

Notes of Queensdale Parent Council Meeting Wednesday Feb 8

Next Meeting: March 8 @ 6pm
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SET Rep: n/a	X	Educator: Jennifer Carey	X	Principal: Tara Gasparik	Y	Guest: listed below	
Holly Chriss	Y	Jennifer Csele	Y	Colin Ferguson	R	Leanne Friesen	X
Nicole Hughes	Y	Jayne Jennings	X	Candice Laughlin	Y	Shivonne Lewis	R
Amanda Levesque	Y	Stephanie McAulay	X	Ozren Opacic	Y	Amy Pender	Y
Mark Simpson	X	Amy Townsend	X	Lisa Von Keulen	Y	Kristine Wachmann	
Joshua Weresch	R	Leigh Wilson	R	Angis S	X		

Guests: Mr. Tudor (music teacher), Dawn Danko (Trustee Chair), Ms. Morin (Grade 2/3)

Minutes

Start

600pm: Greetings, Land Acknowledgement

Approval of Agenda, Minutes

[Agenda for Feb](#) Feb: approved and seconded. Voted and accepted as is.

[Minutes of Jan](#): Motioned by Candice and seconded Amy P. Voted and accepted as is.

602pm: Student Equity Team (SET)

Report this month delivered by Tara G.

[See Principal's Report](#)

6) Guest: Dawn Danko

Here to discuss Gym expansion, Learning Commons reno, etc

School granted addition because of addition of Grades 7 & 8; need bigger space for Phys Ed curriculum requirements

Addition funds - proceeds of disposition (money from sales of other properties)

Addition needs government approval because it's growing the footprint of the school.

- When new gov't took over in 2018 they put a pause in the expansion

School board has made numerous requests to government to lift ban

3 other schools in this position as well

Latest step was to put requests on Capitals priority submission (usually for new builds asking for money)

Still waiting for decision - ministry is asking questions about the project but no answers yet. (At least it's farther than we've made it before because the gov't is responding)

*** Amanda is putting together a letter to go out to all Conservative MPPs and our ward's MPP to bring continued attention to the stalled gym

Previous funds raised for outdoor space enhancements; as trustee she requested upgrades/ money for outside. At the time, these funds were raised to be combined with the \$50,000 from the board for an outdoor classroom space. The rules around keeping money in council accounts year after year changed, and funds can't be kept. Council asked Trustee Danko to confirm that council is not expected to contribute those funds previously raised. Danko confirmed the board funds are not contingent on any council-raised funds.

If not, we should spend money raised *all funds must be spent by the end of the year (unless meets certain criteria eg two year project)

Trees added were paid for by counselor's office, went in last year

Question: How to use Friends of the Environment. A: need to contact TD and make sure we use them correctly and ask are funds still available.

- ACTION - Nicole needs to contact Sarah Prior about the original parameters for the TD Grant
- ACTION - Exec will review finances

More insight into finances: Used to have a float for the Holiday Market that came from last year's budget (Fun Fair)

- Can't do this anymore
- Will have to run a deficit and have numbers work out by the end of the year

Fun fair was changed to be less of a money maker and more of a community event so didn't make as much money

7) Educator's Report - [Link Here](#)

Alex Tudor - Music teacher, gym, drama, kindergarten

Ms. Youssef & Lubrick running ambassador program - going well (older students interacting with small kids)

Boys and Girls Basketball both up and running; practice here, and play elsewhere

Pizza days started, run by SET, first day a success

Library Helpers run by McKechnie, Selling candy grams \$ goes to buying books for the library

Magic Game Club run by Mr. Tudor,

Ukulele club running well by Mr. Tudor, grade 5s are digging it

Eco Club starting this week Ms. Tundsted, Ms. Asrani and Ms. Morin; grades 3 to 6

SET team is continuing with new announcement format (as discussed last meeting)

Going well.

Drawing/ Colour activity this week called "We Belong" - will be posted on their lockers.
Attempting to increase sense of belonging in the school community
Performance club & Choir club starting by Ms. Blanchette; Grades 6-8
Swim team is coming in April!! Grades 6-8
Noticed that the grade 3 & 4 students aren't getting extra curricular activities
Do teachers ever ask for help from parents with coaching? A parent can coach but there needs to be a staff member there too.

8) Old Business

a) Fundraising

i) Winter Wonderland Movie Night: Postponed

Movie night was postponed but is running tomorrow, Feb 9.

- Rain is expected so we may ask ppl to take off their shoes ACTION Tara will look for mats for us

ii) Poinsettia Fundraiser: Update from Lisa

Lisa - was hoping for \$400, total was \$474 (yay!)

