

Eric Hamber PAC Meeting Minutes -

Date	January 21 2020
Chair	Michelle Robinson
Minute Taker	Leslie Louie
Location	Eric Hamber Staff Room

Attendance: See below

	Minute Item(s)	Discussion	Action	Date to Complete/ Status
1	Call to Order & Welcome M. Robinson	Start 7:01pm Introduction of Drama for a preview presentation of Les Miserables		
2	Agenda & Minutes M. Robinson	Approval of Agenda - changing order and Minutes from November 20, 2019	1st. A. Yu 2nd V. Khanna Moved	
3	Teacher Report N. Francis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Musical, Les MIs and Dance Show coming up • Teachers still have no contract • Grade 10-12 music trip to New Orleans, 70 students • Spring concert March 5 		
4	Principal Report M. Jensen	Highlights since last PAC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lockdown drill with VPD • End gang life presentation with VPD • Numeracy test (mandatory) started Jan 20 - double blocking piloted to allow for time • Interim meetings with parents to support students • Anti-racism forum coming up • Principal met with English language learners (ELL) to understand and support, 13 language supporters included • Regional skills camps coming up • Grade 7 articulation coming up • Mid-town showdown annual basketball tournament EH hosts coming up • Course planning for next year underway 	Q. Do we have career counselling for students? A Funding cuts, no staff to support, however EH has Edna James who supports career prep, but not grade wide.. John Lam in office used to be CIA and answers questions as needed.	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Seismic update 		
5	Treasurer' Report D. Chao	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As at the end of December 31 PAC has approximately \$33,300 made up of gaming, general and school accounts,\$11,290 spent on gaming. Add \$100 to gaming funding allocation for Kidshelp phone club 		
6	Social Committee Proposal Marilyn and Stephanie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteer to organize and support/develop community, may include fundraising components Survey families to understand where there is interest Look to develop spring event 	To give Michelle survey questions to be included in next PAC newsletter	
7	Chair Report M. Robinson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cash drive discussion to fund items not included in current seismic budget Marea/Principal to develop list of priority items 		
8	DPAC Report V Khanna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report attached 		
9	Adjournment	<p>Adjourned 8:32pm</p> <p>Next PAC Meeting February 18, 7pm</p>		

January 21 Attendees

B. Bouchard

W. Chow

V. Khanna

L. Iverson

H. Russ-Woodland

B. Brown

M. Chu

S. Redivic

HAMBER PAC DPAC REP UPDATE

S. Yada

PAC Executive

M. Robinson

Anne Yu

D. Chao

L. Louie

Staff

M. Jansen

Vik Khanna Jan 21, 2020

Nov 28 th General DPAC Meeting on Sustainability.

Superb panel and discussion on sustainability. Christine Boyle from City of Vancouver, Jennifer Reddy

School Board Trustee, VSB Staff Ron Macdonald & Laura Nickerson, Teacher Colin Mayer and the

Sustainabilityteens! The passion and eloquence of the kids was inspiring – the future is in good hands.

November & December School Board Meeting Quick Updates:

- Prevent racism and discrimination in Vancouver schools: We heard about it from Nicholas Cheren

at a previous PAC meeting. Motion approved which will hire an expert and create a strategic plan for both the short, medium and long term on how the district should handle and prevent racism and discrimination.

- Food programs & culinary arts: There was chat about consolidating culinary food programs,

closing teaching cafeterias and even getting rid of hot lunches for Tier 2/3 schools. This was averted and motions passed to form a working group that will study how we can improve our food programs. Obviously too late for Hamber. (Table a discussion on Hamber's Food for the future.)

- Trustees voted on Chairs and Vice Chairs of School Board. Janet Fraser remains Chair and Trustee

Carmen Cho, will be Vice Chair. Carmen will be chairing the Advocacy Committee and would like

to take this committee in a new direction which is welcome by DPAC as the previous direction was inward facing.

Jan 23 rd General DPAC Meeting on Vancouver Plan:

The City of Vancouver is working on the Vancouver Plan and has started consulting with Vancouverites to

identify what matters most to us. What are our shared hopes and fears for Vancouver now, and for

future generations? Our schools have an important place in our City's future so come out to learn about

the Vancouver Plan and importantly, take part in the consultation via active brainstorming. Bring ideas!

January 23 rd General DPAC Meeting Motion To Be Approved:

DPAC encourages the VSB to consider participating in future pilot stages of the Seamless Day school age

childcare project currently being run as a demonstration in School District 53, and to advise the Ministry

of Education in its willingness to do so. DPAC further supports the VSB becoming a licence holder for

school age childcare in order to increase the District's ability to explore this and other innovative ways of

providing such care on school grounds and with District employees. We ask that these options for school

age care be fully funded through parent fees and/or provincial support using budgets for childcare rather

than education.

February – Start of the DPAC Facilities Committee:

Looking for parents to join. Let me know if you are interested.

Head's Up on Career & Higher Education Counselling:

It seems that with the introduction of EducationPlannerBC's online content, resources have been cut within the VSB secondary schools. There is a lack of counsellors specializing in career planning, post-secondary options, etc., separate from the counselors who focus more on supporting students with a variety of challenges as they work their way through the school experience itself. Vancouver DPAC will be discussing this topic in their Feb executive meeting and also reach out to the EducationPlannerBC people about the possibility of arranging a Vancouver session for parents on utilizing the resources and coaching their kids.

Hamber Seismic Update:

Facts Assembled from FOI Requests:

1. May 2018: [FOI #1] Hamber PDR, it states:

- a. School is being built way too small and spells out mitigation strategies: 1) reduce catchment, 2) kill special programs & 3) cap enrollment.
- b. Local population will be capped at 1,700 kids and an extra 175 international students will be squeezed in to run at 110% of capacity.
- c. The recommended option by the Ministry of Education & VSB run Steering Committee that makes decisions by consensus selects \$79.3M option with NLC spaces for education.

2. June 18, 2018: Hon. Rob Fleming at Hamber School site proudly announcing the \$79.3M for the biggest seismic project in Vancouver's history.

3. June 19, 2018: [FOI #2] City of Vancouver council's in-camera meeting approves the City of Vancouver funding the Hamber Daycare.

4. July 26, 2018: [FOI #3] Ministry of Education funding letter to VSB changes the NLC funding to 0-4 daycare from NLC for education spaces.

The Ministry of Education would have known that the City of Vancouver had already agreed to fund

the Daycare, therefore, it makes no sense for them to have issued such a Funding Letter which changed the course of the New Hamber planning and took away the NLC spaces for education.

It has

taken three separate FOIs to get the above facts & timeline put together and the implication is that

Natural Justice has been clearly breached.