

Notes of Queensdale Parent Council Meeting Wednesday March 8

Next Meeting: April 12 @ 6pm
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SET Rep: n/a		Educator: Jennifer Carey	Y	Principal: Tara Gasparik	Y	Guest: listed below	
Holly Chriss	R	Jennifer Csele	X	Colin Ferguson	R	Leanne Friesen	X
Nicole Hughes	Y	Jayne Jennings		Candice Laughlin	Y	Shivonne Lewis	Y
Amanda Levesque	Y	Stephanie McAulay	R	Ozren Opacic	Y	Amy Pender	Y
Mark Simpson	X	Amy Townsend	R	Lisa Von Keulen	Y	Kristine Wachmann	Y
Joshua Weresch	Y	Leigh Wilson	Y	Angis S	Y	Melissa Button	R

Guests: Nurse Sylas, Stacey Johnson (new principal), Diana McKechnie (teacher)

Minutes

Start

600pm: Call to order, Land Acknowledgement

Approval of Agenda, Minutes

[Agenda for Mar](#): Approved and seconded. Voted and accepted as is.

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

602pm: Student Equity Team (SET)

No report this month

6) Welcoming Stacey Johnson - New Queensdale Principal

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

Side info from Ms. McKechnie - major amounts of clubs, sports and events within the school but kids are not going. Teachers are working on pushing the kids to attend

8) Old Business

a) Fundraising

i) Movie Night: Update and Scheduling

....Feb 9, good turnout

DOors open at 5:30 movie at 6

Slow trickle but lots of people by 6

Pizza -

Bought 12 pizzas, sold 11 full pizza; cheese and pepperoni, cheese mose popular

Sold chips and hot chocolate; sold 53 chips

Set up and take down were quick

FOr next time:

- New sound cord
- Have a mic for announcement
- More chairs
- Closed captioning needed
- Maybe offer additional pizza toppings, coffee, candy bar

Next movie night March 29

- Movie night geared to Intermediate students

ii) Spring Flowers: update

Harpers - might not work out based on their set up

Still haven't heard from Satellite

Terra info has also come in.

Questioning if another fundraiser would cause donor fatigue

DISCUSSION

Will we have any other fundraisers? Possibly - fund fair just pays for itself.

- **Foundations for Success** is a way to donate without it being connected to a fundraiser (just give money); receive a tax receipt
- Another option for fundraising is a "non-discretionary fund" that people can give to (Amanda heard at PIC meeting); possibly set up for next year

Vote - put forward a motion to forgo spring flower fundraiser for this year - Lisa VK,

Seconded by Candice - motion carried

b) Community Events

i) Fun Fair: Budget

Need to consider what's allowed - Amanda said the document with guidelines is terrifying.

Subcommittee can come up with ideas - brainstorm things to spend on.

Allocate a tentative budget and we can adjust

- Leigh W motion to make budget \$2500 with option to not spend it all, seconded by Lisa VK; carried
- ACTION - stacey will look into whether we can keep money over to next year to use with the Fund Fair 2024

ii) Family Wellness Fair

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

Letter is sent. Looking for a speaker, will be paid

- ACTION: Nurse Sylas will talk to a friend, Leigh will talk to a friend; Stacey will look into another speaker too
- Full budget is \$750-850 based on grant
- There is child care
- ACTION: Stacey will look into whether interpreters need to be from the Board's list of approved contractors or can Angie's company assist?
- Advertising will be via facebook and a flyer home - Nicole volunteered to make flyer
 - Will advertise - if you need child care contact us, but there's no option for RSVP for all attendees

c) Parking Safety:

Inverness issues - doing U turns in front of Fred.

- Lisa our resident thug and has "taken care of the problem"

New issue - Claremont closed, Inverness is now extremely busy

- Nurse Sylas has connections to group that addresses student safety in relation to road safety; contact him for connection; (DSR?) ACTION - Amanda will compose an email for Sylas that he can forward on; will include the issues on Prince George too ACTION parents can contact Queensdale SC email with concerns
- Amanda got an update from JP Danko's office. Expediting the work; just deciding if it will be a bandaid solution or moving forward with capital spending that was to start in 2 years.

9) New Business

a) Staff Fundraising Requests

i) DPA Equipment

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

Mr Tudor reached out to teachers about request but still haven't got many

- Teachers contact Queensdale sc email

Recess Leaders Team (Nurse Sylas) would also benefit from funds for outside equip

ii) Scientists in Schools (Primary teacher)

Company does an interactive presentation for a class, it's virtual but students have a kit to go with the workshop

- Approx \$235 for 30 students

iii) STEM Equipment in Library for lending to classrooms

Teacher librarian Diana McKechnie

Would like robotics for lending to classrooms; not limited to one classroom; addresses coding curriculum

- Showed example of Botly, about \$90, aimed at K - Gr 2
- Ozobot: Classroom kit for K-8 students, 12-18 robots, \$3000-4000

b) Spending Remaining funds

Book purchases are also an ask

- Books are to be purchased by school
- School is waiting to find out what books/resources are allowed

Basketballs nets outside and in the gym

Do we need jerseys? Other gym equip

ACTION - Carey and Gasparik will go back to “Directions Team” to get the word out that we have money to spend.

ACTION - Amanda will write a follow up letter for teachers to remind them there’s money and about DPA equip

10)Treasurer’s Report

Funds raised this year total **\$1852.96**

Purchases this year total **\$1149.91**

(difference of \$703.05)

Money left from previous years totals **\$7977.52**

- Friends of the Environment **\$2312.12**
- DPA equipment for teachers **\$2206.21**
- Outdoor Garden **\$3694.77**
- Science and Technology - Started the year with **\$3789.52** but after iPad purchases, it’s at **-\$235.58**

Council would like the Friends of the Environment funds to follow the requirements laid out by the grant, if possible. ACTION Nicole will contact Sarah Prior (previous council member and person who applied to TD for the grant) to see if any information is available regarding obligations set by TD.

Council is still looking to hear from teachers regarding DPA equipment needs

Outdoor Garden funds do not have to be held for contribution to the school building’s addition (as reported to Amanda by Dawn Danko). We can move forward with spending those funds

11) Principal’s Report - [LINK](#)

12) Adjournment

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