

Queensbury Elementary School PAC Meeting

Meeting Notes:

Location: Virtual Meeting (Google Meet)

Date: November 21, 2023

Attendees: Janice Phillips, Sarah McKinney, Carly Roy, Randy Holman, Soudabeh, Ashley, Flora Yuen, Jana Hruba, Josephine Chan, Lauren Ralph, Lee-Ann Denham, Marina Andrew, Paula Brill, Sara Khalifa, Sherry Tabibian, Soudabeh Noei, Steve Shaw, Sunhwa Cho, Teresa, Yurii Bondar, Sarah Hughes

7:17 started the meeting

1. Welcome (Jan Phillips)
2. Land acknowledgement
3. Reviewed the Agenda
4. Admin Report – Carly Roy & Randy Holman (**SEE ATTACHED ADMIN REPORT AND POWER POINT**)
 - Shared an update on changes to Student Learning. Queensbury was a pilot school for a version of this program (some differences).

Discussion:

- Is there going to be a motivation for the kids without the grade levels?
- There is a celebration for learning at all levels; we can celebrate learning regardless of where they are – not a reward with a letter grade, but can celebrate with where they are academically.
- Example for a math quest – child didn't have it the first time, worked on it at home, and afterwards they got it – acknowledgement that they did it, they put the work in.
- We would call it descriptive feedback – show all the pieces, where they did well and where they can improve, break it down on what they are working on.
- Would the teacher work for “extending” with a student?
 - Short answer is “yes” – scale is in relation to the skills and in relation to where they are at. There is always more to be learned, there is opportunity to extend.
- Wondering about writing, and writing right to left – in Farsi that is how we write. Is that something that they work on at school?
 - Suggest that they work with the classroom teacher, and work with them to track that and work on that together; you are on the right track.
- Feel like a lot of the questions about the update are going to come after we experience the first cycle of the report cards.

PAC REPORT (Janice Phillips):

- Family Photos Fundraisers (\$1050)
- Pancake Breakfast
 - First time running that on our own with the Lions being able to that this year.

- Netted out \$700 for the school!
- We have some grants for the school this year.
 - Gaming Grant (over 5K)
- Shawn (Indian Fusion Restaurant – North Vancouver) – provided \$1,000 donation for the PAC!
- Marina and Brock Andrew (CF Interiors) – sponsoring Dunk Tank for the upcoming Spring Fair.
- Jana, Apple Fundraisers (x2) have raised almost 1,000 dollars.
- Saturday, November 25th – Parents Night Out.
 - House of Funk Brewery
 - Also, Indian Fusion is providing one of the appetizer choices.
- Jana Proposal:
 - Sprouted Gardens
 - Seven additional Garden Beds:
 - Edible Garden Project for the whole school - \$2500 additional dollars than what we already have from the grant will be able to provide this for the school.
 - Clarify with Carly on which classes want to participate, will try to incorporate all of them.
 - Ediblegardenproject
 - ***Sarah McKinney has put a Motion Forward to add a line item of \$2500 (in addition to the grant) to the budget for the Edible Garden Project as described during the meeting.***
 - ***Seconded by Lindsay Calder.***
 - ***Motion is passed to add \$2500.00 to the 2023/2024 budget for that line item.***
- Lauren:
 - Have recently joined to support/represent the Grade Seven Classes (there are two classes).
 - Already have the hoodies on track.
 - Have got a bottle fundraiser going – the purpose of that is for the kids to put together a legacy gift.
 - If there are things that the PAC is looking for; also know that sometimes the teachers talk to the children about it.
 - Also some smaller things for the children; it won't be major, trying to keep costs down.
 - Looking at a Neufelds fundraiser – maybe in January or February 2024.
 - Also the Afterschool Fundraiser, also looking at doing that.
 - Callout: you don't have to be a Grade Seven Parent to support Lauren; we're all trying to create a great experience in our community.

Please reach out to Queensbury PAC via the email with anything.

Meeting ended at 8pm.