

Eric Hamber Secondary School Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

PAC Meeting Minutes November 13, 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: Julie Zhu, Rose Maurer, Leslie Lowe, Sylvia Wong, Estrellita Gonzalez (school Trustee), Wanda Chow, Kathy Tran, Jen Kong, Jon Waller.

Marea Jensen, Principal

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to order	Meeting commenced 7:07 pm
1. Welcome Agenda /Stephanie Yada	<p>Welcome parents. Thank you for coming.</p> <p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>Spelling of name corrected for Jon Waller</p> <p>Motion to approve Agenda / Minutes from October 16, 2018. Motion by Leslie Louie and second by Sylvia Wong. All in favour. Approved.</p>
2. Principals report – Marea Jensen	<p>Principals report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gaming Fund – confirming 38,000 is the correct amount which will go a long way for learning opportunities for students• Hosting band festival – adjudicator listens to bands• Grade 9 take your kids to work day tomorrow. Part of Career Ed• Grade 7 visits tomorrow• Welcomed student teachers today• In the coming week, vice principal will be working with career life education 10 and career life connections 12 (this year is the last year for this program)• Capstone project – see how curriculum fits with Hamber students

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice Principal brought in students to provide feedback – see as year-long course • Practice lock down drill • Term 1 report cards will be sent home November 30 and parents meet the teachers will be scheduled for January 15, 2019. Report card will be in paper form as the school is not ready to go electronic report card. Paper report cards needed for post-secondary enrolment. • Seismic upgrade – department heads will work with architects to provide feedback on the needs for the new school. Pictures of memorabilia will be taken to create an inventory to see how they will be displayed at the new school. They will also take a furniture inventory and look at furniture to ensure appropriate space is available. • Hamber instructional planning on December hip morning to talk to all staff 100 teachers and 14 support staff and include students • SACY rep Heather Charlton will be presenting the topic of vaping for grades 8-12 starting next week, every Monday from now to winter break. A 7-minute vaping video from VCH to address all the unknowns of the affects to the body when vaping. • Parent, Leslie Louie asked how vaping is monitored at the school as it's a safety concern. She has heard vaping is happening in classrooms. Marea advised there is no vaping permitted on school grounds. SACY program working with students on their responsibilities and how to be proactive with life choices. Christine Bennett, Tupper SACY rep working with Hamber staff to educate them on how to recognize vaping and to help our youth. The Liaison Officer, Constable Stokes is working with small groups in grade 8 to listen in on what's happening to them when vaping. Building rapport with students so they are forthcoming and honest. Building understanding and trust to be able to answer questions as to why and to follow the school rules. There are many students vaping and many observing. Large group of kids vaping on school grounds and some in washrooms. Work in progress. Hoping it becomes less interesting. It has a fruity aroma, not stinky smell like cigarette smoke, but it does have nicotine. • Hamber Clubs - over 60 clubs available. Soon to be published - when clubs meet and their teachers reps. Great avenue to grow social responsibility and communication skills. It's not uncommon for grade 12's to be involved with a few clubs. • PAC website has information for parents and students
Stephanie Yada PAC Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poinsettias sales. Orders can be placed up to November 20th. Distribution on Dec 6 and 7. Marea will send email to teachers. Sample will be displayed in the office. Proceeds support Hamber students. For more information email hamberpacfundraising@gmail.com.

