closet downstairs

MOTION: To approve a \$250 expenditure from Gaming Funds account for the Grade 7 Grad in June 2017.

- **Moved by:** Rebecca Anderson
- **Seconded by:** Mahala McCullagh
- **Unanimous Approval – Motion carried**

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:** Evann Siebens
- **Seconded by:** Judy Yeung
- **Unanimous Approval – Motion carried**

MOTION: To spend up to \$750 of Operating funds for the purchase of a PAC bulletin board and shelf to be located in the front hall between the office and the staff room.

- **Moved by:** Scott Trinder
- **Seconded by:** Mahala McCullagh
- **Unanimous Approval – Motion carried**

5. Treasurer's Report – Kathy Findlay for Sasa Chambers

- PAC has a healthy balance in the Operating Account
- Evann is looking into Buddy Bench idea – maybe use some PAC money to purchase
 - Buddy bench is a colourful bench. Sitting on bench indicates that you need a buddy.
 - Need to do careful work with students first – coach leadership kids to help out; get school counselor involved

6. Other Business

- Lori Matick – Spring Dance
 - Dance to be held on June 23, 2017
 - Lori has big plans and will need lots of help
 - Will eat inside multi-purpose room if weather is bad – will need to arrange moving TASC if that's the case
- Joyce Chong – Librarian
 - Kids' Lit Quiz – Kids had a great time and did really well; looking to find a teacher sponsor to continue and the current participants can coach the next teams.
 - Maker Space is up and running – piloting VEX / robotics with one class; 3D printer has been ordered and needs to be picked up; will do pilot with 3D printer with some upper and lower intermediate classes; working with Arduinos w/ Dana Aweida's class
 - New online library circulation system coming in March – kids can search online at home; all books need to be returned by March 1 for the conversion; will be back up an running after spring break
 - Thanks for funds from the book sale – spinner that was purchased for early chapter books is being well used
- Scott Trinder – some concern that picnic tables behind new gym could be used on weekends by people doing drugs and leaving needles on the ground
 - Hugh will connect with our school liaison officer at Byng and try to get police to do random patrols on the weekend – good to be proactive about it
 - It is the building engineer's job to do a daily sweep of the grounds
 - Can also connect with caretakers at Trimble Park and Quadra
- If parents have any feedback about the proposed date switch of the 2017-18 Winter Break, they can email calendar@vsb.bc.ca with comments

7. Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 10:00am