

Minutes for QEA PAC Meeting held in Library

Wed Sept 18, 2019 7:30-8:45p

Call to order: Meeting of the Queen Elizabeth Annex Parent Advisory Committee - 7:40p, Sept 18, 2019

Present:

Rebecca Pitfield	Linda Myles
Kate Hood	Rob Lovell
Susan Sung	Dan & Becky Rivett
Mark Cormack	Xiaoliang Jin
Chantal Larrivee	Leanna Warman
Kristine Bell	Lora Terziera
Kevin Love	
Dan Cox	
Mike Marin	
Azadeh Ajany	
Hamidreza Suber	
Chin Sun	
Andrew Johnson	
Glenn Saqui	

1. Introductions and Welcome - Rebecca, Kate, Susan
2. Approval of agenda for Sept 18, 2019
 - Glenn moved to approve, Chin Seconded
 - All in favour; none opposed **PASSED**
3. Adoption of minutes from June 19th, 2019
 - Glenn moved to adopt, Leanna seconded
 - No comments, all in favour, none opposed **PASSED**
4. Reports
 - a. Treasurers report - Nadine
 - Total \$6,630 with breakdown as follows
 - \$5,854 community account
 - \$166 PayPal from welcome back pizza payments

\$610 VSB account

No significant changes since June's AGM. Awaiting direct appeal and grant income for 2019-2020.

b. DPAC (Leanna)

Explanation of PAC membership, as parents you are all PAC. We support this school, Exec supports communication between everyone.

5. Committee Reports

Garden (Mme.Chantal)

We have a great garden that needs a bit of help. Maybe set up a committee. Garden started with a network with UBC, Farm to School, Fresh Roots, Arborist with orchard, over the past 11 yrs, building up making it a school wide project. We typically have a schoolwide feast. Garden brings school together, kids learn to grow food, where food comes from, etc. We need help right now to rebuild garden boxes (it's rotting). A couple of things teachers want to build and grow. Butterfly path for kids to move through the garden. Soil is depleted of nutrients, we can order some organic material. Wondering how can PAC or parents help us to get it back to a healthy garden?

Mme Aubrey is keen to work in the garden. Garden belongs to all, we all share in the feast. A slideshow to follow soon.

Leave it to PAC to figure out how to set up help for garden. There is a lot to do. Grandparents are welcome. If Chantal can provide a timeline/deadline for scheduling, would be helpful to get immediate help. Meagan and Elsa to head up Garden Club again?

If Children are involved from the start, ultimately they eat it and they become proud and happy about it.

a. Hot Lunch (Susan)

Online ordering went live last Wed. First hot lunch started last Friday, and Mon; it went well. Volunteers can sign up online from link at the bottom of PAC newsletter. C'est Mon Cafe is the provider for both days. You can order as many or few days as you like. We have been working with them for a few years and they've been willing to make changes towards adding veggies to meals. Kids are welcome to have second or third servings. For those who are unsure of ordering, ask your children to look around at what others are eating to see if there's something they'd like to try.

DPAC (Leanna)

Role: Represents a parent voice at the District level.

You are part of DPAC, can go to DPAC meeting anytime.

One or two meetings a month; first one is Exec (anyone can attend to listen, unable to vote or have a say). Second one is open to general public and is usually an Educational session. There is a session tomorrow. Sept 26 general session on Student Success.

Leanna is looking for someone to join her as DPAC Rep; part time. Co-role this year, maybe take over next year.

Also, DPAC is going to be updating the school renaming procedures.

We are still working on changing QEA's name to align with JQ.

b. Childcare (Rebecca)

Damien is now spearheading that. Childcare situation a possibility with Dunbar Heights Baptist Church? Not this year, but possibly next? VSB did not approve our request for onsite childcare. Last they said we could have childcare here IF we wouldn't be a swingsite. Bayview isn't here, but we don't have approval. Work in progress. Anyone here interested in this? No

c. Grandview (Kate & Rebecca)

Is Michelle still a rep for Grandview? We think so.

Grandview is our sister school on the East side. We support them in different endeavours. Chin will continue to work with Michelle.

6. Vice Principal's Report (Mark)

Very first VP report for QEA.

A warm welcome here; off to a good start. Kids are getting to know their teachers. K has a new teacher; Aubriana. She has her masters in... specializing in Reggio program. K class has 19 kids; still going through waitlist. Classes are small this year; 68 students in total. We are still looking to hire one more teacher this year.

French Immersion teachers are high in demand, hard to hire. District is actively recruiting for us. Posting was initially for Resource and Prep; after 3 rounds no takers. So now posting is for Gr.1, and Mark will switch to Resource and Prep. Until that is filled, Mark will be in Gr.1 class. Susie is also there to fill in when needed.

Terry Fox run, Orange Shirt Day coming up.

Orange shirt is an act of support with Truth and Reconciliation, by the Educational system.

Once we have our Gr.1 teacher hired, we will have our plan for the year.

Library will open up next week.

Question from Dan; re 18 months ago it was very difficult to get into this school. Trying to reconcile why our numbers are low this year.

Mark explains even with waitlist of 34 kids; not all are keen on coming anymore. Over the summer people may have changed their minds, we may be lower on their priority list. Possibly because we are so far west, commute makes it challenging for families.

Max K number is 20 so we're only short 1. We lose people for various reasons.

Leanna commented on the change in the lottery system re district vs catchment. As part of French Immersion review VSB is working on keeping attrition down as well as draw numbers in.

7. New Business

a. Spring Fling (Kate & Rebecca)

Our big fundraiser that usually happens in June; bouncy castles, music, food (pizza), etc. Kind of like a mini-carnival. Silent Auction. We usually start getting volunteers in March/April to solicit local businesses.

Kate has organized it in the last two years. We are looking for someone who isn't on PAC to lead the event coordination. We have all the spreadsheets, and lots of helpers.

Rebecca is appealing for people to step up to PAC leadership, as three of us are leaving at the end of the year. Susan would like to step down after Dec.

b. Winterfest (Kate)

Last year we did Winterfest; games, lottery type games, hot chocolate/cider, bakesale, etc. It was a community builder; made over \$700 even though it wasn't meant to be a fundraiser. PAC Exec is limited in our human resources; while we would support it, we cannot do it this year on our own. Someone would have to step up as Event Coordinator.

c. Direct Donation (Kate & Rebecca)

Month of Oct will be drive. \$75 per student is suggested donation. All proceeds will be going to PAC. This year we are sponsoring Pumpkin Patch, Dance PI3y, Tennis, etc. Look for email at the end of Sept. If you have any ideas about programs, speakers, etc; things that would be a good use of PAC funds, please let us know.

Question re swimming? Was not a PAC initiative last year (Teacher initiated).

With the Direct Donation, we eliminate the constant need to raise funds, and the work associated with that.

Fishtank is back. Another PAC supported initiative. Looking for someone to take over from Susan by the end of the year.

d. PAC Sponsored Events

We generally support programs the teachers would like. Some examples from last year were "Bears of North America" at Grouse, "Maple Man", and above mentioned events. Also the Fishtank.

PAC would require class rep to forward (PAC) information and help organize classes. Teachers would still directly communicate with parents.

PAC Reps:

Gr1 Susie/Anja

Gr2 ?

Gr3 Kate Hood

K ?

8. Next meeting November 19, 2019

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Glenn moved to adjourn. Andrew seconded. **PASSED**

Meeting adjourned at 8:45p