



## **Monthly PAC Meeting Minutes**

April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

6:30 pm – 7:30pm

### **In Attendance:**

Jessica McIlroy, Chair

Lily Foster, Treasurer/North Shore Neighbourhood House Afterschool Programming

Jennifer Mitchell, Secretary

Jennifer Wilson, Principal

Brigette Gerandol, Vice-Principal

Jennifer Aragon, Grade 7 teacher/IB Lead Coordinator

Jocelyn Singh, Librarian

Valerie Johnson, Librarian

### **Regrets**

Christie Manlolo, Vice-chair

### **Jocelyn Singh, Valerie Johnson, Librarians at Queen Mary**

- Discussed the idea of transforming the current library into a 'learning commons' (a space that is more of a shared learning space than an instructor-learning space, a collaborative place where kids can just come and hang out)
- Hope to do this in the next three to five years (as part of a trend in IB schools province-wide)
- This project will be geared towards creating a multipurpose learning space
- Student input has been a part of this process and kids have told the librarians they want couches, games, art projects, beanbag chairs in their library
- A space to read and play, the idea to change the library into a cosier, more welcome place for kids "nesting" tables, a mini-makers' space (an art space for kids to draw, colour, etc.)

### **Jennifer Aragon, IB Coordinator**

- As part of the school's reauthorization process, the IB committee visited the school last week
- Visit included minor suggestions which promote continual growth and ensuring things that are further implemented; more information will hopefully be shared before summer

- Some of the positive feedback included how impressed the IB Committee was with the amount of family involvement, communication between school and home and ways parents are encouraged to support learning at home, how all the educators in the school are nurturing the 'whole child' and not just academic pursuits, and how kids are able to show their learning in a multitude of ways
- Parents are encouraged to attend meetings or consider joining the Joint IB Committee, a pedagogical team with 3-4 parents who volunteer every three months to come to meetings and offer their input into the IB learning process as well as give feedback on how parents receive feedback and if parents understand what 'attributes' and 'units of inquiry' actually mean and how parents are actually participating in the IB system (language and different terms)

### **Lily Foster, Treasurer**

- General Account: at the end of March, funds stood at approximately \$2600, mostly earned through fundraising efforts from Fun Lunch, the Pink Shirt Fundraiser, and Movie Night (funds from the sale of Pink Shirts are going to an emergency fund for Knack Boxes to hold emergency supplies in case of earthquake or other natural disaster)
- Spending included \$2900 on Fun Lunch costs and the Food Access program; at the end of March, there was \$17,500 in account (\$2000 will go to Family Barbecue in June, lots of money to go elsewhere, only about \$5-6 thousand that is not yet accounted for, which will leave some money for the fall events when fundraising has not yet taken place
- Garden project: a parent donated \$2500 for Edible Garden project so now have \$5000 for the project, will pay for five classes to do the program \$500 for each class to do it.
- Gaming Account: down to \$7100 at the end of March, but lots of spending between now and June with field trips and discretionary spending, most of it will be used
- Hanging Basket sale for Mother's Day and Garage Sale fundraisers are in progress and MaxFruit sales will be held every Friday in May in the atrium

### **Jennifer Wilson, Brigette Gerandol, Principal and Vice-Principal's Report**

- Queen Mary has welcomed its second teacher from Japan; Nick has been observing classes and going on field trips thus far and will be at the school until December
- Other visiting student teachers finishing their long-term practicums; QM currently has seven student teachers
- Portable will be arriving at QM at beginning of August and will be ready to go for beginning of September
- Eleven classes to do shoreline cleanup today



- Edible Garden Project: Teacher Tracy Bird has applied for a grant to receive \$2500 for the garden project to pay for shovels, gloves and other equipment needed to take part in the garden

**Lily Foster, Community Programmer Coordinator**

- Has taken over the position from Leah Hermann
- Afterschool programming will be on a referral basis for the foreseeable future
- Parents can contact Lily at [queenmary@nsnh.bc.ca](mailto:queenmary@nsnh.bc.ca) or 604 290 2384