

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

PAC Meeting Minutes January 22, 2019

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, Susana Ng, Jennifer Ma, Holly Lee, Lorelee Delbrouck, Ingrid Teo, Karen Tsui, Vik Khanna, Leslie Louie

Marea Jensen, Principal

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to order	Meeting commenced 7:02 pm
1. Welcome Agenda /Stephanie Yada	<p>Welcome parents to AGM</p> <p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>Motion to approve Agenda / Minutes from November 13, 2018. Motion by Lorelee Delbrouck and second by Donna Chao. All in favour, motion carried.</p>
2. Principal's report – Marea Jensen	<p>Principal's report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Midtown Showdown annual tournament is this weekend. Leadership students coordinated to make it happen.• Grade 12 numeracy assessment is January 24th. The assessment can be taken up to three times.• Last year for the English provincial exam. Next year, grades 10 and 12 will write the Literacy exam in place of the provincial.• Online seismic upgrade feedback due by Friday. District office will use feedback to shape up next steps• Monday January 28 is ProD Hamber teachers leading to support students with anxiety and find balance with school, studies and life.• Course planning by grade level for 8, 9, 10.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New grade 10 counsellor – Emily Pickering • Term 2 interim reporting • Working with elementary colleagues to help students transition from grade 7 to 8. Looking at strategies with social and emotional growth • Reviewing elementary programs. District student forum how to support with inquiry work • The Drama Department's My Fair Lady musical is on Feb 20/21/28/ March 1 – duration of the play is 3 hours • Parent-teacher night – about 500 parents attended. • Honor Rolls – Some schools phasing out the honor roll as teachers want to celebrate all types of successes.
Stephanie Yada PAC Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question about Project "Chairity": Marea: Funds of \$14,500 (\$250 per chair) is being held in trust – Les and Marea met early July and passed on names in trust to school office. • Parent teacher night - thank you to teachers and administration for organizing the very worthwhile event. Parents appreciate a chance to meet with their children's teachers face-to-face. • Modular housing (Lu'ma) on Heather Street: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Michelle attended the opening ceremony two weeks ago. ○ Michelle or Stephanie will attend the monthly meetings and relay information back to PAC ○ Michelle went on a site tour: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 96 units - largest modular housing site in Vancouver ○ 24-hour security at front desk in each building ○ There is one building for women and one building that is unisex. Both buildings house indigenous residents and have their own commercial kitchen (tenants given 2 meals a day). ○ health and mental health supports are provided onsite. ○ Stacey McEachern took her social justice 12 class to the opening ceremony ○ Community impact discussed at monthly meetings – all meeting minutes are publicly posted. Group consists of local residents, business owners, community organizations, schools, Women's Hospital, VPD, BC Housing, City of Vancouver. ○ If anyone is interested in sitting on committee in the upcoming year, please notify Michelle or Stephanie. • Seismic advocacy work • Participants: 3 teacher Dept. Heads, 3 Administrators, 3 students, 2 PAC, 1 secretary, 1 engineer, 1 VPO, 1 Partnerchips BC on school advisory group. • The first meeting of the School Advisory Group was held in October 2018. • The committee prioritized what the functional requirements of the new school should be. After everything was taken into consideration, an auditorium, adequate gym space to accommodate current classes, and an adequate fashion design space (proposed space can't accommodate the cutting tables) were not included due to a lack of space. • Timeline: RFQ closes on March 5, 2019. Three companies will be chosen to take

