

MINUTES OF THE QUEEN ELIZABETH GENERAL PAC MEETING
Thursday, February 24th, 2015 7 p.m.
QE LIBRARY

Meeting chaired by: Jenny Langley

1. The meeting was called to order at 7: 00pm (Jenny Langley)
2. Agenda accepted (Megan Evans-Baird motions / Julia Arthur seconds)
3. Motion to approve the Minutes from January 23rd, 2015 (Megan Evans-Baird motions / Julia Arthur seconds)
4. Principal's Report (Magdalena Kassis)
 - Ms Herrmann, who has covered Ms Jolly's maternity leave, finishes on Friday. Ms. Jolly returns Monday
 - Mike Bolianaz is returning part time after health leave.
 - The custodian Kumar has left the staff.
 - Positive feedback from staff about Seleema Noon presentation.
 - The school is planning for next year. Returning enrollment student forms help in determining Queen Elizabeth staffing. Parents are reminded to talk to staff if they know their child is not returning, or if they are unsure of their plans next year to help with planning process.
 - QE has been selected to take part in a pilot program to use an online payment system next year for things like school fees and possibly field trips.
5. Treasurer's Update (Megan Evans Baird)
 - Tax receipts have been sent out for donated funds raised by the direct appeal.
 - There have been no budget surprises thanks to The Capital Needs List - receipts being received from teachers for items purchased with direct appeal money.
 - 80% of families paid via electronic payment for hot lunch.
6. Fundraising Update (Jenny Langley)
 - 1124 books received during book drive of a good quality and appropriate for school need. 450 went to the library and classrooms took the rest.
 - An annual book drive would be worthwhile.
 - Hot lunch continues weekly with a high participation rate. It is operating on budget, perhaps above. Some children do order the bigger sizes.
 - Calhouns has provided very good service and seem keen to work with Queen Elizabeth

7. Volunteer Update (Beth Harrop)

- Still no class parent for Ms. Shaver's class. Magdalena to check in with her.
- There is a new traffic volunteer for Fridays but as one was still needed for Monday mornings Rhiannon Matthews volunteered and will start after Spring Break.
- Garden volunteers emailed by Natasha.

8. Speakers

- Seleema Noon was well received and will be booked on a two year cycle. She is next booked for January 2017, 17th, 18th and 19th (a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday). The parent talk will perhaps be altered by one day to give parents an opportunity to talk to their children. Only one family opted out.
- Fiona Winning is working on future speakers, potentially including Michelle Kambolis who works on The Sun.
- Magdalena will look for names of potential speakers on the change in the curriculum sooner rather than later.
- Curriculum changes discussed.

9. QE Math Program 2015/2016

- Plans in the works to approach math in a cohesive way in the intermediate grades. Updates on this should be available at a future PAC mtg.

10. Sports Day

- Sports day is May 29th. The plan is to have a traditional barbecue but no one has yet taken it on. Plan B would be to use a supplier, perhaps White Spot.

11. Other Topics

- Enrolment - there are less students in the younger years than the older grades. There are catchment families in grade 7 on the wait list.
- Puddle in primary playground fixed.
- Uniforms have been successful. There is a good tracking system and the \$25 deposit system has worked well.
- Track and Field starts at the end of April.
- \$4000 made through the Book Fair.

12. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm (Megan Evans Baird motions / Julia Arthur seconds)

2014/15 Future PAC Meeting Dates - please mark your calendars

April 9th 9.15am

Attendees

Jenny Langley
Megan Evans Baird
Magdalena Kassis
Julia Arthur
Rhiannon Matthews
Jenny Armstrong
Beth Harrop
Jane Thomas
Victoria Wong