

Queen Mary PS – School Council Meeting
Monday December 16, 2019 at QMPS Main Office
AGENDA

1. Welcome — Call to Order

Present: Chris G, Charlie M, Jill, Sonal. **Regrets:** Matt, Heather

2. Approval of Minutes: From November 5th meeting

Other than two typos. Minutes approved, Motion: Charlie, seconded Jill

3. Old Business/Updates (30 min)

- **Communication Channels:** Chris created a new signup form for parents interested in participating in School Council.
 - Sonal to post something to school messenger about the URL.
 - Sign up Genius work to be redone on.
- **Crossing guard:** We are taking the discussion to Council. It will be discussed at January's City budget meeting.
- **Under One Sun:** Jill / Sarah
Amanda ran it. It did well. It took care of itself.
\$402.25. Done.
 - Other fundraiser ideas to pursue next.
- **Fun Fair:**
 - Charlie will be rattling the cage for fundraising and game station sponsors.
 - Sonal is willing to get a wet sponge in the face, dunk tank, etc. Yay Sonal!
 - Suggested Dates, June 15th 16th. There was also discussion of making it a "back to school" fair (September), instead of a June "end of year" fair. This will depend on feedback and input from organizing committee.

4. New Business (20 min)

- 4.1. Playground:** Chris attended the Peterborough Regional School Council Meeting on Dec 10th. An update was provided from Peterborough Public Health Unit regarding their support for the CPHA Position Statement on Unstructured Play; <https://www.cpha.ca/unstructured-play>. For School Councils, this means open endorsement & support for naturalization, diversity of play materials and sources to encourage more Loose Parts play and engage a greater range of accessible play spaces.
- 4.2. Shed:** Sonal spoke with Facilities Manager and suggested we invite him to attend the February Meeting. Discussion will continue in February about shed ideas: possible use of sea-can, steel container.

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- 4.2.1.** Perhaps we can let the kids paint the seacan, or we can build a trellis if neighbours find it too ugly.
- 4.3. Idling:** Several concerned parents have shared observations about the number of parents who sit in cars idling. How does this climate emergency affect discussion and decisions around needless idling? We will continue to work with local City Councilors about more signage, and perhaps an education campaign.
- 5. Principal's Report (15 min)**
- 5.1. Bulletin Board for Bullying awareness & Prevention Week**
- 5.1.1.** Kids being caught being kind
 - 5.1.2.** Global News came to interview our students
 - 5.1.3.** There was a draw where some students got picked to eat lunch with the office staff.
- 5.2. Book it Forward program**
- 5.2.1.** Pilot project with Chapters
 - 5.2.2.** Teachers were asked what they are missing in their book library
 - 5.2.3.** Chapters will sort and send books that are donated back to the school
- 5.3. Spirit week**
- 5.3.1.** Organized by our Leadership team students
 - 5.3.2.** Students at QM enjoy participating in spirit days
- 5.4. Safety**
- 5.4.1.** Pleased to let parents know that our pavement will be ploughed in the winter
 - 5.4.2.** It hasn't been ploughed in the past so this will make it safer for students and adults on the yard
- 6. Other Business**
- Mabels Labels: Charlie to look into it.
 - Lights for the stage.
 - Arts Nights in Spring. First week of May.
 - Spring Fling, end of May. Let's get a date.
 - Jill is doing a live Trent Radio broadcast, French Project budget.
- 7. Next Meeting Dates**
February 4th, 9:30 AM, QM Office
- 8. Adjournment: 11AM**