

QUEEN ELIZABETH GENERAL PAC MEETING

Thursday, April 11th – 9:15am

Staff Room

AGENDA

(co-Chairs Carmen Cho / Kristin McAllister)

1. General PAC Meeting called to order at 9:15
2. Welcome and acknowledgement we live, work and play on the unceded and traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples- Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh and Musqueam nations. Introductions.
3. Acceptance of Agenda and any amendments – Motion made by Domina and seconded by Julia.
4. Acceptance of the PAC Meeting minutes from February 7th 2019 – Motion made by Rebecca seconded by Domina.
5. Principals Report (Ms Susie Car)
 - a. School Board Budget – preliminary draft budget released
 - i. Working to support schools
 - ii. Status quo budget – it is online, opportunities to go to meetings, ask questions, do a survey
 - iii. Shouldn't notice any big changes at QE.
 - iv. 2 K classes next year. 32 kids currently planned to come next year.
 - b. Welcome to Kindergarten - Friday June 7 at 10:30 – arrivals start
 - i. In the library – runs 11:00 to 12:10
 - ii. Would like a PAC rep to come.
 - c. Safer Schools Together, student presentations on Social Media, Digital Citizenship and the ERASE Report IT tool. Funding for these sessions are being provided by the Ministry of Education. Working to have one of these sessions soon.
 - d. Renee Hock District Resource Teacher for Diversity / Anti-Racism
 - i. Came for a staff lunch and learn – very useful, positive presentation.
 - e. Earthquake – “BIG ONE 2” and Reunification Drills – Thursday May 2, 2019 at 2 pm
 - i. The plan is to do a drill with a portion of the student/parent population. Want to keep it calm for the student and not have it run all evening.
 - f. 3 month calendar shared with staff
 - i. On behalf of staff thanks for continued support and upcoming Staff Appreciation Lunch
 - ii. Shared Plant Sale info with Staff
 - iii. Celebration of Learning info → Thursday, May 9. This is an opportunity for students, staff and parents to come see some of the exciting projects and units students have been working on this year.
 1. During the school day, students are invited to visit other classes as a group with their teacher. Odd divisions will be visiting even divisions from 11-12. From 1:30-2:30 the even divisions will have an opportunity to visit and listen to the even divisions.

2. **Students are to go home when they are dismissed at 3 pm.** Those who will be **returning with their families**, are invited back to the school from **5-6 pm.**
3. For the evening sessions, some classes will be in their classrooms while others will be in the auditorium sharing their Heritage Fair projects.
- iv. Dance Program – End of Class Show to which parents are encouraged to come is on May 31 @ 2 pm.
- v. Sports Day – Friday June 14 (alt day June 21 – no PAC lunch if moved)
 1. PAC lunch provided on June 14th. (Hope for Sun!)
- vi. Gr. 7 assembly and Leaving Ceremony/Grad Wed. June 26
- vii. Year end recognition assembly & last day for students Thursday June 27

6. Budget Update (Kristen McCallister)

- a. Everything is on track for the budget.
- b. Continuing to fund requests from teachers.
- c. Computers for classroom use - \$300/unit, so purchased 30. Each intermediate class should have 2 or 3 (some still to be installed). Allows children to do online research in the classroom under teacher supervision.
- d. \$1,800 of recess equipment in the classroom now – kids are loving it! The PAC will aim to replenish as needed year over year.

7. Volunteer Update (Domina/Carmen)

- Need volunteers for plant sale sorting and teacher appreciate lunch.
- Secretary position needed for 2019/2020.
- Replacement for Duncan Mackay (Sports Coordinator)

8. Fundraising/Events

- Update on Hot Lunch – Julia and Harper
 - Term 3 started. **Still hoping for more orders as this is the biggest and most effective PAC fundraiser for the school.**
 - Sushi vendor needs to close business it's at the end of April. The hot lunch coordinators have been working to identify a new provider who can fulfill orders that have been placed and paid for. Currently, Moon Sushi is the most likely candidate.
 - Possible new Pizza Vendor (Pizza Hut) – not good communication, so not going forward.
- Plant Sale – May 3rd – need volunteers. Forms for purchases to be submitted by April 24th.
- Staff Appreciation Lunch – May 15th
- Games Night – June 7th
- Running Club (Beth H) – Mondays and Wednesdays – going to run in the UBC Longest Day Race (as a team) and the runners are excited!
- Garden (Beth H) – only three teachers have signed up for a garden box – looking for more teacher involvement. One box needs replacement - \$600 to do so. Ms. Car to check how much the VSB would charge to replace. PAC money will pay for seeds, etc. So no cost to the classroom to take on a box.

9. Other Topics

- Choir - next year
 - Choir Director's son is leaving QE. Consequently, participating in choir would be a cost program going forward. The proposal is \$130 / year per child + the current PAC subsidy (\$2500). This would be a one year pilot.
- Long term facilities plan – public consultation at Kits Highschool at 6 to 8 pm April 11'19
 - This is also an online survey to give feedback on proposed budget (which includes long range facilities)
 - This is a document required by the ministry regarding how districts are using their buildings.
 - Vancouver has declining enrollment + needs seismic upgrades.
 - Looking at future projected land use, could be more density in this area.
 - Vancouver schools are old and require a lot of capital costs (deferred maintenance) to keep going which take funds away from other student programs.
 - If schools are closed, they would not be sold. But rather would be repurposed or leased to other programs.
 - The report is just that – the School Board needs to decide whether to try and proceed with school consolidations and if so, which one(s). There is no closure list currently.
- Bayview – coming next year as they are undergoing seismic upgrade.
 - Plan is for parents to park on W 16th.
 - There was a productive meeting between the PAC executives.
 - Bayview bell schedule will be 15 mins off the QE schedule and the students will not overlap at lunch time.
 - Overlap in gym facilities can be the largest space usage issue. As QE has the auditorium that can relieve this issue. Further, the two PE teacher have already started talking.
 - Hosting Bayview for 2 years. After that there is a strong possibility that QE will host another school.

10. Next Meeting – TBD late May or early June.

11. Motion to adjourn by Domina, seconded by Harper – adjourned 10 am.

Attendees:

Carmen Cho
Kristen McCallister
Claire McClean
Susie Carr
Rebecca Parry
Kyle Parker
Domina Jahana

Eliane Lau
Ellen Du
Michelle Hu
Julia Whyte
Kristy Myles
Harper Haddon