

Monthly PAC Meeting Minutes

November 21st, 2018

6:30 pm – 7:30pm

In Attendance:

Jessica McIlroy, Chair
Lily Foster, Treasurer
Jennifer Mitchell, Secretary
Jennifer Wilson, Principal
Brigette Gerandol, Vice-Principal
Leah Herman, North Shore Neighbourhood House
Carol Viau, Parent Volunteer

Regrets

Christie Manlolo, Vice-Chair

Welcome and Introductions

Lily Foster, Financial Report

General Account

- \$4800 has been brought in during October, primarily from Fun Lunch (expected to be \$14000 for the year)
- \$3,300 has been spent for dance workshops, restocking food access program for classrooms (food for kids who may be hungry), \$1000 for ice cream social and other Queen Mary events (which are usually social in nature)
- At end of the month, had \$14000 in General Account expected to spend it down in the new year, lots of money at the beginning of the year because of parents ordering fun lunch for the whole year

Gaming Account

- \$9300 given at the beginning of the year; PAC gives each division \$350 for the year; discretionary funds in varying amounts are also provided for LST, ELL, art and library
- Money has also been provided for student presentations, such as babysitting for grade 6 and two sets of first-aid courses in the spring, geared towards kids as young

as 9 years of age, trying to open up courses for younger kids and will be given on a pro-d day, open to classes as young as grade 4 or 5

- First Aid On-the-Go provides the first-aid courses, PAC subsidizes half the cost, and parents pay the other half, so only \$20 per child
- More money will be needed in the new year and expenditures rise exponentially in May and June

Bridgette Gerandol, Vice-Principal's Report

- Remembrance Day ceremony went well; classes involved in performances, singing and MC-ing the assembly
- QM has been heavily recruiting Educational Assistants and is pleased to report they are mostly fully staffed,
- Outdoor School currently going on for Grade 6's
- School Sing-a-long will be held Friday December 21st in the gym at 2:20pm and will go to 3pm
- Grade 4's and 7's wrote FSAs and reports with students' scores will be sent home December 14th
- Holiday Market for grades K-3 will be held December 14th; donations will be gratefully accepted at office beginning Monday November 26th

Jennifer Wilson, Principal's Report

- Spirit Day celebration on Friday, November 23rd; slide show of history of QM in conjunction with PYP Assembly
- Tennis with Marcus for two weeks for all grades in December
- Queen Mary Boys and Girls Basketball teams very successful this year – almost undefeated seasons so many congratulations to the team members
- Talent Show Wednesday November 28th; student volunteers and performers; K-grade 4 between 11 am -12 pm dress rehearsal, 1-2 pm for intermediate and evening show for all grades
- Kindergarten tour this Friday afternoon
- QM has been experiencing problems with emails to parents and the “Daily Digest”/Sangha system; Jennifer Wilson to talk to IT; purpose is for parents to NOT receive so many emails and if parents are receiving multiple emails, she will be working on resolving this issue

Jessica McIlroy

Movie Nights

If anyone has movie suggestions for Dec 6 and Dec 12th, please forward these to PAC; Dec 6th will be a movie for primary grades and Dec 12th will be geared towards intermediate students

Leah Herman, North Shore Neighbourhood House

Afterschool Programming

- If parents are interested in providing programming (things with an active/recreational component), NSNH is actively trying to hire
- Main challenge for afterschool programming at present is finding people who can provide classes
- Other schools do direct contracting for afterschool programming (dance, chess, cooking, art, etc); have talked to a few other schools to see what they do and try to get an idea of what already exists at other schools, what kids are interested in and what they need/want

Carol Viau

Afterschool Programming

- Current reality is that there are fewer programs than we've had previously because there are also fewer resources/late hiring
- In addition, there is a liability issue with K-2 movements after school as there's no one available to make sure kids get to their classes
- NSNH and NV Rec are looking to add more programs; meanwhile teachers and staff are filling the gap, PAC is looking to outside contractors and parent volunteers to round out the programming, but robotics, science and gaming classes are hard to find locally
- Focus for afterschool programming is on K-2 lunch hour options, programs that meet QM's 2018/19 IB goals; engaging the grade six and seven groups who may not have afterschool options
- Carol has been researching possible classes and instructors who may be able to provide afterschool programming, some of which include yoga, robotics, mini-makers, book clubs, and many others
- Next steps include assessing parental interest; confirming possible contractors, and making brochures for parents
- PAC will look at assessing parental interest possibly through SurveyMonkey
- Lunchtime hour classes may be the easiest to schedule first

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 pm