

Queen Elizabeth Elementary Program Enhancement Society ("QEEPES")

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 10, 2026 7:40 – 8:07 p.m.

Chair: Stephanie Cicero

In attendance:

Travis Robertson - QES Principal; Dan Tinaburri – QES Vice Principal; Stephanie Cicero- QEEPS Chair; Taryn Moran - QEEPS Treasurer; Alex Hunt - QESC Chair; Kim Ehmann - QESC Chair; Joan Denenfeld; Lori DeLuca; Jasmine Lee; Natasza Mizera; Krista Willisroft; Jillian Peers; Nicole Watson; Hilary Harding; Caroline Simon; Kristen Lewicki; Leah Phillips; and Lindsay Cox.

1. Call To Order

- a. Meeting called to order by Stephanie at 7:40 p.m.
 - a. Motion to approve agenda made by Stephanie and seconded by Kim.
 - b. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Stephanie and seconded by Kim.

2. Budget Update

- a. General Account
- b. Casino Account
 - a. Bank balance of \$145,189.38
 - b. 2025-2026 Casino Account total budget was \$45,000 with \$25,966.26 remaining to be spent.
 - c. As there is a material amount of funds to be spent by February of 2027, certain uses for the funds were discussed by meeting attendees.

3. Old/Ongoing Business

- a. Fundraising
 - a. Stephanie provided an update on the Spring Gala. The Spring Gala is scheduled for May 2, 2026 with tickets going on sale on April 9, 2026.
 - i. As an additional quiet space will be available this year, capacity will be 550 people (an increase of 50 people from last year).
 - ii. \$13,800 in items have been donated to the silent auction to date.
 - iii. Discussed school experiences that could be included in the silent auction such as principal for a day, class movie time, extra recess time, library assistant for the day.
 - iv. Instead of a 50/50 draw, direct donations and "round-up" will be encouraged.

4. New Business

- a. Nicole provided an update on Art Cards. Art Cards will go home with students this week and the deadline to order is March 19, 2026.
- b. Taryn, Alex and Kim discussed the purchase of multi-purpose furniture for the school to be used in 4 different areas of the school.
 - a. The estimated cost for the furniture is \$31,767.49 and the funds will come from the Casino Account.
 - b. Taryn noted that the vendor is a CBE approved vendor and the AGLC has approved this purchase and any future purchases of similar furniture for similar purposes.
 - c. Travis confirmed that the learning leaders of QES were in agreement with the furniture purchases.
 - d. Stephanie made a motion to approve up to \$35,000 in funds from the Casino Account to be used to purchase the multi-purpose furniture, which motion was seconded by Kim and approved.
- c. Stephanie and Kim provided an update on the proposed outdoor Gaga pit, which would be constructed in the spring.
 - a. The cost is estimated to be approximately \$15,409, however the final quote has not yet been received. Funds would come from the Casino Account.
 - b. It was determined that approval to use funds for the Gaga pit would be requested once a final quote has been received.
- d. Stephanie noted that additional residencies for QES are being considered.
 - a. Currently the budget for residencies is \$10,000, which would not be enough for the additional residencies.
 - b. The cost of residencies comes from the Casino Account.
 - c. Stephanie made a motion to approve an increase from \$10,000 to \$14,000 in the residencies budget for the 2025-2026 school year, which motion was seconded by Nicole and approved.

5. Adjournment

- a. Next meeting Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
- b. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.