

# **Eric Hamber Secondary School Parent Advisory Council (PAC)**

PAC Meeting Minutes April 18, 2018

7:02 pm

Eric Hamber Staff Room

## **PAC EXECUTIVES:**

- Chair: Stephanie Yada
- Vice Chair: Michelle Robinson (Acting secretary)
- Treasurer: Donna Chao
- Secretary: Stephanie Leung (Absent)

**Parents present:** Sylvia Wong, Shannon Leonard, Belinda Gutman, Ingrid Teo, Ira Heidemann, Susana Ng, Elsi Fries

Marea Jensen, Principal, Rick Appel, Teacher Representative

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
Call to order	Meeting commenced 7:02pm
1. Welcome Agenda /Stephanie Yada	Welcome parents to meeting  Motion to approve Agenda / Minutes from February 21, 2018. – Motion by Belinda and second by Shannon, All in favour
2. Treasurer's report - Donna Chao	Total cash on hand at March 31, 2018 about \$31,000  Approved spending for Gaming increased to about \$40,000. About \$20,000 spent at March. Another \$20,000 to be spent by Apr 30. Unused funds will be reallocated.  Dragon boat requested for first aid kits in original request however now asking to pay for lighting instead. They are asking for PAC to approve this switch. PAC approved switch up to the original approved budget and all in favor.  Staff appreciation luncheon this year, proposed budget \$2,200.00 from General account. Motion to approve Stephanie Y, Second by Belinda, All in favour.  Gaming funds application for 2018/19 done in March

<p>3. Chair's report - Stephanie Yada (PAC Chair)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Music department needs help with fundraising for new instruments. Nick Francis has 3 parents interested to meet and see what can be done for next year in terms of fundraising. Stephanie Y met with a Magee parent who is on the Magee Music Society and have obtained info/ their by-law on how to set up our own Music Society. If anyone else is interested, please contact PAC</li> <li>• Food Choices – VSB on April 3, the Committee 3 (Education, student services committee) motioned to ask the board to review costs of foods and foods in schools. Hila who brought forward issues on foods previously, will attend the next committee meeting and will update us for our May PAC meeting. Some district wide traction on review on food choices and access to food.</li> <li>• Nancy Kartonas (Gr 12 Hamber counsellor)– Career fair Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00. Best fair for parents and students to attend for post-secondary info. More can be found on PAC newsletter in March.</li> <li>• SACY – Excellent workshops. Highly recommended. Capacity Café last month was full, SACY may be running another Capacity Café soon. More workshop info can be found on our PAC website</li> <li>• DPAC meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018</li> </ul>
<p>4. Principals report – Marea Jensen</p>	<p>Principals report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting of Superintendent and Secretary Treasury sharing info around district budget for next year. Looking to be a decrease in enrollment in about 500 students. At this time, to apply surpluses to next year's budget. Proposal for Hamber to add 2 non-enrolling blocks to help implement re-design curriculum and to help support teachers interested in communicating student learning in a different way. As mentioned before, 2 teachers part of pilot project this year instead of using letter grades or percentages for report cards, they are connecting with students/parents in a different way. The divisor for international student numbers proposed to go down to increase staffing a little bit. From 22 students to 1 teacher to 20 students to 1 teacher, to bring it to alignment with the memorandum of agreement. Other pieces from budget not for our school site but for district. District has 22 alternate schools, there are 2 big senior schools Total Education, they would like to further support those students by bringing in a full-time counsellor. Right now, there is not a counsellor for alternate school students on site, but provided by the main secondary school its attached to. Also, proposing to bring in a resource teacher to support students/parents. Some elementary school pieces to the budget and some practical pieces. District has 75 vehicles in their fleet some are over 10years old and maintenance costs are high, plan to replace them slowly over 10 yrs. In employee services department, put in technology to help keep data for the district. Open for feedback and by end of June can pass budget for fall.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KEV new accounting system put in in couple of weeks. School cash online. Info going out to parents on the system. Ability for parents to see and manage on one website school fees for all children. Teachers use KEV for collecting funds for field trips. To reduce risk for fraud and safety for kids to bring cash to school. Creating user id and password info will be shared with parents to get ready for September. Systems will go live at end of the month.</li> <li>• Calendar planning for next year – province will give another day of non-instructional day for redesign curriculum. For teachers to use to choose over 4 topics. Supporting redesign curriculum, growing in awareness and practice of supporting indigenous learners, support implementation of the SOGI (sexual orientation gender identity) curriculum</li> <li>• Enrollment projections for September</li> <li>• Lock down drill – on Monday at 12:25</li> <li>• International assessment on Tuesday for 52 students from Grade 10, PISA – gives feedback globally on how well a country is fairing on a specific topic. This year is they are measuring reading. 52 students randomly chosen, parent letter was sent out to those students. No need to study for the assessment, it's a 2 hours computer based assessment.</li> <li>• Grade 12 - Prom on May 11, Grad on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 at Orpheum. Next week will meet with Gr 12 for short assembly to help them on details about 2 main events and share school expectations for prom and school. Mail out to parents going over details that will be shared at assembly.</li> <li>• May 3<sup>rd</sup> - Earthquake drill – Dale Ambrose will send out email asking for parent volunteers about needed 20</li> <li>• AP exams beginning of May. – Gain credits for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year college/university</li> <li>• May 10<sup>th</sup> Fashion Show</li> <li>• Spring concerts at end of May</li> </ul>
5. Teacher Rep. – Rick Appel	<p>Teachers Rep report -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From the union – working on timetable, this year Hamber has too many students in classes, over contract. Coming year, teachers are pushing for extra staffing.</li> <li>• BCTF – contract up next year. Teachers are asking for more money. Low salary affecting recruitment in BC. City and province wide poll to teachers to see what they want; John Horgan is in a positive relationship with BCTF and in good position at this time. Minister of Ed Rob Fleming gets along well with BCTF president, Glen Hanson. Positive relationship to bring contract settled before June 30, 2019. Teachers are hopeful that contract will renew without glitch</li> <li>• Student council – presented at staff meeting to bring back May Day. On May 22nd, Hamber students will go out in the morning to do community service. Go out with homeroom to help community, service learning. Hope to be an annual event. Field trip forms going out to parents next</li> </ul>

	<p>week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student council - elections for next year – nominations are in / meeting with candidates. Campaigns will begin next Monday. And election is following weeks.</li> </ul>
6. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm</li> </ul>
7. Next PAC Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 16, 2018</li> <li>• <a href="http://hamberpac.ca/calendar/">http://hamberpac.ca/calendar/</a></li> </ul>