



## Monthly PAC Meeting Minutes

February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### **In Attendance:**

Jessica McIlroy, Chair  
Lily Foster, Treasurer  
Jennifer Mitchell, Secretary  
Christie Manlolo, Vice-Chair

Jennifer Wilson, Principal  
Brigette Gerandol, Vice-Principal

Jennifer Aragon, Grade 7 teacher/IB Lead Coordinator  
Carol Viau, Afterschool Programming  
Bruce Sled, Bands and Strings Assistant Teacher  
Deb Wanner, District Principal of Enhanced Programming

### **Bruce Sled, Deb Wanner – Band and Strings Program**

- Discussed importance and benefits of music program and his hope to extend band program to QM
- Ideally, there would be two classes at Queen Mary for beginner band (continuing band students may continue to need to go elsewhere for band); one class would be held before school while one would be held at lunchtime (classes are 40 minutes long)
- Classes would be for students from grade 5-7, and 24 students would need to sign up for it to go forward.
- A preliminary schedule for band will be made available in June and the official one will be in September
- Early band registration started February 20 and continues until April 19<sup>th</sup> – cost for parents is \$450, which can be amortized over the year (less than \$65/month)
- Full Registration is from April 20<sup>th</sup>- September 30<sup>th</sup> ; cost is \$480
- Cost pays for music teachers
- Parents can rent instruments through the North Vancouver School District at a more affordable rate than music stores

- For more information, parents can refer to website: [sdd44.ca/ProgramsServices/BandStrings/Pages/default.aspx](http://sdd44.ca/ProgramsServices/BandStrings/Pages/default.aspx) or contact Bruce Sled at [bsled@sd44.ca](mailto:bsled@sd44.ca)
- Full refunds will be made available for parents who register their children for band but cannot bring their children to practices outside of Queen Mary, and/or if the 24-student requirement is not met

### **Jen Aragon, Grade 7 teacher, Lead IB Coordinator**

- Queen Mary will have an IB Evaluation visit on April 7<sup>th</sup>
- Two evaluators from IB International will be visiting with students, teachers, and parents to see how much the program has evolved in the last four years; evaluators will be looking for growth and that Queen Mary has implemented the suggestions they made the last time
- On April 8<sup>th</sup>, evaluators would like to meet with some Queen Mary parents to discuss their experiences with the program; parents from Joint IB committee as well as any other parents are welcome to attend this session, time tbd
- Parents are also asked to consider contributing gently-used formal dresses to the 44 Dresses program, which provides formal gowns to Grade 7 students who are graduating and may not otherwise be able to afford a dress
- Parents can drop off dresses at any high school or at the North Vancouver School District office on Lonsdale

### **Jennifer Wilson, Bernadette Gerandol – Administration Report**

- Thanks to parents for their continued support for JumpRope for Heart
- Queen Mary welcomed three new students in the last week; this brings total school numbers from 411 in October to 424 as of February 20<sup>th</sup>
- Queen Mary also welcomes back Katherine Larson, grade 4 teacher who will be returning on April 1<sup>st</sup> from maternity leave
- Queen Mary is also sad to say goodbye to Yuki, the Japanese exchange teacher who is leaving this month
- Queen Mary is looking for families who would like to provide homestays to future teachers from Japan; \$700 stipend will be provided
- On Feb 27, Queen Mary will have its annual Pink Shirt assembly; students are encouraged to wear pink shirts and assembly will include a presentation of the “sound suits” created by Mr. Clark and a SOGI presentation

- Intermediate Choir will be performing at Centennial Theatre March 5<sup>th</sup> and parents are invited to attend
- On March 6<sup>th</sup> Queen Mary will have its annual lockdown drill; students will be given age-appropriate information as to the reason for the drill
- March 8<sup>th</sup>, Report Cards will be ready for viewing on the “MyEd” website; emails will be sent to parents with instructions for logging in
- Student-led conferences with children’s teachers will be held the following week, will include two days of early dismissal; parents can book a one-on-one interview with teachers if they wish
- Spring Break will be March 18<sup>th</sup> – March 30<sup>th</sup>

### **Carol Viao, Afterschool Programming**

- In the winter semester (January – March), of 96 spaces available for ‘the for-fee’ programming, 72 had been filled while 90 spaces for free programming had been taken
- For afterschool programming for the spring semester, both free and for-fee programs will all be printed on one brochure, which will be distributed to parents before Spring Break.
- Classes and activities have not fully been settled on as of yet, so any parent input into any of the programming is welcome

Meeting adjourned at 7:45