



## **QMS Parents' Association Minutes PA Meeting**

June 7, 2022

8:47am in TLC Multipurpose Room and via Zoom

### **PA Executive:**

Cathy LaPointe - Chair

Natalie MacGregor – Vice-Chair (Zoom)

Role not Filled – Treasurer

Kathryn Henderson – Secretary (absent), minutes taken by Laura H

Kirsty Grant – Community Welfare

### **QMS Staff:**

Heather Bartfai – Manager, Alumni & Community Relations

Hayley Picard – Director of Communications and Marketing

Kim Ludvigson – Executive Assistant to the Head of School

### **PA Members:**

Andrea W

Sherra C

Laura H

### **Called to Order at 8:47am**

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Cathy introduced herself and we all were introduced in the previous PA AGM meeting.

### **Approval of the Minutes from May 2, 2022**

Motion moved by Heather Bartfai, Seconded by Sherra Collett.

### **Reports**

**Chair:** Cathy went over some of the past QMS PA events. We have decided on no PA BBQ this year as we don't have enough members to run the event. We will consider having the BBQ on a Friday in June next year after school dismissal, and run it to 6pm as it would allow for families to attend. We are tentatively saying Friday June 16th, 2023, would be a good date.

**Vice-Chair:** Natalie - Nothing to report.

**Secretary:** Kathryn is absent, no report.





**Treasurer:** Past Treasurer Sam will continue to finish up and write the last few expense cheques.

**Community Welfare:** Nothing new to report.

### **For Discussion and Updates**

**Christmas Bazaar:** The Bazaar date will be Saturday, November 26th, 2022. We could consider having it in 2 spaces as the new athletic building will be finished by then. We need to advertise early for vendors. September advertising for vendors would be best. To make sure the gyms are free Cathy will connect with Tim Van Vliet who does the bookings. We will need the venues the evening before for set up. We would also like to do butter chicken if we can, so we need to connect with the kitchen early as well.

**Created by Kids Art:** There is a new idea of the student's art being made into mugs, cards, etc. The company that does the fundraiser is called Created by Kids. We will need someone to chair the event. We will also have to have the art project ideas sent to those who do the curriculum (i.e.: Mrs. Cruikshank and Mr. Monro). They will do the prep in August, so it does need to go out early. Cathy will send them the idea and we can leave the art up to the teachers.

**Spring Plant Fundraiser:** Growing Smiles was a bit disappointing especially with regards to pick up. We need better notification for pick up days and perhaps going back to the Mother's Day idea will have people remembering as it will be a gift.

### **For Discussion:**

A New Family BBQ is happening on Tuesday, September 6th. Perhaps the PA could be there to meet families. Heather will be in touch with the PA once the day's agenda has been confirmed.

We had a discussion on how to engage families and have them join the PA and to come to meetings. The Friday before the next PA meeting (first Friday back in school) the PA could hand out coffee and a list of the meeting dates. Or perhaps a coffee with the PA after the first meeting.

Cathy said she will reach out to the current class/grade reps to see if they can continue. It would be nice to have them ready to start the year and to assist new families.

Andrea W. asked us to clarify how the PA funds are allocated. Our PA is under a different umbrella compared to the public schools. It is watched over by QMS. Andrea suggested that if parents knew where the funds were going to earlier in the year, then parents might be more inclined to participate. That would require a meeting with Mr. Robertson earlier in the year, as opposed to mid-way through the year. Cathy read out the QMS PA constitution for all. It can be found here:

<http://qms.bc.ca/files/Content/Parents%20Association/PA+Constitution+and+Bylaws+-+Revised+Oct+2019.pdf>





**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion moved by Heather Bartfai, Seconded by Natalie MacGregor.

Meeting closed at 9:54am.

Next meeting is on **Monday, September 12** at 8:15am location TBD and on Zoom.

