

Queen Elizabeth Annex Minutes

QEA PAC Meeting Minutes - September 24th 2020, via Zoom

Present:

Susie Outerbridge
Ange Gurlay
Lily Cameron
Lori Ferguson
Becky Rivett
Helene Love
Mark Cormack (VP)
Laura Baker
Valerie
Glenn Saqui
Rebecca Pitfield
Geoff
Lia Gudaitis
Nadine
Damien & Melissa
Lori Ferguson
Hayley
Kathryn and Matthia Accurso

1: Review Minutes and Agenda

SO - Welcome, Introduction of PAC Exec, Susie and Ange: Co Chairs, Lily - Vice Chair, Becky - Secretary

Motion to commence meeting - Rebecca, seconded Glenn - Passed
approve today's agenda - Motion PASSED

Motion to pass last meeting's minutes - motioned Glenn, Rebecca seconded -
Motion PASSED

Motion to Appoint Lori as Treasurer - Motioned Rebecca, Seconded Glenn -
PASSED

2: New Business

SO - New constraints, discussion with teachers re new ways of teaching, more outdoor time, new ways of fundraising

3: Teachers Report

Chantal not present, LC - Lots of ideas to promote outdoor learning with regard to

garden programme, benches, outdoor chalk board, fairy garden, sensory boxes

4:Vice Principals Report

MC - Picking up where we left off, core principles, safety first, communication, community, Child learning. Focus on social/ emotional learning for teachers (Pro d day tomorrow). Makes students feel safe after reduced social interactions. Almost everyone returned to school physically, only 4 online. Lots of smiley, happy kids. Just staff first couple of days, some anxiety but after orientation and full day of school, getting back to what they know, Children help put teachers at ease. Two shared cohorts, Grade 2/3, children not in the same cohort to remain 2m apart. No assemblies, no lunches together. Children received 2 reusable masks, personal choice whether to use.

Prep teacher within cohorts to be done by MC, acting, dancing, rhythm activities, Library mainly managed by MC as resource teacher. Hot lunch on hold. Returning to MS Teams 1. Keep the habit fresh, incase revert back to phase 3. Introductory video or live Teams meeting for meet the teacher.

Bike to school week next week, Terry Fox run to follow in the coming weeks to encourage school community.

Any Q's?

GS - Other schools, teachers are spending an hour and a half washing hands, what's happening at QEA?

MC - Lots of hand washing, when coming in and out of classroom. Washing hands before manipulative play/learning. One way, kid gets soap - lathers, moves to back of line, using the time affectively and efficiently. Lunch time taking away from learning time as kids eating in classroom with staff supervision

GS - How much time is taken away from teaching time by lunch and hand washing?

MC - Lunch is 10-15 minutes and some extra time for hand washing, but something we have to expect in these times

GS - So overall about an hour of teaching time is lost, understandable in the current climate

Melissa - Possibility of outdoor sink for hand washing to minimize in class washing time?

MC - Large cost, smaller classes all with sinks in

LC - Husband works in this area, couldn't have hot water, depends on what you want but could be a couple of hundred dollars

MC - Installation would have to be done by VSB, and any maintenance would have to be done by them

KC - would hand sanitizer be able to be used in place of hand washing for some times through the day?

MC - recommendation is to use soap and water but Hs is available

DF - Mural out the front of the school, was meant to be updates but hasn't been done,

MC - Grounds and maintenance departments coordinate with the school, boiler, graffiti, up to VP or care taker to communicate work to be done

5: Treasurers Report and Bike to school week

LF - Treasurer issues, working on the budget, not planning anything for this term, plans will be made for January and Spring, can be cancelled if not going ahead.

Bike to school week - due to restrictions the tracking posters will be in class rooms, stickers available. Prizes donated by PAC and HubCycle at the end of the week names will be drawn for prizes. Lia will be biking from UBC, anybody who lives out that way can join the UBC bike train. Sandwich boards to be used to PAC board, one at the front and one at the back. PAC notifications will be on there.

Prizes on boards - Tattoos, maps, pins

At the end of the week send in details to HubCycle and they give away prizes, first prize - bike maintenance rack

SO - As we have people who are coming from different parts of the city its ok to park nearby and ride from somewhere closer

6: DPAC Report

NH - Still in the DPACs meeting, 2 topics of discussion are LRFP and capital plan. Tight time line and reduced consultation time. Capital plan - 12Million surplus due to BC hydro line going through a school grounds. No revenue from International students. Reduced cost of using teachers on call. Sept 30th next meeting. Seismic upgrades upcoming. QEA appears to be off the current agenda. Federal funds (2 billion), as from the survey sent out the parents, the money will be distributed to individual schools. \$400 per student - maybe help towards outdoor learning. Lia to co-rep. Please make a motion for that to happen. Any DPAC issues, please reach out.

SO - Appoint Lia to Co - rep

NH - Motion to appoint Lia to co - rep Laura Baker second

SO - Motion PASSED

7: Other Business

SO - Hoping to still do the things we've done previously, spring fling, VSO, Tennis programme etc. But other options have been explored

AG - Options of things that come to the school (in response to COVID), Aquarium can bring animals. Pumpkin patch on school grounds

LF - To Glenn - no track meet, will there be running club?

GS - JQ sent out email saying no organized practices, so assuming we're also in the same position

MC - within guidelines there is some room for it but currently taking baby steps, consistency between schools is important, maybe have running club later in the year

GS - Nearing the end of the year, more likely to get up and running in the spring

MC - Cohorts have to be maintained

GS - Q for PAC exec - usually email sent out for direct drive

AG - Usually nearer October, the email is coming and we will be asking for money from the direct drive

GS - Lori - How much is in the account so far?

LF - Money to be given to teachers, before that is given we have \$6339.36

Still planning normal actives and direct drive

SO - more money to be spent on learning aides for outdoor learning, mats for sitting, wheelbarrows, gloves, shovels. More on physical teaching aides

LF - Hoping to build a pumpkin patch at the school so spending money there rather than taking people on a field trip.

GS - Hard to know without a budget what we can do, would be good to vote on this as a PAC

NH - The budget is to break down what we would normally spend, so anything already within the agreed budget, cushion of \$500(?) of that has been approved. Previously voted to always carry over \$2000 within the budget

GS - How much do we usually get from the direct appeal?

NH - Last year was \$4000 but was an anomaly, we will also receive money from gaming account and PayPal account from parents putting money in and out

AG - Anybody else interested in becoming a PAC member at large? If so please speak to us, Anybody who would like to be their Childs class rep - teachers gifts etc.

MF - Class rep for Madame Joelle (2/3)

AG - Valerie for being member at large

SO - Any further questions?

NH - Class rep for Madame Chantals class?

SO - Cas' Mom maybe interested in that role

LC - Myra for Grade 1? Will check

RP - Saleema Noon - reached out in June, in order to book you have to book early, so she booked Claire for Feb 16th Parents, Feb 23rd - students. Lori - touch base with organizers to confirm

LC - Big thanks to Lori for organizing Bike to school week

AG - Motion to adjourn - Rebecca, Glenn second - PASSED

Meeting Adjourned at 21:10