



Queen Mary PAC Meeting Minutes (online Zoom Meeting)

Date: Tuesday, November 9, 2021.

Attendees: Janine Kobyłka, Walker Quan, Laura Sims, Sheri Jamali, Molly Johnson, Megan Davies, Yue Ma

Queen Mary families joining via **Zoom**

Regrets : Julie Sutherland, Sila Sahin

Meeting commenced: 7:02 PM

1. Chair's report- Janine Kobyłka

1) Acknowledgement

Acknowledge the history of our community and neighborhood

2) Approval of Agenda

- **Moved by:** Molly Johnson
- **Seconded by:** Laura Sims
- **Unanimous approval – Motion carried**

3) Approval of Minutes

- **Moved by:** Christine Darvell
- **Seconded by:** Alissa Faber
- **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**

4) Holiday Fundraising

- **Purdy-**Laura Sims

The event is going well and some people have purchased. Deadline is 22 November; Pickup date is 8th December. Welcome all to share link with family and community.

- **Growing Smiles-** Molly Johnson

Event deadline is Nov 14th which is this coming Sunday. Please do not miss it. Will send another reminder for deadline.

- **Holiday Hampers**

This is to support families at Queen Alexandra. This year there are 35 families need to be supported.

- **Craft & Bake sale**

Normally we have Craft & Bake sale to raise money. Have to modify the event and do raffle again this year because of COVID. More details will come in an email next week. Ask someone who can donate a raffle prize (kids friendly).

5) **Direct Drive**

- Annually appeal to families to support program enrichment and innovation in education. Any donation more than \$20 will receive tax receipt.
- This year's requests: \$20,000:
 - ✓ Classroom Gardener (\$13,000; \$7,900 direct drive)
 - ✓ Online Licenses: Mystery Science and Project
 - ✓ National FSL Au Canada (\$2,600)
 - ✓ Learning and Resource Support: Laminator,
 - ✓ Bulletin/White Boards, Gym Equipment (\$9,500)
- Questions
 - ✓ Is the laminator for the whole school or each classroom? It is quite expensive. Also has environment concern for recycling problems. Only one Laminator is needed for whole school.

6) **Class parent**

Are still needed for division 5 and division 3. Some parents have applied for Division 3.

2. **Principal's Report – Megan Davies**

1) **Thank you** for all parents participating the fundraising and supporting the students.

2) **School Community Updates**

- A few student transfers in and out over the last couple of weeks. Currently have an enrollment of 288
- Questions about vacations and extended vacations (30+ days absent, a child may be unenrolled IF the school is full at the child's grade level and a family moves into the catchment in need of that space).
- Questions about letters of reference or recommendation for private school (typically not provided by teachers)
- Volleyball is underway with a Grade 6/7 Boys team and Grade 7 Girls team – thank you coaches (Allan, Ping, Erin) – and parent drivers who are helping students get to Norma Rose Point for games

3) **Remembrance Day and Indigenous Veteran's Day Recognition**

- Pre-recorded and shared with classes this evening – to be shown tomorrow between recess and lunch
- Included an acknowledgement of Indigenous Veterans' Day (Nov. 8th) as well as

Remembrance Day

- Contributions of artwork, poetry, song and information from 4 classes
- Classes have the option to make a class wreath – which will be placed at the front of our school tomorrow afternoon
- Families have the option to donate \$2 on School Cash Online to go towards the Poppy Fund

4) Upcoming date:

- Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day - School not in session
- Nov. 25 – Early Dismissal for conferences – many teachers connected with families during the week of the last early dismissal however families may have the opportunity to connect with their child’s teacher on this day if they were unable to in October.
- Nov. 26 – Professional Day – District-wide day focusing on Indigenous Education

5) Q & A

- Can parents view the Remembrance Day assembly tomorrow?

Do not have the consent to share with families.

- Any exceptions to the 30 absent days due to the 14 day quarantine if traveling outside of the country?

We will take that into consideration if does add the additional days. Children do not have to be quarantined but are not allowed to go back to school or day care.

3. Treasurer’s Report

- 1) The balance difference for last statement has been corrected the financial statement. I will finish the statement 1st of month and email to Janie and Julie.
- 2) General account and Gaming account: Available balance of general account: \$2657; gaming account: \$11247. Amount in gaming is increasing quickly because gaming grant came through in November.
- 3) Three funds came out: \$75 from gaming; \$529 and \$1600 from general. Those do not include outstanding cheques and submitted fund.
- 4) **Approval of classroom gardener subsidy from gaming account**
 - **Moved by:** Molly Johnson
 - **Seconded by:** Kuljit Sajjan
 - **Unanimous approval – Motion carried.**

4. DPAC Report- Sheri Jamali

Sheri is absent for this meeting. Will connect next meeting.

5. Other Business

- No other business or questions

6. Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 pm