



PAC Meeting #4

Date: Wednesday April 5th 2017.

Meeting Commenced: 7:00pm, QEA Library.

PAC Present: Kim Werker , Olecia Walker, Julie Beaumont and Alison Foreman,

Meeting Facilitator: Olecia Walker

Also Present:

Mme. Chantal
Mme. Elodie
Andrea Tucakov
Teresa Wells
Susan Sung
Emily Fox
Gina Galway
Natasha Dickson
Leanna Warman

1.Meeting was called to order by Kim Werker

Kim talked about Tyee School PAC – Tyee PAC is encouraging us to think about public education when we vote in the upcoming election and talk to our public officials.

2. Minutes of the last PAC meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Julie and seconded by Susan. Passed unanimously.

3. Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Natasha and seconded by Olecia, passed unanimously.

4.Treasurers report – Julie

- Hot lunch is still doing well, Foodie Kids are looking good too.

-We will profit about \$500 for the Spring Fling. We will have about \$7000 by the end of the year and we usually like to have about \$5000 at the end of each year.

-We need to screen more QEA shirts - do we have the files? We need to go through the t shirts and look at the sizes.

-Parents would like buses for next year skating trips and to spread the events out.

-Spring fling costs us about \$2500 to pull off and we make about \$500.

-Do the classrooms / teachers need more?

5. Election for PAC for next year 2017- 2018

Julie wants to pass on the Treasurer job and will be there to help out the person that takes over.

Nominations:

-Gina nominated Kim for Co- chair, seconded by Leanne, all approved.

-Leanne nominated Olecia for Treasurer / Co- chair – seconded by Alison, all approved

-Kim nominated Alison for Secretary, seconded by Gina, all approved.

We are still open to other people joining the PAC, and recruiting new Kindergarten parents.

6. Vice Principal's Report -Teresa Wells

- Teresa also wants to spread out the activities more. Skating was too close together.
- Maple Man was amazing! He was so much fun. We made \$65 profit from his maple syrup and we will use it for cultural experiences.
- The Susan Point field trip was fantastic, they loved the exhibit, the kids were great. The teachers prepped the children a lot, and the kids will be working later this year doing similar work inspired by Susans artwork.
- Tennis is underway, Gino is great and it is going really well.
- First week with soccer new rules, they are trying out different rules for the next 3 weeks. Please remind your children that it's just for FUN!!
- Teresa needs volunteers in the library on Friday mornings to help shelve books.
- Counsellor is here Wednesday mornings.
- Reunification Drill is coming up on May 4th. This is to practice how we will release students in the case of an emergency. We will need Volunteers on May 4th - WE WILL NEED 8 ADULTS. The school board wants to see how it is going to work and give feedback. This year the grade 3s at QEA and JQ will be the only ones participating, next year the entire student body will be involved.
 - We have earthquake kits in the parking lot, we will look at all this that day.
 - At 2:30 on May 4th the grade 3s will leave, if they have siblings in other grades parents can take them also. More information to follow.
 - At one point the kids had Comfort kits, Do we still do this? Teresa will look into this.
- Earth day activities are coming up - the teachers are working on this.
- Mr. Simone wants to have a concert on the 25th of April 2:15pm in the Gym.
- Dance to Dance is a national dance institute program that works with kids, it is a 2 week program. Teresa thought it was a great method of teaching dance. It costs \$4000 for a two week course (1/2 hour a day), we are eligible for a \$1200 grant. She suggested that the parents could pay a bit along with the PAC.
- Teresa wants some time at the first PAC meeting of next year (30 mins) to go over VSB strategic plan.
- Split classes next year is a concern for many parents - May 3rd we will know more.
- Class size has changed, 20 in kindergarten, 22 in elementary.

7. QEA Garden Update-

-Chantal- Organic soil was delivered today!

-The Cook off is coming up before June, information for volunteers will be out soon. Last year they made salad and roasted veggies, garlic butter and had bread donated from Tera breads.

-Chantal works in the garden on Fridays, and people are always welcome.

-Elodie and Chantal are coming up with a day of activities for Earth Day.

-The students will be involved with the program **Keeping Vancouver Spectacular**. They pick up garbage in the community. The program delivers all the materials we need (vests, gloves, bags etc) They will need a tonne of Volunteers so we can cover more ground. **April 21st**, start first thing in the morning instead of action school.

8.Committee Reports

A potential school name change, QEA is a French Immersion school and a feeder school to Jules Quesnel (most people don't know this). Our name doesn't make much sense if we feed JQ. They are proposing that we change our name to **Jules Quesnel Annex** or **Annex to Jules Quesnel**. . It is pretty easy to change a school name. An annex should be linked up with its main school, principles etc... They will help draft up letters, distribute like a petition and we need to sign... We will talk to the JQ PAC etc..

*HOLD THE T SHIRTS!!! If we are changing the name of the school.

-JQ is having a garage sale April 29th.

-Parents concerns about split classes- a few were upset last year because there was very little information about why we were splitting the classes and a lot of rumours. It is again a possibility for next year and we will have to wait and see. Most classes aren't finalized until September 30th, the teachers will do the best they can for the educational needs of all the students. The conversation will be guided by the educational needs of the children.

9. New Business - Gina

We don't have morning care for our school next year - Crown St. is closing their before and after school care. Queen Elizabeth after school care is at full capacity. Gina has been in touch with theYMCA out of Kitchener, they don't like

transporting kids. SACA works out of General Gordon, she has been in touch with them also. Gina wants to collect some data on who needs before and after school care, we will be sending out some surveys.

10. Spring Fling – Friday - June 9th

co-coordinators - Erica and Ali have volunteered to help with the fling.

- deposits for bouncy castles have been paid.
 - Class sign up sheets worked well last year.
 - We need Face painters, Music, MC.
 - JQ BAND- needs organizing.
 - Photo booth? Dunk tank?
 - Maybe every family brings a bottle of wine and we can do few wine baskets- or a wine pull?
 - Start reminding parents now about the spring fling.
- ii. Sister School liaison- outerwear and cakes for cakewalk. We need a volunteer for that role.
- iii. Hot lunch coordinator – Susan and Ali? Ali is up in the air.

Sports Day- Parents have shown a lot of interest in making this a really fun day. The teachers will talk about it, and the parents can help.

The next PAC meeting will be held next year!

Meeting adjourned: 9:00pm

Alison Foreman, Secretary