

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

PAC Meeting Minutes January 17, 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:** Sylvia Wong, Belinda Gutman, Susanna Ng, Irvin Leeson, Sabrina Yan, Jennifer Ma, Norman Baldwin, Masuma Virji, Lisa Shum, Jessie Yu Beng Lim, Elaine Chung, Karen Tsui, Ute Carkner

Marea Jensen, Principal

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
Call to order	Meeting commenced 7:05 pm
1. Welcome Agenda /Stephanie Yada	Welcome everyone to meeting  Minutes from Nov 15, 2017 Motion to approve agenda and minutes – Donna Chao. Second by Belinda Gutman, all in favour.  Special performance by the drama department to thank PAC for contribution to this year's school musical. Featuring student cast members from "Legally Blonde".  Legally Blonde musical shows are on Feb 15, 16, 22, 23  Vending Machines <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- All foods in vending machine are 'brand name food list' and Ministry approved.</li><li>- Drink choices – coconut water, diet pop, flavoured water. Hamber is one of two school that chose not to sell bottled water in order to cut down on disposal of plastic bottles.</li><li>- Currently have baked chips, granola bars, no chocolate bars</li></ul>
2. Principals report – Marea Jensen	Food Drive <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Student council led food drive 3 weeks in December</li><li>- Competed with Churchill – move towards cash donations – raised \$11,000 and beat Churchill</li></ul>

- 95% of operating budget received in December
- Student council supports 60 clubs
- Hamber – parent to total education - alternate school – complete dogwood
- GF Strong – eating disorder - school in Children’s hospital, adolescent psychiatry – all fall under Hamber
- Dragon boat hosted a very successful fundraiser to raise money for world competition in Hungary.
- Jan 30 – course planning night.
- Mid town basketball tournament Jan 25 and 26

#### Poetry Event

- Hamber hosting Poetry in Voice team nationwide event in April
- School-wide competition where Children resite a poem and use voice inflections to make poems come alive.
- Former student Erin Mugford went to nationals twice

Met with elementary principals within catchment

Community school team – money available from ministry devoted to help grade 7 transition to grade 8 – target at risk youths

Hub 1 – how we can connect with vulnerable learners

#### New Report Cards

- Two Hamber teachers participating in the pilot – Bobby Gibson – PE teacher and Tiffany Yip – EL science class will not be assigning letter grade to their grade 8 and 9 classes
- Parents are aware and can ask for letter grades if needed

#### Redesign curriculum - implementation

- Numeracy assessment
- Grade 11 provincial exam – will no longer be required
- Grade 12 - English provincial – this will be the last year
- June 2020 – literacy assessment replaces English 12 provincial
- Letter will be sent home to parents in Feb.
- Numeracy assessment will be an electronic exam over 4 days at end of June for all grade 10’s and 11’s
- Not tied to a math course
- If completed math 8 – ready to write numeracy assessment, SS, language arts, science
- practice exams links will be sent out
- Marked on a scale: achieving, developing, emerging
- Can repeat exam up to 3 times
- Course planning – sent home on survey – talk about different course offerings
- Planning 10 will be replaced with Career Life Education

	<p>Grad transitioning – grade 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minimum 30 hours of volunteering</li> <li>- Take core competencies</li> <li>- Reflect on their learning - move across the 5 grades.</li> <li>- Language proficiency assessment (LPI)</li> </ul> <p>Hamber Mini School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Only one mini school program permitted next year – studio</li> <li>- Studio program will offer challenge courses (Math and science)</li> <li>- Can no longer take cross boundary students</li> </ul>
3. Teachers rep report – Rick Appel	<p>Vancouver School Teacher Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Only district that has a division in high school and elementary</li> </ul> <p>Teachers update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- TOC's have flexibility to work when they choose</li> <li>- 2700 new teaching positions. 2500 newly hired</li> <li>- gap of 200 around the province.</li> <li>- Hamber needs a French teacher</li> <li>- recent grads being offered FT contracts</li> <li>- many teachers retiring has added to the shortage</li> <li>- Shortage will continue into next school year</li> <li>- TOC shortage especially in specialty areas - problem finding them. Same qualifications as full-time teachers</li> <li>- Board HR Dept. too small to deal with the hiring needs</li> </ul> <p>If parents not able to attend the teacher conferences, they can contact teachers directly.</p> <p>Marea Jensen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Board is hiring but having difficulty attracting teachers. Teachers in Alta. make \$20,000 more, than teachers in BC</li> <li>- Teachers also moving away. Many accepting jobs in other districts closer to home. Salaries in province pretty much the same, but housing prices lower outside of Vancouver.</li> </ul> <p>Pro D – Jan 29 – teachers to review new curriculum, core competencies</p>
4. Treasurer's report - Donna Chao	<p>Total Cash on hand at end of Dec 31, 2017 = \$39,565.08</p> <p>Gaming approved budget for 2017/18 \$33,945.00, left to be spent as at Dec 31, 2017 = \$22,657.41</p>
5. Stephanie Yada	<p>Guest Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Is PAC willing to support the funding of guest speakers on the topic of Anxiety?</li> <li>- Tiffany Wu of SACY advises that there are currently unprecedented numbers of teens reported to have anxiety. K to grade 12 affected</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- More education needed in this area</li> <li>- Movie called “Angst” – looking at getting it.</li> <li>- Forwarded Mobile apps – suggested by ministry – social emotional pieces</li> </ul>
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting adjourned 8:48 pm</li> </ul>
7. Next PAC Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feb 21, 2018</li> <li>• <a href="http://hamberpac.ca/calendar/">http://hamberpac.ca/calendar/</a></li> </ul>