

Minutes

Queen Elizabeth High School Council

November 18, 2024, Queen Elizabeth Learning Commons

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

1. Land Acknowledgment & Round Table introduction – Ellen Parker, School Council Chair

Ellen Parker acknowledged the land of Treaty 7 and welcomed parents, Physical Education Leader Richard Leighton, and current council members

2. Approval of minutes of September 16, 2024- Ellen Parker, Kathie Roberts seconds, all in favour.

3. Approval of agenda for November 18, 2024-Ellen Parker, Chantal Aksehirli seconds, all in favour.

4. Presentation-Physical Education Leader, Richard Leighton

- Richard provided information on the improvement to the physical education program and creative approach to teaching and learning which is increasing student engagement, inclusivity and promoting healthy life-long habits.
- Healthy diet choices discussed in Grade 9 and touched on in all phys. ed classes with the goal of promoting healthy body image.
- Queen Elizabeth currently has a very strong junior high athletics program and Clare Haney is advocating for more feeder schools to boost our numbers in hopes of stretch in athletics continuing in high school. One goal of our athletics departments is to re-define success to include skill development of our athletes.
- One component of the physical education program is climbing. -Queen Elizabeth currently has a climbing wall that has become a popular option for our students.
- The mats need to be replaced, and Richard proposes replacement of the mats with new, modular mats that can be removed when the space is needed for other activities. These mats have an approximate life span of 30 years.
- The climbing wall is currently used for lunch hour Climbing Club and is an integral component of all junior high phys-ed classes.
- Queen Elizabeth has multiple teachers who are skilled at climbing and teach the modulars and support the increased student use.

5. Principal's Update - Clare Haney, Principal

Video Surveillance Technology (VST) update and information:

- We currently have a very old camera system in the school and have been approved for an updated system.
- VST assists us in keeping the school safe – we can identify trespassers, vandalism, and other issues (fights, theft, missing students, etc.)
- There are no cameras in washrooms, but the new system will have a camera on the entrance to each washroom. Students often complain that they don't feel safe in washrooms, so having a

camera on the entrance allows us to follow up on incidents that occur in the washroom, while maintaining student privacy.

- There are no cameras in Instructional spaces (classrooms, gym, theatre) or stairwells.
- Camera footage is only accessed by CBE Corporate Security and School.
- Administration and is not shared with other parents or students.
- The use of a camera is not a replacement for direct supervision.

School Development Plan:

- Current School Development Plan is posted on our website
- Our data shows that students' perception of their engagement in learning is lower than the perceptions of parents and staff.
- Our data also shows that the percentage of students who strongly agree that what they are learning is interesting to them is decreasing in all subject areas.
- Our Well-being data shows a slight increase in students' perception of their learning environment as welcoming, caring, respectful and safe.
- Our school focus this year will be on student engagement. We believe that through an enhanced culture of well-being, thoughtful task design, and responsive assessment practices, students will become more engaged in their learning.

Casio Funds Requests:

- Writer in Residence - \$ 3,000.00
- 2 Revolver 16" wood Lathes and 2 Makita Scroll saws - \$3,088.95
- Bussing for Gr. 9 Caloway Park field trip - \$2,000.00
- GPS Units and cases - \$5,600.00
- Climbing Wall mats - \$29,787.70

Total: \$43,476.65

Motion to approve funds requested-Kathie Robert, Tara Brown seconds, approved by all.

6. Updates from Council members:

GATE Representative, Mark Ungrin- There will be a fundraiser to support the program, sale of Purdy's chocolate. A workshop on Executive Functioning is in the planning stages. Clare Haney to have teachers ask parents to opt into GATE email updates to ensure all parents are receiving necessary information.

Member-At-Large, Chantal Aksehirli-nothing to report at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Next meeting will be Monday, January 20, 2025.