

Queen Mary PS – School Council Meeting
Tuesday November 5th, 2019 at QM Main Office
MINUTES

Regrets: Sonal Gohil, Jill Staveley

Present: Chris Gooderham (Chair), Matt Jarvis (Vice Chair), Charlie Martin (acting Secretary), Heather Ray, Tina Futers, Patricia Donnelly, Sarah Crane.

Late arrival: Sonal Gohil, Jill Staveley.

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 9:33

2. Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the October 8th, 2019 meeting were approved.

3. Old Business/Updates

3.1. Crosswalk / Active School Travel (9:37): Heather Ray continues to liaise the Traffic Study initiative by the City for the area. It appears that there are no funds in the city budget for a light/signage structure (crossing Monaghan Rd), even if the results of the study were positive.

- Some discussion took place around the traffic and lack of sidewalks on Woodland Street (runs parallel to Hopkins, one block north). Ideas were proposed for Grade 8 students to participate in an applied Statistics / Citizen Science Program. - Stephanie Young, Patricia D.
- Further discussion required to determine if we still explore a Crossing Guard at Hopkins and Monaghan Rd? Signage?

3.2. Playground (5 min): It was noted by Stephanie Y. that playground improvement has been discussed in the past and is still desirable. It was also noted that in the past School Council has found that improvements are very costly.

- More information is to come of the playground and the replacement of the 'rope bridge'
- This matter was carried forward to the December meeting.

3.3. Adopt-A-School (9:50): With input from the staff, Tina (VP) suggested that the books obtained from this program may be better utilized within the school library in order to be accessed by all students, rather than gifted to individual students. The council agreed. Business Closed.

3.4. Pizza Lunch / Hot lunch: They will continue to happen on Thursdays into December. Jill S. has been point person and successfully created the Sign Up Genius form for parent volunteers to participate.

- Discussion took place as to how to make the program accessible to students who may not have the ability to use the 'school cash online' payment system, yet would still want to buy pizza with coin/petty cash. This is difficult, since School Cash Online is the ordering mechanism, which facilitates the administration of this service. The desire is there, but additional thought and consideration is needed to handle cash payments.

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3.5. Communication Channels: to be Carried over

4. New Business (30 min)

4.1. Fundraising & Events: (20 min) 10:10

- **Under One Sun (5 min):** We have been confirmed for Under One Sun Fundraiser
 - Sarah Crane has volunteered to help Jill.
- **Fun Fair Committee (10-15 min):**
Matt Jarvis & Heather Ray will help to co-chair the committee. The event is intended as a community-building event, but discussion arose to suggest maybe it could also be a fundraiser.
 - Fundraising opportunities: Patricia & Charlie to lead a community business sponsorship team; Individual businesses can sponsor individual stations at the fun fair.
 - Matt to prepare a list of costs/expenses, along with a list of Game Stations.
 - Will need Event Volunteers:
Donation Committee: Patricia & Charlie
More to come.

4.2. School Ground Improvements (10 min) — we'll talk about this next month:

- Depave, Naturalization, garden beds in east grounds. Heather Ray

5. Principal's Report (15 min)

- Bring your Child to School Day is tomorrow. Grade 9 Students. Grade 8s going to High School.
- Progress Reports are going home this week
 - Parent Teacher interviews are always encouraged so we can hear good things about the kids and class rooms
- Scholastic book fair is coming out: Parent Volunteer sign up form is a sheet
- New addition to the existing Code of Conduct regarding Cell Phones, as mandated by the Ministry of Education.
- Math Conference Call: the Ministry of Education is funding more Math Curriculum supports for schools deemed Intensive Support Schools. We are one of those schools. Embedded Math Coach will be in our building. Focus is on the Junior Division (4, 5, and 6).

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- Budgeting: Council needs to set 3 priorities for uses of fundraised dollars for the 2020 school year.
 - Sonal polled the staff and the top 3 requested programs/ initiatives were:
 - 1. Scientists in the Schools
 - 2. Arts night & Art Supplies
 - 3. Storage Shed for outdoor equipment
 - Motion: to approve and support the funding of these three initiatives; moved by Charlie Martin, seconded by Matt.

6. Other Business:

New Secretary has volunteered: Welcome Heather Ray!
Mathlete: program

Next Meeting Dates

December 2nd, 6:30 PM, QM Office — (Evening Meeting), postponed to **December 16th**, 6:30 pm due to inclement weather.

Adjournment: 10:45 AM