

Minutes
Queen Elizabeth High School Council
September 16, 2024, Queen Elizabeth Learning Commons

Annual General Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Welcome & Introduction – Ellen Parker, School Council Chair

Ellen Parker welcomed parents and our school administrative team and stated the Land Acknowledgement. She also described the role of the Queen Elizabeth School Council and Booster Association.

Principal's Welcome Message - Clare Haney, Principal

Clare Haney, Principal, welcomed all parents and students to a new year at Queen Elizabeth.

New Assistant Principal -

Clare introduced our new Assistant Principal, Jason Stroh. Jason works with students in grades 7, 9 and 11, and with the DHH program.

Enrolment Update -

In the spring QE's projected enrollment was 1.111. Our actual enrollment is 977 for all grades, 7-12. Enrolment in the junior high school is steady but enrolment in the senior high school is down. This is primarily due to Queen Elizabeth losing its "feeder schools" of Sir John A MacDonald and F.E. Osborne two years ago.

Lower enrollment limits the ability to be flexible with student scheduling. However lower enrollment has resulted in lower class sizes (15-20 students) in some classes. Clare is working with director on what to do to increase enrollment

New Personal Mobile Device Policy -

QE is following the CBE's new policy regarding student use of mobile devices. Staff and teachers are seeing improved behaviours and a reduction in the need for discipline. Overall the new policy has been well received by students.

Personal mobile devices include any device that can be used to communicate with or access the internet, such as a cell phone, tablet, gaming device, laptop or smartwatch.

Question from parent re Cell Phone Policy:

What kind of issues were you experiencing before (related to cell phones) that you are not experiencing now?

- Kids using cell phones during class
- Kids texting each other in class
- Kids taking pictures of each other (big problem)
- Another pro is that [without the ability to communicate via phones] kids are talking through their problems vs escalating issues via text.

Presentation of Casino Financials - Kathie Robert, Booster Association Treasurer

Financial update as of Sept. 16, 2024

QEHS has two bank accounts – both are designated as gaming bank accounts for deposit and use of casino proceeds from Alberta Gaming, Liquor & Cannabis (AGLC). QEHS does not have Parent council/Booster accounts for general use.

The financials for the Booster Association as at September 16, 2024 are as follows:

Cash Balance at Sep 16, 2024	\$ 117,923.30	
Add Pending Receipts	\$ 13,309.56	
Less Pending Expenses	-\$ 37,717.58	
Cash Balance Available	\$ 93,515.28	
Casino funds 2024	\$ 79,907.30	<i>to be disbursed by May 2027</i>
Casino funds 2021	\$ 4,306.42	<i>to be disbursed by Nov 2024</i>
GATE Cash Available (Casino)	\$ 4,301.56	<i>to be disbursed by August 2026</i>
DHH Donation (AGLC)	\$ 5,000.00	

2023-2024 Expenditures = \$75,524.44. A detailed list of expenses for this time period is available upon request.

Gaming proceeds must be used within 36 months of receipt. Casino funds that were deposited November 2021 must be used by November 24, 2024.

Gaming proceeds must be used in accordance with the currently approved use of proceeds list provided by AGLC, and use of restricted funds must be reported annually. Supporting documentation must be kept for expenditures and are subject to audit.

Approved use of proceeds includes:

- Program related equipment
- Promotional activities
- Resource materials/supplies
- Uniforms
- Field trips
- Some travel and administration

Society year end is September 30.

School Council Elections for Vacant Positions - Leslie Street, Vice Chair

Leslie Street described the School Council roles that were vacant and attendees were asked to volunteer to fill these positions.

Council Secretary: Leslie Street nominates Stacy Ewing.. Dan Furst seconds. All in favour.
stacyewing25@gmail.com

Chair of Booster Association: Leslie Street nominates Shannon MacLeod. Seconded by Francina Pellicer. All in favour.

shannon.macleod@icloud.com

Mark Ungrin resigned from his role as COSC Representative.

Council of Student Councils (COSC) Representative: Leslie Street nominates Jennifer Haverhals.

Seconded by Dan Furst. All in favour.

jrhaverhals@gmail.com

GATE Representative: Kathie Robert nominates Mark Ungrin. Seconded by Leslie Street. All in favour.

mark.ungrin@gmail.com.

This fills the vacant roles on School Council and Booster Association. We are always interested in welcoming more members-at-large at any time.

Principal's Presentation – "High School 101" – Clare Haney, Principal

Clare Haney and Aimee Furey, Assistant Principal, presented an overview of the process for selecting courses for high school, grades 10-12. The requirements for high school graduation are closely monitored by the team in Student Services, and those courses are given priority for course change requests.

Clare also discussed the new system of assessment, called the Proficiency Scale. This was introduced last year to the grade 10 students and is being used to assess grade 11 students starting this year.

Under this system, final grades will still have a percentage attached to them, but will also include an "outcomes-based assessment" on a high school proficiency scale of four different categories, each subdivided, which gives a more specific assessment on each category of grading within a final mark.

This assessment system will be rolled out to grade 12 students starting in 2025.

Clare also stressed that school is not only about academics, but also highlights the sports and club options that are on offer with the intention of appealing to all types of student interests.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Next meeting will be Monday, November 18, 2024.