

QE PAC Fundraising Appeal Frequently Asked Questions:

Why does the PAC need to fundraise?

It is not a requirement of the PAC to fundraise but it has become a reality. Parents may be interested to know that QE, with nearly 360 students, has approximately \$25,000 for an annual discretionary budget to pay to items such as furniture, all supplies, textbooks, assessment for kids, and in some cases maintenance and substitute teacher costs. So there is very little left over for extras like technology, library, gym equipment and other important needs. The PAC has conducted an extensive needs assessment in consultation with Ms. Car, Teachers, and program volunteers and as a result a number of needs have been identified which the PAC and school feels could enhance and enrich our children's school experience.

What is the PAC Fundraising for?

- *Further investments in technology to ensure staff and students have the resources they need*
- *Additional classroom resources*
- *Resources to support the new curriculum*
- *New gym equipment*

What has the PAC recently funded?

Three years ago we started our annual direct appeal campaign and to date have raised almost \$60,000! Your support resulted in hundreds of items on the QE staff 'wish list' being purchased and has truly made a difference in your child's classroom experience. We have made significant investments in technology including ensuring every teacher has a lap-top and projector. We have also invested in new tables, chairs and shelving for the library as well as provide significant support for specific classroom needs.

Are other schools PAC's doing direct fundraising appeals?

Yes, the vast majority of schools are now doing some kind of annual fundraising appeal as it has proven to be an efficient and effective means of fundraising.

Is this an annual campaign?

Yes, it is expected that an annual fundraising appeal will be part of the overall annual revenues for the PAC. Direct fundraising appeals are effective and efficient means of fundraising and lessen the need for large scale labour intensive fundraising events.

Can I get a tax receipt?

Yes, all donations over \$20 will receive a tax receipt. Donations made by November 24th, 2017 will receive a tax receipt for 2017.

Can I specify what my donation is used for?

No, new VSB rules state that donations cannot be designated.

If I don't donate will my child be affected?

No, donations are voluntary and confidential. Your teacher will not know which families have donated. Funds raised will benefit the entire school.

When will the PAC spend the funds raised? Will my child see a benefit?

All funds raised during this fundraising appeal will be spent by December 31st, 2018.

What should my donation be?

The PAC is asking families to consider a donation of \$150.00 per family, however any amount is very much appreciated!

I already paid \$25.00 for school fees what does this fund?

The VSB charges a \$25 fee to parents each year, and uses those funds to provide students with all the school supplies they would need for the year (pencils, erasers, notebooks, pens, paper, duotangs, art supplies, etc.). This is meant to be a service to parents as the VSB is able to purchase in bulk at a lower cost, whereas many other school districts do not provide these supplies and ask parents to purchase them on their own at a retail store.

Yes! I would like to support the 2017-18 QE PAC Fundraising Campaign

_____ My donation will be made by cheque. Please make cheques payable to *Queen Elizabeth PAC*. Attach your cheque to this form and return to your child's teacher or place it in the PAC box in the office.

_____ My donation will be made by credit card using PayPal. Please visit the PAC web-site at www.pacpage.ca/qe My PayPal confirmation number is: _____

The following donor information is **required** and will appear on the official tax receipt:

Full Name of Donor: _____ Phone number: _____

Full mailing address:

House # Street

City Province Postal Code

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