**Meeting Minutes**

Queen Mary Elementary School PAC Meeting

February 04, 2025 ∙ 7:30 – 8.20 pm

Virtual

**ATTENDANCE**

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| **Ann Glauser** |
| **Elyssa Derban** |
| **Erin Schwabe-Fry** |
| **Heidi Nienaber** |
| **Laura Atkins** |
| **Pauline Kung** |
| **Robin Atkins** |
| **Tory Brooks-Hill** |

**Meeting**

1. **Land Acknowledgement, Welcome and Vote rules (Robin)**
2. **Motion to approve Agenda**

* Erin moves
* Tory seconds
* Motion carried, unanimous consent

1. **Motion to approve December PAC Meeting Minutes**

* Robin moves
* Natalia seconds
* Motion carried, unanimous consent

1. **Principal report (Elyssa)**

* Winter Celebration and Sing Along were a great success
* Mr. Weir started Artist in Residency program
* The ROAR program was introduced in January at assembly, now Elyssa visits classes to reinforce what was learnt
* Basketball season is going on
* Coming events: ProD day on Feb 14th, Family Day on Feb 17th, Screenagers movie on Feb 13th, Pink Shirt Day on Feb 26th, Report cards on March 6th.
* Money left from last year’s Direct Drive was spent on IPads, cases, etc. As a result of Direct Drive, teachers now can use classroom devices instead of using students’ personal devices.
* Survey season: MDI administrated through UBC at grade 6, EDI in kindergarten and Student learning Survey in grades 4 and 7.
* Tory: does MDI ask about children screen time? Elyssa thinks they do, she can doublecheck it later.

1. **Treasurer’s report (Raymond)**

To be updated when Raymond is back to Vancouver.

1. **PAC Report (Robin)**

* **Screenagers (Tory)**

The second screening of elementary school edition will be on Feb 13th, doors open at 6 pm. Last time 70 people showed up, now we expect more as this will be the last screening. One of the bonuses of the movie is that teachers use materials to create lesson plans. Teachers who did not grow up with screens especially appreciate the information.

If individuals want to host a screening for QM community at their home, they can do that. Tory did it, 17 people attended and there was a very active conversation within the community. The license is valid until June.

Heidi: can you explain the difference between the versions for elementary and regular?

Tory: thinks elementary is a better version. The first part of the original movie was changed to exclude some scenes, also the elementary version was updated with new information. If we see the elementary version, we are good.

Tory mentions there are also two high school editions and offers to be a contact person who helps to organize license purchase and screenings.

* **Alumni Scholarship Application (Robin)**

We will come back to it when Laura is available.

Elyssa: At the same time, we do not want our alumni to miss the right time

* **Direct Drive (Robin)**

Laura will spearhead it. She will do the poll / wish list to clarify what the Direct Drive will be for this year.

* **Earth Day (Erin)**

Now the garden is half planted. A proposal is to finish planting and add some mulch to prevent weeds. We will need to purchase mulch, some plants, topsoil and compostable waste bags for weeds. We are looking for $350.

Heidi suggests that Erin could consult with Heidi and Michael to get clean soil because a lot of store-bought soil is contaminated. Michael can help with it.

**Motion to approve up to $350 for QM Garden Supplies**

Robin moves

Tory seconds

Motion carried with unanimous consent

* **Crossing Guard Program (Heidi)**

The program is very successful on three crosswalks, and now we want to cover East Side of Trimble and 6th in response to the community request. We need 3 more people. Some people share a shift and even share childcare, which is a great idea. We will also need one Friday morning volunteer from mid-February.

Tory: is it possible to send out the request via class parents?

Heidi: If Elyssa thinks it is appropriate, we can certainly do it

Laura (joined): Would it be possible to create a flyer to hand in some physical cards? Laura had success implementing this strategy for a PAC meeting

Heidi thinks it is a great idea, she will implement it.

* **Grade 7 graduation (Robin, Laura)**

Laura: We need a volunteer to coordinate it

Robin: Elyssa, how does it work usually?

Elyssa: in late February - early March we have a meeting with parents or committee. We call it grade 7 leaving Ceremony. Any grade 7 parent can get together and form the committee, there is usually a chair, who assigns different tasks like tea, food, etc. Elyssa is ready to help.

Heidi: The decorations are in PAC closet and can be reused, Laura provided it last year.

* **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon**.

Laura: Could we revamp it as something less labor intensive like maybe collect money and do catering? Because it is hard to find a volunteer who is ready to spend that much time (up to 30 hours)

Robin: it is a good idea to lessen the burden for volunteers. We could create a web page with luncheon description and money request.

* **QM PAC AGM will be Jun 3**

PAC will vote on the PAC structure for next year

* **Transferring ownership of QM PAC Website**

It is planned to transfer website ownership to Raymond, though it is open to questions and suggestions.

* **Other questions**

Pauline asks to share the comments on the survey about QM afterschool programs that she sent in the email.

Laura gives feedback that it is a great idea and there is just one comment regarding the wording of the question.

Elyssa asks to send the survey to her as well to make sure the information about VSB vs non-VSB programs is clear.

* **Next meeting: March 4 @ 7.30 pm**