

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

PAC Meeting Minutes May 16, 2018

7:05 pm

Eric Hamber Staff Room

**PAC EXECUTIVES:**

- Chair: Stephanie Yada
- Vice Chair: Michelle Robinson (Acting secretary)
- Treasurer: Donna Chao
- Secretary: Stephanie Leung (Absent)

**Parents present:** Sylvia Wong, Susanna Ng, Winnie

Marea Jensen, Principal

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to order	Meeting commenced 7:05pm
1. Welcome Agenda /Stephanie Yada	Welcome parents to meeting  Motion to approve Agenda / Minutes from April 18, 2018. Motion by Donna Chao and second by Susanna Ng, All in favour
2. Treasurer's report - Donna Chao	\$13,000 spent in Gaming in April, balance in gaming \$7,000. Remaining balance has been allocated for this school year and supporting invoices from teachers are due before June 30.  Total cash on hand for all (Gaming/General/School) accounts at April 30, 2018 about \$18,600
3. Principals report – Marea Jensen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Draft school calendar in 2 weeks on website. Fee schedules for next year also on website.</li><li>• Last Friday, successful prom approx. 300 students and 30 guests. Congratulations to the grad committee</li><li>• Grad ceremony Jun 5, scholarship committee had meeting on recipients. Thank you to PAC for the 4 \$500 scholarships</li><li>• Successful earthquake drill last week, practiced routine and reunification process. Thank you to the 6 parents that helped. Debriefing with staff tomorrow at lunch about the drill.</li><li>• Griffin Cup track meet tomorrow for Grade 8 and 9</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Met on Monday for Career Ed assembly with Gr 9. As part of Career Ed redesign curriculum, Ministry of Education has moved Career Ed into its own curricular space. Students are not taking an enrolling class called Career Ed, the big idea is the curricular competencies are woven into all subject areas. Edna James our Career teach and I, looked at where the gaps might be and asked the Gr.9s to complete reflective assignment over next 2 weeks and hand it in electronically over their Microsoft 365 account. The Ministry of Education asked to have a progress report to parents on career education and the Ministry has kept it quite soft for the school define what career education is with students rather than handing out a binder to set what they like to see as curriculum. Edna James and David Bach led focus group with Gr.9s and Gr.10s, trying to make learning relevant and meaningful. Their feedback has help with design with Career life assignment. There no longer be a Career 10 class next year. It will now be called Career Life education. Working towards graduation transitions for graduating students. Final year is next year. And then current Gr.10 students when in they're their graduating year will be completing a course not an enrolling course and will be receiving a credit for Career Life connections and will need to work their way through a capstone project. Will be in touch with parents because the Ministry is still working on the big ideas for the capstone project.</li> <li>• Staffing and timetable process, no big updates. Getting organized for next year. Staff will know in end of June which courses they are teaching. A note will be put out on the school website at end of August for students with incomplete timetables and give them an opportunity for students to meet with their counsellors to have timetables complete in prior to school opening</li> <li>• June 1, visit by the therapy dogs from St John Ambulance. The Compassion Club is making this visit happen. 90 students signed up. With specific session with therapy dogs. From 3:00-4:00.</li> <li>• Year-end celebrations with the Fine Arts department - Choir concert, Night of the Bands, Junior Drama performance, Strings concert. Hope to see you there.</li> <li>• Last day of classes, June 21<sup>st</sup>.</li> <li>• Jun 22<sup>nd</sup>, graduation numeracy assessment. Written over 5 days. Involve 600 students. Tutorial day for students on Jun 22<sup>nd</sup>. Gr12 prepare for English 12 provincials.</li> <li>• Yearbook distribution is on Jun 21st</li> <li>• Report cards Jun 28, Gr 12 students going to summer school can see Ms. Jensen to get a letter to take courses without charge.</li> </ul>
4. Chair's report - Stephanie Yada (PAC Chair)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff appreciation luncheon on Jun 22 in the staff room. Purchase Greek food and parents will supplement with desserts, drinks, appetizers. Email to follow.</li> <li>• VSB going through budget process for next year, but asking for parent input. I emailed regarding non-enrolling teachers and the cut of 36 positions in Vancouver, this means for elementary and secondary - counsellors, resource teachers, teacher librarians. Not identified what it looks like. But emailed t</li> </ul>

	<p>asked them to reconsider cut given the increasing numbers of mental health issues and learning disabilities. The 2<sup>nd</sup> email that was sent was to do with band and strings and the funding for that in elementary schools, but effecting high school because year over year effects the band if no experience students are coming in.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PAC wants to improve reach to parents, 260 currently on PAC mailing list and about 100 for Twitter. Wondering if next year PAC can include CASL form with school package at the beginning of the school year. We lack fundraising, and need to have a broader reach.</li> <li>• Please check PAC website for news updates.</li> <li>• Last meeting of the year. Next in September is our AGM. Have a great summer!</li> </ul>
5. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting adjourned 7:35 pm</li> </ul>
6. Next PAC Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sep 11, 2018</li> <li>• <a href="http://hamberpac.ca/calendar/">http://hamberpac.ca/calendar/</a></li> </ul>