- Seismic upgrade – There will be no auditorium and smaller gym space at the new school. The cost to build is \$6 million. The existing school will still be here, so there may be access to the current auditorium until 2032. After that time the school will be demolished. Gym space will be two-thirds of the current space. Currently there are six PE classes running simultaneously throughout the day so that means in the new school there won't be space for 2 of the 6 classes during every period. Suzanne Hoffman has said there will be an open house at the end of November to present the new school design. Parents will have an opportunity to ask questions and give feedback.
- A suggestion was made for PAC to have a digital forum to submit and log concerns.
- 2018-2019 Hamber Gaming Fund allocation based on teachers' requests was reviewed with parents and discussed. Co-Chairs reviewed all funding requests and compiled the attached spreadsheet. Considerations were made based on: if the request was for extra-curricular activities, the funding history of the group for the last 5 years, number of students affected, ability of the requesting org, to fundraise, if same request had been made previously. There's a tendency not to fund requests for snacks and drinks. Requests for travel subsidies to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis at the time of booking. This year there were more requests than funding available.
 - Item 6 – Provincial tournaments – not funded. To be reconsidered if necessary later.
 - Item 7 - grade 8 camp Elphinstone - not able to subsidize. Marea will put set aside some money for students who need financial assistance.
 - Item 8 - grad request. As per last year, funding for individual gifts not covered.
 - Item 12 – Dance lessons – Motion to allocate the \$1176 as per teachers request if performance is opened to other students. Motion by Donna Chao and second by Leslie Louie.
 - Item 21 – Dragon Boat – suggestion for the club to share the Go Pro with other clubs and teachers.
 - Item 23 –Challenge Studio program - Stephanie Yada will talk to Ms. Poon.
 - Item 24 – yearbook – request declined as iMac's used only for the yearbook and not other purposes. All 10 iMacs ultimately need to be replaced at a cost of about \$30,000.
 - Item 27 – Chamber Music Club – Fund one French horn.
- PAC voted and all were in favor to allocate the gaming funds as set in the below table.

	2018/19 Approved Gaming Budget Allocation	
	Type	Allocation
	Athletics Officials	\$9,000
	Dance Show	\$1,000
	Newsletter	\$870
	Football gear	\$2,500
	Volleyball Uniform	\$2,000
	Grad Breakfast	\$550
	Drama	\$5,520
	Poetry in Voice	\$450
	Debate Club	\$150
	Dance Lessons/performance	\$1,176
	Skills-Fashion	\$300
	Math competitions	\$1,100
	Math Challengers	\$430
	Counselling Program	\$1,725
	Biology Club	\$270
	Craft Club	\$250
	Science Club	\$360
	Library-magazines	\$1,082
	Dragonboat	\$2,186
	Skills-Culinary/Baking	\$500
	Challenge Studio-Speaker	\$500
	PAC scholarships	\$2,000
	PAC admin costs	\$500
	Music-French horn	\$2,600
	Total	\$37,019
Teachers Rep/ Duane Mugford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipal elections - 5 newly elected trustees • BCTF supports proportional representation – reminder to vote by Nov 30th. BCTF friendly videos to explain the 3 options. CBC has YouTube clips which is a good source for information on options • Grad requirements – BCTF – ministry grad requirements – many students have part-time schedules. PT schedules don't lend to building community. It's on the table. • Nov 9- curriculum implementation day – first of the two sessions to look at K to 12 new curriculums. To be held at Churchill with breakout sessions. Topics covered: Indigenous, sexual identity, student mental health • New physical and health assessment moving away from all physical aspects and focus on the entire body - mental health – assessment and how to refocus. • BCTF offers presentations for parents and 3 workshops (60-90 minute) on social media, anti-bullying, supporting your child. Book online January to May 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7s visiting school – 200 plus students to get feel for the school. Nov 15 grade 7 parents info night • Some of the Fall sports teams are wrapping up. Basketball try outs last week. Informal tournaments in Dec. – grade 8 and 9 levels • Footlights plays Dec 6 and 7 in the drama studio– admission by donation
3. Treasurer's report - Donna Chao	<p>Gaming account \$38,000 School account just under \$4000 \$10,000 in general fund Total 48,000</p> <p>Double checked gaming increase – \$38,000 includes a \$6,000 increase Total funded \$36,000 for various activities</p>
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned 8:50 pm
7. Next PAC Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 22, 2019 • http://hamberpac.ca/calendar/