



**Queen Margaret's School
Parents' Association (PA) Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2026**

Attendees:

PA Executive

Neemet McDowell (Chair)

Taren Phillips (Secretary)

Regrets:

Darrel Siegel (Vice Chair)

Michele Gergely (Treasurer)

Asti Williams (Community Welfare)

Natalie Macgregor (Past Chair)

QMS Staff

Heather Bartfai, Director of Community & Donor Engagement

PA Members

Kevin B., Lucy Z., Catherine R.

- Call to Order 7:05pm (Neemet)
- Territorial Acknowledgement (Neemet)
- Welcome and Introductions
- Attendance (recorded)
- Approval of Minutes from February 2, 2026
 - Taren - approved; Kevin - seconded – all in favor.

Reports

Chair: Neemet McDowell

- Working on the gaming summary reports so that we can apply for the gaming grant for 2026/27 (~\$10,000).

Vice-Chair: Darrel Siegle

- Researching online raffle rules and regulations

Secretary: Taren Phillips

- Will be preparing a guidebook for running the HMF, to ease planning for future events.

Treasurer: Michelle Gergely

- Gaming account balance \$11,181.07
- General account balance \$7,946.06

Community Welfare: Asti Williams

- Prepared three cards, one for new staff and two condolence.

Guest Speakers: Alison Galloway & Elisabeth Ruiter

Unable to attend and have rescheduled for April's meeting.

For Discussion and Updates

Staff Appreciation

- Booked the Gelato Truck for the end of the school year, Tuesday June 23rd
- Potential for student-led video to show gratitude for the staff.
 - Darrel to discuss with Neil (tech support)

End-of-year Fun Fest

- Heather to look at possible dates.

Annual Wish List

- PA will donate ~\$20,000 to the Wish List. Exact total to be provided in early April.
- Heather has sent out requests to the teachers with a deadline set prior to Spring Break.

New Business

- Volunteers needed to reorganize PA storage!
 - Shelves and bins have been donated- thank you Laura H. & Michelle G.
 - Considering April 16th or 22nd
- Gathering ideas for ways to support the community of Tumbler Ridge.

All meeting minutes are posted on the parent portal for reference, and any questions can be emailed to gmspac@gms.bc.ca.

Close Meeting

Next Meeting: Monday, April 13, 2026 at 8:30am in Karin Quinn Hall and on Zoom

Meeting Adjourned, 7:27pm (Neemet)