	<p>part in the RFP process. RFP proposals from architects for specific designs will commence by the end of March 2019. Each firm will come up with 3 designs. Plans will be finalized by September-November 2019. There is not a lot of time to advocate for changes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petition to have proper inclusive consultation with all stakeholders about the new school's design and to include necessary spaces like an auditorium, gym space, outdoor play space, and ample space for the arts (including fashion design) and music, has 4000+ signatures to date. • Hamber Alumni – 4000 members. Many have been very vocal. • January 23 – PAC and Alumni Assn. will be making a joint delegation to the VSB's Planning Facilities Committee. Please advocate and show support by attending this meeting and writing to the Province, The Minister of Education, your local MLA, VSB senior management, and VSB Trustees. We need to come up with a workable solution to be able to build the proper facilities for our children and future generations of children. <p>Vik Khanna – grade 10 parent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15,000 square meters is the footprint and this is all we have to work with. • Kitsilano high school is 18,000 square feet for 1500 students. • How hard do we need to rally? • neighborhood is growing and population increasing. • MLA – George is quiet on where he stands. <p>Stephanie Yada - PAC Co-Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have been told by Partnerships BC and the VPO that the footprint and the budget are set. We need to advocate for NLC funding in order to increase the footprint. • Bi-election is coming up and balance of power may change. • Area Standards document from 2003 states how many square meters is allowed per student in a new school. The result is the new Hamber will be 26% smaller than the existing school and that's why the plans do not include an auditorium, enough gym space and other smaller spaces. This document is under review by the province, but not in time for Hamber. <p>It has been difficult to engage Hamber parents. PAC had been emailing and attending feeder school PAC meetings to provide awareness on the seismic upgrade issues and how it will affect their children.</p> <p>Marea Jensen – Principal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auditorium used 2/3 of the school year, well utilized for after school activities, fashion, drama, student council. • Magee has a 500-seat theater which was not originally proposed. Parents pushed and got the shell and then raised \$2 million to fill it. • 15% Neighbourhood Learning Center (NLC) funding comes from city/province. Hamber is not getting any NLC funds. All this money is going to fund the childcare centre that will be built onsite at the new Hamber. <p>Stephanie:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kitsilano high school got 15% NLC funding which allowed them to build a larger
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	<p>school than Hamber for fewer students.</p> <p>Marea:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hamber will be used as a swing school for elementary and high schools from 2020-2030. By 2030, all schools will be seismic upgraded. <p>Stephanie:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry is saving millions of dollars by using the school space for swing space. Hamber families will be paying the price. The Minister of Ed has said that they will be saving \$16m from the Hamber build alone. Hamber should be compensated for the inconvenience, as no other school has been put into this position before. We need the VSB to do something. <p>Upcoming meetings to attend:</p> <p>Jan 23 - VSB Facilities Planning Committee at 5:00.</p> <p>Jan 28 – VSB Board Meeting at 7:00</p> <p>Feb 13 –VSB Facilities Planning Committee at 7:00 – results from the online survey will be presented at this time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAN (Parent Advocacy Network) Vancouver is aware the “area standards document” is outdated and they are advocating to have it changed. BCCPAC is also involved. • We have received media coverage and support from: Global, Georgia Strait, News 1130, Courier, Ubyyssey, former VSB Trustees
Student Council Rep.	<p>Thank you to PAC for the donations to the Drama department.</p> <p>Funds support access to props, music, licensing, and a chance for all performers and stage crew to bond. In appreciation for funding for the show performed for us an excerpt from the upcoming musical, My Fair Lady:</p> <p>Michelle Perkins -Eliza Doolittle</p> <p>Lucas Olsen – Kernal Pickering</p> <p>Jason Woo – pianist</p> <p>Upcoming student events:</p> <p>Spirit week - Monday is multicolor day; Twin Tuesday; Wednesday is PJ day; Thursday is School spirit day – wear school colors; Friday is Nike vs Adidas day</p> <p>School dance on Feb 20 – throwback theme – wanting to sell 500 tickets</p> <p>In May – Bi-annual car free day</p> <p>Grad update – grad hoodies, grad gowns available now.</p> <p>Valentine’s Day grams to raise money – chocolates, flowers,</p>
DPAC – update Leslie Louie	<p>Upcoming DPAC parent night – speaker on Cannabis legalization</p> <p>The last one was a SOGI presentation and quite a few parents from Hamber attended</p> <p>If PAC has questions, please bring forward to Leslie to take to the DPAC.</p> <p>Poinsettia fundraiser –sold 172 plants and raised \$1200</p> <p>A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped with this fundraising initiative and Marea for organizing the tables and delivery.</p> <p>Spring planter fundraiser proposed for June</p> <p>Motion to go ahead with spring floral fundraiser - motioned by Suzanna Ng, seconded by Sylvia Wong, all in favour, motion carried.</p>

3. Treasurer's report - Donna Chao	Total funds available \$36,700 by end of 2018 Money spent: referees (\$2700,) French horn (\$2600), counselling (\$1000), drama (\$5100), library magazines (\$1000) Total \$13,900 Account balances: Gaming \$26,000 Vancity general \$5700 School \$4700 Poinsettas raised \$1200 and we received \$400 in donations through schoolcashonline
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned 8:43 pm
7. Next PAC Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feb 19, 2019 • http://hamberpac.ca/calendar/