

Eric Hamber Secondary School Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

PAC Meeting Minutes October 16, 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: Clement Fung, Ingrid Teo, Cheryl Pfeifer, Kennis Chan, Jon Waller, Fanya Chan, Belinda Gutman, Leslie Louie, Jennifer Ma, Sylvia Wong, Susana Ng, Karen Tsui, Sophia Zhu

Marea Jensen, Principal

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to order	Meeting commenced 7:04 pm
1. Welcome Agenda /Stephanie Yada	<p>Welcome parents to AGM</p> <p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>Motion to approve Agenda / Minutes from May 2018. – Motion by Suzanna Ng and second by Sylvia Wong. All in favour.</p>
2. Principals report – Marea Jensen	<p>Principals report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New seismic replacement school. Michelle Robinson attended the Hamber School Advisory group meeting 3 weeks ago. Three student reps, one in grade 12 and two in grade 9 are part of the committee to provide a future lens of what's important to keep in mind years down the road. • Stantec (building engineer), Vancouver Project Office, liaison, Kathy O'Sullivan, Hamber department heads, admin toured two high schools (Kitsilano and U Hill) to look at different designs. • U Hill is a new build within the previous structure. Complete shift to flexible spaces, open and wide concept with all kinds so multi-purpose space, movable furniture. Learning spaced in pods – garage doors made of glass so classes can be connected. Lockers are half size and in huddle spaces, with a built in microwave and sink. • Kitsilano is similar but different.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hamber will be built to LEEDS gold standard; space will be 26% smaller; construction cost goes up 1% each month. • A bid will be put out with the hope of 3 firms to present design for the school. Construction will start 2020. The new building will be where the track is. Gym space will be smaller, losing 2 fields. The other school will be at the parking lot. There will be no auditorium in the new school. • Currently the Hamber auditorium has 700 seats. Most seismic rebuilds don't come with an auditorium. Magee's auditorium came about from significant fundraising. Kitsilano has a small auditorium. Uhill has convertible space with movable classroom walls to use for their drama space. The drama studio will be a fifth of the size current space. • Would be good for parents to understand the thought process behind it. • Hamber is in demand, soil at Oak Meadows not stable; there is childcare space at the school; There is no Neighborhood Learning Center space. The space will feel different with shared learning • If more storage space is needed, it comes from children's class room space • The grade 9 reps looked at Kitsilano model and may use this model • Information will be shared with staff and teachers. • What would a memorabilia look like in the new school. • There is a 7minute U Tube clip on what new space will look like. • Looking at alternative appropriate gym space, perhaps a roof top gym or a basketball court on the roof. • A parent asked "How much is a done deal?" Very optimistic that parents have voice. Magee staff express with pride on how parents fundraised \$100,000 over two years money for the auditorium <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half way through to term 1 – interim reporting for parents • Great BC shakeout October 18 • Pro D – October 19 • Digital citizen assembly for grade 8/9 • There are 2 curriculum days in November for curriculum redesign • Bobby Gibson (PE) and Tiffany Yip (SC) have volunteered to continue with new communication process with reporting students' progress to parents. • Staffing is at full capacity with 3 postings -working on closing them. Two teachers – Jessica temporary teacher in library – hiring teacher from Prince of Wales next September; Gillian Lau – career counselor; Grade 10 counsellor from Tupper starts Feb 4, 2019; French teacher – Megan Branson • Cannabis rules don't change. Resources from substance use counsellor – child youth worker, Heather Charlton. Onsite police constable Stokes is also a resource for students. He parks in front of school to profile he is in the building and help further community involvement. He is on site Tuesday to Fridays. He is a guest speaker for classrooms and goes to
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	<p>school functions. If there is an incident at school, parents will be contacted. PE – health unit also covers Cannabis topic.</p>
<p>3. Teachers rep report - Mr. Duane Mugford</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mugford has been teaching for 28 years and is currently a PE and EN teacher. • There are many fall sports like Varsity football, Girls field hockey, Volleyball- all levels, cross country for all grades, Aquatics, Jr and Sr boys' soccer • Athletics fees are paid which runs the program. We don't fundraise. Sometimes there are donors who fund equipment, uniforms, referees. • The football program did some fundraising • English department is doing a creative writing field trip at Granville Island • Grade 8's are going to camp Elphinstone – Gibson in 2 days • Oct 24 – Halloween Dance • Municipal elections – Vancouver Labour Council endorsed 9 candidates – school trustees • Contract negotiations – contract ends in June – bargaining discussions will start in November. Mr Mugford is one of our staff reps. • PAC requested department heads to attend PAC meetings in January, February, April. It would be valuable to hear from them on what's going on and their needs. • Redesigned curriculum for grade 8 and 9 – department heads to share and next stage for senior levels.
<p>4. PAC Chair report – Stephanie Yada</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leslie Louie is the new District PAC representing Hamber PAC. • BCCPAC monthly meetings - first meeting was end of September with 40 schools and 70 people attended • DPAC items of interest posted on PAC website • Topics for discussion: how do donations work when being used at schools and who can give out tax receipts; they want more transparent system to track to money and ask PAC to work with administrators. There is a suggestion to use an online school system to streamline the process. They want to ensure money targeted for appropriate use. • Every meeting there are specific topics and they encourage participation <p><u>Fundraising Initiative</u> Leslie Louie – taking on Fundraising initiative to sell poinsettias. There will be a display at the office to create interest. Parents are needed to help set up and distribution. Orders will be taken through Munchalunch.</p> <p>Munchalunch program can be used for any PAC fundraising initiative. Motion to spend \$350 for annual fee for a platform to collect money Motion by Clement and second by John, All in favour. Motion carried.</p> <p>PAC is setting up a fundraising committee to organize and assist with fundraising initiatives, look for donors, connect with alumni,</p>

Student Council rep's report – Lucas Olsen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student council – Halloween dance Oct 24th ticket sales start tomorrow • Canlee cup – Vancouver food bank Nov 14 – rally students. Hamber won last year • Student council went to retreat • This year's theatre musical is My fair lady. • Grade 8 camp Oct 17-18 - 230 students going and two reps to attend.
5. Treasurer's report - Donna Chao	<p>Gaming account balance \$1600 General account balance \$4500 School account balance \$4000 Total \$10,100 at the end of September Filed gaming – recently received funds \$38,000 this year / \$32,000 last year, but approx. same number of students 1,500? Extra \$6000 – will check if there is an over payment</p> <p>Next steps for allocating gaming funds– email sent to teachers to ask for their extra-curricular funding requests. Teachers will submit funding requests by November 2nd. Stephanie Yada and Michelle Robinson will review the list and divide funds fairly based on if Gaming Fund requirements met, what was allocated to the same dept/club in past 5 years, number of students affected, etc. Recommendations will be brought back to the November 13 PAC meeting to review with the committee for approval.</p>
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned 8:49 pm
7. Next PAC Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 13, 2018 7:00pm • http://hamberpac.ca/calendar/