

Eric Hamber Secondary School Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

PAC Meeting Minutes May 20, 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: 15

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to order	7:00 pm
1. Welcome and introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nathan welcomed all parents and the guest speaker, Helena Walia from the Credit Counselling Society.
2. Principal's report (Alex Grant)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tomorrow night is prom. Fully organized student event. Week after Jun 2 grad ceremony at the Orpheum theatre. Jun 26 – Dinner dance for grade 12. • Carnival – “car-free-nival” Noon 6pm – Friday, June 12. Willow Street shut down for car traffic. Morning PE activities. Afternoon various games in parking lot and streets. • Jun 19 to Jun 25 - Provincial exams. Professional day Friday Jun 27. • Hamber applied for Education fund to help reduce class sizes and learning improvement fund for providing support staff. Altogether received funding equivalent to approx. 3 full time teachers.
3. Direct donation funding/ Treasurer's report (Jennifer Ma)	<p>DIRECT DONATION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct donation amount raised was \$3,575. During the last PAC meeting, we discussed using this amount for the water filling station. Alex received a quote that was over \$2,000 per station. The idea was to fund 2 water filling stations. Alex is currently seeking another quote. • In the meantime, the PAC was asked whether they would approve the use of \$3,575 towards the water filling station(s) and the percussion cymbals (discussed during

the last meeting). Given there won't be another meeting until Sept, a decision was necessary today.

- A motion was put forth by Nathan to apply the \$3,575 towards the percussion cymbals and the water filling stations. Agreed with Alex that the school would cover the rest. This motion was carried unanimously.
- **Additional Update:** Previously we agreed to set aside a small amount for PAC admin costs and charges (e.g. website costs and stationary costs) so \$250 will be set aside from the direct donation amount for future admin costs. The balance of \$3,325 will be used for the percussion cymbals and water filling station.

GAMING FUNDS:

- For the unused allocated Gaming Funds (i.e. the amount that was allocated but will definitely no longer be used) – Nathan put forth the motion to use \$1,000 for the skills competition travel costs. Gloria seconded the motion. This motion was carried unanimously. Note: Nathan will still need to seek approval from GPEB as this relates to travel outside of the Province and pre-approval is required.
- Overall, there is about \$6,900 in unused gaming funds from the current and previous years. The suggestion of a basketball hoop installed at the tennis courts was raised so kids can play basketball. It would be for recreational purposes. The estimated cost is \$6,000 to erect one basketball hoop and backboard. Nathan put forth the motion to spend the \$6,000 on the installation of the basketball hoop and backboard. Weldon seconded the motion. The motion was carried with 12 for and 1 against. Installation will occur over the summer.
- **Additional Update:** The \$6,900 amount for unused gaming funds did not include the \$1,000 agreed during this meeting for skills competition. Therefore, the confirmed amount available for the basketball hoop is closer to \$5,900 (i.e. \$6,900 - \$1,000). A small reserve of \$250 may be necessary for Gaming account admin fees (e.g. bank fees). This means that the confirmed funding available for the basketball hoop is: \$5,650. There may be an additional amount available (so that the full funding of up to \$6,000 may be allocated) if the allocated gaming amounts are not fully used up this financial year. Treasurer is currently trying to confirm with those who have not yet provided their gaming expense

	reimbursements so that an exact amount may be determined. In any case, PAC authorized the expenditure of up to \$6,000 towards the basketball hoop.
4. PAC Executive for 2015/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAC Chair – Nathan Wilkes was acclaimed. • Treasurer – Gloria Dommer was acclaimed.
5. Special Presentation: 60 minutes (Helena Walia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raising Financially Responsible Teens • Helena provided practical guidance to parents on how to talk to their kids about managing money. This included setting savings goals, discussing different options and tracking their spending.
6. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.
7. Next PAC Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 16, 2015 • October 7, 2015 • November 4, 2015 • January 6, 2016 • February 3, 2016 • April 6, 2016 • May 25, 2016