

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

PAC Meeting Minutes September 11, 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: Joy Choww, Peter Couch, Heidi Li, Suo Won Jing, Wang Rui, Guo Wen Jing, Lina Jung-Kosar, Jem Samonte, Irene Tam, Leslie Louie, Lisa Zhang, Holly Lee, Clement Fung, Wanda Chow, Michelle Lai, Liezel Nieves, Jennifer Ma, Ute Carkner, Sylvia Wong, Susana Ng,

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 Sept 20, 2017. Motion by Donna Chao and second by Sylvia Wong. All in favour</p>
2. Principals report – Marea Jensen	<p>Principals report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome back to everyone• Grade 8 – welcome BBQ in August/Assembly this morning• Focus has been to get students settled into timetables, assemblies, high level view of all athletic sports to participate, or other ways to get involved like score keeping• Stephanie Levean – library resources – expand proper citations with work• Gord Stokes, the school liaison is a safe person for students to connect with and he has a sincere interest in getting to know students• Grade level councilors connected with their students; 300 students for each grade level• Reviewed hand books for rules and safety procedures• Visits – Langara and UBC

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo day – September 20 • Overnight retreats – student council member, peer councilors, grade 8 camp Elphinstone – Oct 18-19. • Build relationships and capacities • Next Pro D is Sept 21 – staff are learning MS Office 365 • Club Days is Sept 25 – 60 clubs – great way for grade 8s to connect outside their time tables • Grade 12 – grad transition • Short assemblies for grade • Digital citizenship – looking at how phones help with learning. Working with architect to create statement of requirements • Seismic upgrade - Construction estimated to begins January 2020 and completion by September 2022 • BC redesign curriculum - career education 10 replaces planning 10 • Discovery career life connection 12 – replaces grad 12 transition • There are 5 counsellors. Posting for grade 10 counsellor. Ms Tanner is temporary until the position is filled. • Mr. Beaton took another position; Ms Lau is the teacher on call • Vancouver district hired 900 teachers • Build more experiential learning to help students understand how their learning applies to all careers. Teachers are curious to hear what you are interested in. There are new numeracy and literacy assessments. • Teachers assists students with course selection. Parents are welcome to connect with the principal and teachers directly. • Parent walk about Sept 18 at 7pm. It's a high level course overview of the curriculum. Teachers give out emails and contacts and are staff very supportive of students • Enrolment 180 international – 60 new students – from all around the world • 1500 total enrolment this year. • Total education will be last year. Next year the program will fall under Vancouver alternate school • Hospital programs will stay at Hamber
Stephanie Yada PAC Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome to all parents attending meeting • PAC meetings – targets 6 meetings per year – times posted on Hamber website • Anti-span legislation permission form – CASTLE forms sent out and returned. PAC can now send out regular newsletters for better communication • Teachers rep speaks on behalf of teachers • BCTF – per • Student council rep comes to speak on students perspectives • Guest speakers - school reps like school counsellors

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage parents to come watch and attend school plays, concerts, games, fashion shows, sports, clubs • Its going to be a busy year as the new school is being built. Construction has been moved up 6 months earlier. The oval / track- football field will be the parking lot. Need to find another field and football field for teams • This current school will remain a swing school for other schools doing seismic upgrades. It will be busy with approximately 3500 students on site. • There has not been a lot of fundraising but we will need to start doing more to help support existing programs like the music society. A lot of the instruments are over 50 years old and need to be replaced. \$50,000 to start. • We need parents to help with fundraising and willing to take it on. • Some fundraising ideas: Cash drive at the beginning of year (tax receipts), selling poinsettias at Christmas, gift card purchase, etc. • Now that we have the ability to contact parents, we may have the resources to do more. <p>Nominations: Leslie Louie – DPAK rep Donna Chao – Treasurer Michele Robinson – Co Chair Stephanie Leung - Secretary Stephanie Yada – Co Chair</p> <p>Seismic Committee – Michelle and Stephanie - Cochairs</p> <p>Motion by Susanna Ng, Second by Peter Couch, All in favour</p>
3. Treasurer's report - Donna Chao	<p>Gaming account \$13,000 School \$4000</p> <p>Donna Chao – has over 30 years professional experience. Translink Director, Corporate Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$0 approved budget left to spend • Year end June 30th – gaming funds - \$20 per students – last year \$32,000 • Athletics \$7000 • Equipment \$3000 football • Band – French horn \$3000 – 5 kids sharing one instrument; kids borrow if they cannot rent • Band music outreach program – \$3000 • Dragon boat \$3400 • Drama – Legally blond \$5400 • PAC scholarships \$2000 <p>Total funded \$36,000 for various activities</p>

Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned 8:02 pm
7. Next PAC Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 16, 2018 • http://hamberpac.ca/calendar/