Worked with Terra Greenhouses, excellent to work with (even though they use faxes ;)
Great products!

Breakdown- cheapest thing was \$12 (only made \$2.11 on each and sold 53)

\$20 item (made \$4.46, sold 48)

More expensive items were less popular

Total sold units was 127.

Take aways: Having variety was good.

Get started ASAP in Sept, try to get out orders for Nov 1st and final order Nov 20ish, delivery beginning of Dec.

On school pick up: make it shorter timeframe. Set up took 40 mins, maybe next time pickup is just 3-6pm

Concern that the fundraiser was a little expensive for all people to be able to participate
Winner for both most money/most units is Kash Mondeshire. \$25 gift card for each prize.

iii) Spring Flowers: Update

Amanda contacted Harpers and Satellite - getting prices for us (they give us special pricing for items and we choose what to add onto it for our profit)

- Flats for bedding plants (black squishy things), pots, bags, etc
- Goal is for all costs to be \$20 and under
- Ideal timeline - order forms out in March, April due date, delivery in mid-May

b) Community Events

i) Fun Fair

Date set as June 1st - Thursday before a PD day),

- feedback from Staff; previously 4:00 is too early, maybe 4:30 start time instead
- Mr. Tudor said: staff are interested in volunteering but if small job (don't want to stay the whole time), behind the scenes task rather than being "on"; don't want a Friday

night or weekend; discussion of how to collect funds - tickets? Wrist bands? Sofia said cash online needs 3 to 4 weeks notice;

Things to think of, do it during the day instead?

Decided we'll run it 4:30 to 7:30

Food trucks? BBQ? Pizza? Try Harvey's for fundraiser?

Will teachers resent having it when they're writing report cards? Make it completely voluntary ACTION Mr Tudor will take info back to staff and reiterate we'd love to have staff attend but it's not a must

ii) Family Wellness Fair

March 25th, 10 am until noon, subcommittee has access at 9 to set up

- Community involvement: Laughter Yoga, YMCA, Naseeha, Nurse Silas, Social worker from Board, St Joseph's, colouring class
- Asked David Hoy for ideas on Keynote speaker
- ACTION if anyone has suggestions for presenters please contact Amanda

Focus is on parents/ family (as apposed to kids) Give parents help/ advice on how to take care of yourself, dealing with Crisis, getting long term support, where to go in community for help, etc

Will be childminding so that parents can focus on themselves

Application to get \$1000 from ProGrant - Parental Involvement committee

c) Parking Safety:

Jennifer C - Bylaw has been out a number of times

Focusing on Prince George Parking lot,

- Cannot ticket on school property but can use reminders
- Can we contact city about lot because they own the lot too? Perhaps we get a gate?

Use orange construction jackets, have volunteers give reminders? Concern over backlash from less than receptive people

Problems at Inverness now - should call city

- Crossing guard is hard to see because of cars acting improperly

We did submit a request a road safety audit and are waiting for the response

- Maybe the city to change signs to FIRE ROUTE which bylaw will answer a complaint immediately; perhaps a "kissing lane";
- Previous ideas were making it one way; have a drop off lane ACTION Holly will email Amanda the previous plan provided

IDEAS - send another letter out; have notices to put under wipers

ACTION - Lisa will communicate with city re traffic on Inverness & safety of crossing guard

ACTION - Ozren will get info for fire prevention officer

9) New Business

a) Future Fundraising

Cannot take directives for next year's council BUT Donut fundraiser was AMAZING and Sofia will book a fundraiser for September - it's hard to book because they fill up

Notes for next year: delivery date on a FRIDAY!!! Too many hyper kids

Indigo or other similar passive fundraisers that collect from sales outside the Queensdale community

We would like to hear from staff in advance about their fundraising so that we aren't bombarding parents with fundraisers

10) Treasurer's Report

Discussion of Cash Online as being the preferred mode of payment

- All events added to cash online will send out an email to parents that it's available

We have \$2200 for DPA equip that needs to be spent

- Teachers should email council their needs with approx cost
- Purchases through Tara/ Sofia
- ACTION Mr. Tudor and Ms. Morin will let staff know

On behalf of QPC, Amanda delivered a letter in each staff mailbox mentioning the available funds. (letter also included opening lines of communication btw staff and council, asked for their needs for which we can raise funds, and our social media presence)

11) Principal's Report - [LINK](#)

12) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: moved by Lisa, seconded by Candice. Carried.