

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

PAC Meeting Minutes February 21, 2018

7:00 pm

Eric Hamber Staff Room

PAC EXECUTIVES:

- Chair: Stephanie Yada
- Vice Chair: Michelle Robinson
- Treasurer: Donna Chao
- Secretary: Stephanie Leung

Parents present: Shannon Leonard, Belinda Gutman, Sylvia Wong, Susana Ng

Marea Jensen, Principal, Rick Appel, Teacher Representative

| Agenda Item | Discussion |
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| Call to order | Meeting commenced 7:05 pm |
| 1. Welcome Agenda /Stephanie Yada | <p>Welcome parents to AGM</p> <p>Stongs – Store manager Frank spoke about the online shopping rebate program and Gift Card fundraising. He presented the PAC with a cheque for \$539.24 for the rebate earned through online shopping in the past year.</p> <p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>Correction to January 17, 2018 minutes - Principals report 95% operating budget received in December</p> <p>Motion to approve Agenda / Minutes from January 17, 2018. – Motion by Sylvia Wong and second by Susanna Ng, All in favour</p> |
| 2. Principal's report – Marea Jensen | <p>Principal's report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stephanie Schoenfelder will be running 4 classes of dance. Hope to have it included in the grade 8 rotation• June numeracy assessment needs to happen before students graduate. It is not tied to any course. Over 600 students will be tested over 5 days in June. Info. will be sent home to families in the next couple of weeks.• Paper report cards were sent home again this time.• Spring break – Some kids participating in the International trip to France |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 12 grads - Final preparation for grad - beginning of April - prep for prom, dry grad and grad. • First nations assembly – April 17 • Course planning –copies of courses selected for next year will be sent home mid-March • McCleery survey – students from all grades based on random samples to write exams. • This will be the last year for Planning 10. The new career education piece promotes children leaving school as educated citizens. Students will learn how to balance a budget, focus on their interests and job opportunities. Educate student on the top ten skills employers looking for (ie. emotional intelligence). Students who graduated 5 years ago different from students now. • Teacher staffing has been a challenge. French teacher returning from maternity leave, choir teacher is on leave, board office hired retired choir teacher as a temp. replacement. Enrolment has declined overall in the district, but the Kindergarten classes are bursting. • Legally blonde play has been a big success. The shows ran last week and finishing Friday. • Big thanks to PAC for the extra funds for music and athletics |
| 3. Teacher Rep. – Rick Appel | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$212 million added to operating budget in BC • Vancouver gets 10% or \$21 million • Government honouring contract language – ER interpretation of contract overages at Hamber. • Human Resources trying to hire and attract teachers to Vancouver, but we don't have the salaries to attract them. They went to Toronto to recruit and hired 1 teacher. Overall, they attended 10 hiring fairs and hired 15 teachers. • At Hamber there are 10 student teachers and most of them want to work in the district. • There are over 200 teachers in the district who will interview and apply in spring posting process • There are still 30 classes with no assigned teachers. There were 280 at the beginning of year • Parents appreciative of reports cards and parent walkabouts. Teachers are committed/dedicated - there is something for everyone (students) at Hamber. |

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| <p>4. Treasurer's report - Donna Chao</p> | <p>\$34,835 cash Gaming account \$24,000 \$18,000 approved budget left to spend</p> <p>Teachers approached Stephanie Yada for funding for the following: Football equipment – \$3000 for athletics – football equipment Nick Francis – \$3000 for instrument repairs - Healing Harmonies</p> <p>Mr. Nick Frances advised that most of the band instruments need to be replaced as most are about 50 years old. The French horns and tubas are from the 60's and should not be used and they cannot be repaired. The normal life span is 20 years.</p> <p>Suggestion to set up parent/student group to fundraise for instruments as well as on an ongoing basis to raise funds for repairs and guest clinicians.</p> <p>Motion to fund \$3000 for athletic (football) equipment and \$3000 for Healing Harmonies by Stephanie Yada, second by Belinda Gutman, all in favour - approved</p> |
| <p>5. Stephanie Yada (PAC Chair)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recently attended the VPD gang squad presentation at Windermere Metro Vancouver experiencing record gang-related activity Age 19-25 actively recruiting younger members all the time. They prey on vulnerable teens who are looking for sense of belonging. Gangs are portrayed as a cool group of guys with money, power, respect. 3 trustees were in attendance and they assured the parents that the school liaison officers are there to stay. Advice to parents was to keep kids busy in activities, volunteering, working. Gord Stokes is Hamber's School Liaison Officer District PAC meeting will be held at the VSB offices on Feb 22 at 7:00 – VSB Superintendent, Suzanne Hoffman will be giving a presentation "Redesign of Educational Transformation – What Does the New Curriculum Mean for Your Child?" It will also be broadcast as a webinar that evening. SACY session March 8 – "Adult Toolkit: Add to Your Knowledge on Teens, Alcohol and Cannabis" |
| <p>Adjournment</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting adjourned 7:56 pm |
| <p>7. Next PAC Meeting</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 18, 2018 http://hamberpac.ca/calendar/ |