

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

PAC Meeting Minutes April 01, 2015
19:00 pm – 20:30 pm
Eric Hamber Staff Room

PAC EXECUTIVE:

- Chair: Nathan Wilkes
- Treasurer: Jennifer Ma

PAC Executives Present: Jennifer Ma, Nathan Wilkes

Staff Present: Alex Grant

Parents present: 7

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to order	7:00 pm
1. Welcome and introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nathan welcomed parents in attendance. • (No Secretary – Jennifer took minutes)
2. Sustainability Conference (Christy Chow)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 day Sustainability Conference – Monday, April 27 (Pro-D day). 8:15 am to 2:15 pm. Lunch is provided and free of charge this year. • Students, parents and teachers may attend. • 8 workshops about the environment and sustainability. • Check the website for more info and to register: http://vsb-sustainabilityconference.com/ . You need to register to attend.
3. Approval of agenda & past minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda approved.
4. Teacher's report (Max Todd)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
5. Principal's report (Alex Grant)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report cards issued on Thurs, Apr 9. • SACY presentation on April 14 at Vancouver Technical Secondary School. Teens & Cannibas. 7-9pm. Goal is to provide info to parents on cannibas. • Tues June 2, 7pm: Graduation ceremony – presentation of students; awards and scholarships. Held at the Orpheum Theatre. • May 21 – Royal Yacht Club – prom event run by students but is school sanctioned and school staff will be supervising. • Jun 25 – final report cards distributed. 7 – 10 pm. Grad dinner and dance at the Pan Pacific. School sanctioned

	<p>event organized by grad committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term ends June 18. • Provincial exams (for Gr 10, 11 and 12) from Fri Jun 19th to Wed Jun 24th. • Students can create an account on Ministry of Education website to access final transcript. • Fri Jun 12 – Bi-annual carnival. 12 noon to 6 pm. Special pilot project. Car free school day. No car access to Willow Street. Clubs to participate. There will be a bike valet service. Vendors with bikes will attend. • May 25-31 Bike to Work week. • There is a bicycle maintenance club in the school. • Calendar for next school year 2015/16 on the VSB website. • Sep and May there are 2 discretionary professional days. Hamber may change the Sep Pro-day from the Mon to Friday because of school walk-about. To be confirmed in May. • Teacher feedback re: parent teacher conference in Jan – preferred over Jan as more time to consider what needs to occur going forward to steer kids in the right direction. • MyEd BC new student information system implemented for secondary schools on Tues Oct 13. In place for elementary schools. • Budget – proposed budget reduction information distributed yesterday. Info on school website. Deficit of \$8.5 million (was \$18 mill). Impact to Hamber: reduction of staffing. Overall 3 teachers reduced over all secondary schools. Hamber would lose 1/6 teacher = 1 block of staffing (blocks may be used by teachers for scheduling). • The budget cuts add to the reduction in staffing because of reduction in enrolment (partly due to demographic factors).
<p>6. Treasurer’s report (Jennifer Ma)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gaming account balance: \$20,668.57 • General account balance: \$12,638.86 (includes some of the direct donation funds). • Currently gaming funds disbursed are \$15,551.85. There is a balance of \$14,813.15 that was allocated for gaming funds disbursement. • There are some outstanding invoices and Mr. Grant is requested to remind teachers to submit their invoices for payment by May.
<p>7. Direct Donation Funds (Jennifer Ma; Nathan Wilkes and Alex Grant)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct donation amount was \$3,575. • Discussed the following options so that a decision can be made for the next meeting in order to use the funds donated this school year. 1) Water bottle filling station. Ideal locations as suggested

	<p>by Mr. Grant: near vending machine by the gym; and one near the atrium by the music room. Estimate for purchase and installation – may be \$2000 (or slightly higher). This option also has wide appeal as it benefits all students.</p> <p>2) Special percussion equipment – \$1,000 (separate donation was made to a drum kit; missing the cymbals - \$500.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auditorium – currently \$20,000 has been collected for the chairs. However, given that the school may be considered for seismic upgrade, the other options may be better. • Nathan to also review previous gaming funds requests to see what else was requested, however, it may be better to consider if there are un-used funds (that were allocated but not fully used) and disburse those amounts instead of the direct donation funds. • Preference for direct donation funds to be used for items that we aren't able to use for gaming funds. Direct donations don't have gaming funds restrictions and may be used for curricula and capital items.
8. Next meeting (Jennifer Ma)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special guest speaker from the Credit Counselling Society will present “Raising Financially Responsible Teens” (May 20). The PAC meeting will commence at 7pm and business; Special presentation commences at 7:30pm.
9. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned at 20:40.
10. Next PAC Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 20, 2015 • http://hamberpac.ca/calendar/2015/1/7/pac-meeting-20150107