

## Monthly PAC Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2017

6:30 pm

### **In Attendance:**

Lily Foster, Chair  
Jennifer Mitchell, Secretary  
Gita Naran, Treasurer

Jennifer Wilson, Principal  
Tim Ireland, Vice-principal  
Maria Morisseau, Community Development Project Coordinator

Beata Tymoszejko, Canadian Diabetes Association

### **Regrets**

Christie Manlolo, Vice Chair

**Meeting Called to order at 6:37 pm.**

### **Introductions**

#### **Beata Tymoszejko, Territory Manager – Diabetes Canada**

- Beata gave a brief explanation of what Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes are and explained the role of the pancreas and the production of insulin. She also explained how patients manage both types.
- It is important to understand what diabetes is because it is an epidemic – 1/3 of Canadian population has either diabetes or pre-diabetes.
- Approximately 10% of people have Type 1 and 90% of people have Type 2 diabetes.
- She gave a similar talk to students in grades 5-7 at Queen Mary today.
- Also gave some information about Diabetes Canada, and how it raises money by collecting used clothing and selling it – money then goes to fund diabetes research and for summer camps for kids with diabetes
- As a fundraiser, Queen Mary will hold a Diabetes Canada clothing Drive - will be asking parents to fill full-sized garbage bags with used clothes or textiles (bedding, towels, etc.) and for every bag collected, Diabetes Canada will pay the school per bag..



- Parents are asked to bring their clothing and textiles to QM between April 18<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, or on April 29<sup>th</sup> – after garage sale ends at 1pm

### **Maria Morisseau**

- Registration for afterschool programs starts at 7am on April 12<sup>th</sup> - parents must call North Van Recreation or can register online. Maria herself cannot and does not take registrations.
- Parents are asked to tell Maria if kids are not attending or missing a class because of illness or other reasons so Maria is not rushing around the school looking for absent children.
- April 29<sup>th</sup> – Pre-Teen workshop to Gleneagles, shuttle bus from Queen Mary, grade 6 and grade 7 (Flyer was sent out)

### **Gita Naran – Budget Report**

- Movie night brought in \$940, with about \$366 spent on food.
- Upcoming fundraisers include the garage sale, Clothes drive, and hanging baskets which hopefully will bring in revenue.
- \$141 given to teachers for discretionary spending during the month of March.

### **Lily Foster – Upcoming Fundraising Events**

#### **Hanging Baskets**

- Orders in by Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, with pick up on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> between 3-5 pm (just in time for Mother's Day!) We typically sell about 100 baskets. Parents are encouraged not to miss out on this great fundraiser!

#### **Community Garage Sale**

- On April 29<sup>th</sup>, from 9am to 1pm.
- Approximately ¼ of tables have been sold so far
- Parents are encouraged to donate items to PAC to sell if they do not have enough to sell at a whole table.
- Contact PAC by email at [queenmarypac@gmail.com](mailto:queenmarypac@gmail.com) if you are interested in renting a table.

### **Clothing Drive – Diabetes Canada**

- Parents can bring their clothing and/or textiles to Queen Mary between April 18<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, or April 29<sup>th</sup> during the Garage Sale
- Clothing can be deposited into collection boxes on each floor – each box can hold about 10-15 garbage bags
- Queen Mary will receive money from each bag of clothing

### **Ladies' Night**

- May 5<sup>th</sup> – Paint the Town Black and White Ladies' Celebration (ages 16 and over)
- Tickets for the event will include a drink and some light food
- Vendors from many different home-based businesses and small local businesses will be there and will include mini-workshops and presentations on different products
- Tickets will be \$15 and interested parents can email [queenmarypac@gmail.com](mailto:queenmarypac@gmail.com) to RSVP

**PAC is also looking for volunteers on Garage Sale Day to help run the PAC table and help with set-up and clean up of tables and chairs**

**Volunteers are also needed on the Friday afternoon before the Garage Sale to help with bags of clothing for Clothing Drive. Please let email [queenmarypac@gmail.com](mailto:queenmarypac@gmail.com).**

### **Jen Wilson, Principal's Report**

- The school recently completed STEM workshops funded through Family Services and UBC – they are Engineering Design classes are led by UBC Engineering Students – the goal is to help build perseverance and resiliency in students – these workshops are taking place in every class from Kindergarten to Grade 7.
- Basketball program – 55 kids signed up for it. Because of its popularity, kids will be divided by age into two groups on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
- Farsi group starting on Wednesdays to help students with learning their mother tongue – 7 students signed up so far
- Logo rebranding – students have submitted their logos and teachers will be voting on the logos at staff meeting on Wednesday. Teachers will choose their favourite three, and then they will send the selected designs to a graphic artist who will pull together elements of the three designs to create the new school logo. Students whose logos are chosen will win a lunch.
- Students were given a school Culture Survey, which may be extended to parents in the future
- Talent Show – low-key version of it this year, date will be decided at staff meeting on Wednesday but will likely happen in May at noon

- Three teachers going to IB Training in near future
- Food Access Program running smoothly now, (after discontinuation of hot lunch program); acknowledgement that enough food may not be provided for many students through Food Access Program. Teachers noticing quietly if some students do not have a lunch and are being sent to kitchen downstairs for food, and good lunches are being made for these students

### **Tim Ireland, Vice-Principal's Report**

- Three student teachers are leaving this week after successful practicums (one from Scotland, and one from UBC IB Cohort)
- New piano as a gift from another school, just outside multipurpose room
- Track and Field starting up soon
- Earth Day Assembly will be happening this month
- Common Language Committee – an attempt to make sure all teachers are using the same language for talking to students with behavioral concerns – research shows that repetition of language is very effective – hope to share this language with PAC once established
- April 28<sup>th</sup> – PAC funding First Aid training for grade 6 students from St. John's Ambulance
- 44 Dresses Event – grade 7 girls will have a chance to pick formal wear for end-of-year celebrations

One parent expressed interest in D.A.R.E. program and bringing it to Queen Mary – Jen Wilson to see what she can do about bringing it to students here.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm**