

Eric Hamber Secondary School Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

PAC Meeting Minutes October 2, 2013
19:00 pm – 20:30 pm
Eric Hamber Staff Room

PAC EXECUTIVE:

- Chair: Nathan Wilkes
- Vice Chair: Rosie Schipizky
- Treasurer: Jennifer Ma
- Secretary: Ira Heidemann

PAC Executives Present: all

Staff Present: Alex Grant

Parents present: 19

Guests: 2 students

| Agenda Item | Discussion |
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| Call to order | Nathan Wilkes called the meeting to order at 7 pm. in the Eric Hamber Staff Room. |
| 1. Welcome, approval of minutes, and approval of agenda: Nathan Wilkes | The Agenda was approved as moved by Dawn Shaw-Biswas. The minutes of the September 18, 2013 PAC meeting were approved as moved by Dawn Shaw-Biswas. The April meeting minutes were not available and approval has been deferred to the next meeting. |
| 2. Student Council: Chris Yoon | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Student Council asked students in the school about events they attend, academic struggles, needs of students, etc. The report with results is almost ready. • The Hamber pride day was a great success. Many students signed up for this Spirit day. • The registration for Student council is now happening and they already have 30 members. • October 30 is the annual dance party. • The student retreat is in November. • The annual canned food drive will start in November. Currently looking to find a company to match school donations. Any suggestions for companies? Cans or cash can be donated. However, cash is better value for money. PAC can email a brochure about the Food bank drive. • Contact the Student Council by phone or email. |
| 3. Dragon Boat: Chris Yoon | Chris is also part of Dragon Boating. Each boat has 20 students. Now they celebrate their 25th anniversary and they will represent Canada in Italy next summer. Funding from PAC will be used for local races, or help students who go to Italy. It is an exclusive team and it helps students improve their physical condition. The annual registration fee per student is \$125. They have a good standing in the community. |

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| | <p>During the Olympic games in Vancouver they carried the torch. Last year they won silver medals. The Alcan festival is usually the biggest competition Hamber goes to. They have now 100 members and they are the biggest division in North America. The training is hard though: 4 to 5 days per week and 2 to 5-7 hours/day. It consists of pedaling more than 10 km./day and running more than 10 km./day. They can do a 500 m. race in 2:10 min. You can still sign up. Former team members have been very successful in their careers and won scholarships.</p> |
| <p>4. Review and vote on 2013/2014 budget</p> | <p>The total budget for this year is \$31,860. See attached funding proposal. Note two corrections: the total proposal is for \$31,830 and budget for scholarships is \$1,050. PAC is recommending the numbers as on this proposal after a thorough revision of initial requests, comparing them to the last years (some requests could not be used: curriculum related), trying to balance which groups received last year and which didn't. The proposal is consistent with the goals and broken down into 3 priority groups set at the last meeting. A discussion with some explanations followed re. basketball, golf, and training with first aid kits for the Special Needs team. The former cannot be funded with gaming funds as it is curricular. Not funded requests need other way for funding and often funds will be found.</p> <p>Motion: Supply funding for first aid kits for the Special needs Team through general funds for \$450.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moved: Wade Davies • Seconded: Carrie Berric • All in favour • <p>Motion: Approve the proposal as is (see following box page for details)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moved: Mary Hamilton • Seconded: Wade Davis • All in favour |

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| | VEX robotics | \$2,000 | Bruce Ingliss |
| | Skills Canada | \$3,500 | Nina Ho |
| | Basketball officials | \$5,000 | Inderpal Sehmbi |
| | Volleyball uniforms | \$5,000 | Debbie Gomes |
| | Grad keychains & breakfast | \$1,450 | Bal Panesar |
| | Drama studio improvements | \$4,000 | David Nicks |
| | Auditorium AV projector | \$5,000 | Les Nerling |
| | Dragon Boat | \$3,000 | Judy Chan |
| | Library furniture | \$500 | Joan Muir |
| | Scholarships | \$1,050 | Alex Grant |
| | Griffin newsletter | \$800 | Ms Poon and Ms Gates |
| | Reach for the top | \$530 | Brenda Dowle |
| | GAMING funds | <u>\$31,830</u> | |
| | First aid / sports special ed | \$450 | Cathy McElhone |
| 5. Treasurer's report: Jennifer Ma | <p>There are 3 main accounts (see budget sheets):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gaming account: non-curricular • Operating account: Closing balance \$10,579.49 (several years ago received from Government), can use for curriculum. • School account: Closing balance \$2,937.70. Funds will almost be depleted after payment of water stations. <p>A Direct appeal for funding can be made. It costs 3% when a donation is received through PayPal in case of fundraising. Last year's direct appeal was not specifically aimed and parents were very generous. The school issues tax receipts through the School Board. PAC supports parents taking on fundraising. Funds are mainly used for technology. It was agreed that raising funds for seating in the auditorium is a good idea.</p> | | |
| 6. Principal's report: Alex Grant | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrollment went up at Eric Hamber and staff will not be cut. The school is still looking for a Math teacher and part-time counsellor. • Pride day was successful and voting for Student Council is almost complete. • This week is the grade 8 camp: many staff is attending. • Staff was able to visit the Musqueam reserve during the last professional, while a funeral taking place at the same time. Note: In 1996 the last residential school was closed. • October 25 is another Professional day and specialist organizations organize conferences for teachers that day. • October 29 is a post-secondary school day for students in | | |

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| | | <p>grade 11/12.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone or email notifications of school: Ask Donna to be set up for this and re-subscribe each year. Email is preferred. • November 6 is take your child to school day for grade 10s. • Our district has more students than anticipated. Now Eric Hamber has 1541 students in the school and together with off-site alternative programs totals 1600 students. • The school will get a new bandwidth mid October. Students are encouraged to bring their technology/devices to school. • December 4: meeting re. pilot technology at school. Parents and students are invited. Ms. Murani is involved. |
| 7. Teacher's report | | No teacher was available. |
| 8. Visits to clubs/programs: Nathan Wilkes | | <p>A discussion about clubs and visits took place. Parents would like to visit the auditorium and drama studio, as well as fashion department. However, it was preferred to have a second clubs day where parents are also invited. Another option is filming clubs during the day and consequently showing a video presentation at PAC meeting. This would be great as a project. Chris is now in the process of getting most clubs on the website. The registration of clubs has not been formalized yet, but students can join a club late. New students should be encouraged to join. They should promote and inform better about clubs at school.</p> <p>Suggestion by Wade Davies: Get a comprehensive list of clubs in pdf. form with pictures, contact info, time commitments, when/where the clubs meet, student leader name etc..</p> |
| 9. Next Pac Meeting | | The next PAC meeting is on November 6, 2013. |
| 10. Adjournment | | The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm. by Carrie Bercic. |