

Eric Hamber Secondary School Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

PAC Meeting Minutes November 4, 2015
19:35 pm – 20:25 pm
Eric Hamber Staff Room

PAC EXECUTIVE:

- Chair: Michele Robinson
- Treasurer: Gloria Dommer
- Secretary: Stephanie Leung

PAC Executives Present:

Staff Present: Alex Grant (Principal), Nick Francis (Teacher Rep)

Parents present: Sylvia Wong, Weldon Wong, Jean Chow, Cheryl Pfeifer, Charlotte Wong

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to order	7:35 pm
1. Welcome	
2. Teachers report (Nick Francis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bike to work week – active bike club – spring lunch time bike repair station – very successful. Hamber was #1 and #9 overall. 300 participants. Covered bike storage – chain linked. Regular bike racks accommodate 100 bikes • Choirs – retreat was massive success. Leaving Friday – Hilton Dr Wayne Jeffery – Toronto. <p>Nick applying for grant and needs letters for the submission. Music counts band aide grant \$10,000 Instruments renewal. Bassoon and and other instruments. Principal, school board, parents, students, letter from PAC in support of instruments. Would like letter of support. Michelle will coordinate to have letter ready.</p> <p>Motion by Michelle - PAC support of letter. Gloria seconds. All in favour. Motion carried.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nov 12 district band festival – intermediate festival - hosting 8 bands – Hamber and Magee, 2 Byng, Churchill and Prince of Wales. • Nov 17 - Senior festival grade 11-12 at Magee • Thursday – Pt Grey Senior district jazz festival – send 2 bands – get half hour

	<p>session after from adjudicators.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiddler on the roof – opens 3rd week of February – got music and script, Symphonic – grade 10 Wind ensemble - seniors
<p>3. Principal's report (Alex Grant)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 24 Killarney senior choir festival Chamber choir festival - Magee • Visit from Shane Pointe – knowledge keeper aboriginal elder and residence to visit school on Nov 9th. Shane visited the senior women's choir, social justice 12, first nations 12, administration. He met the staff and small group of aboriginal students. He was really impressed with women's choir. He gave a gift for the school to perform a song. All aboriginal songs belong to the families. They have to gift a song to you before you can sing it. Students were moved by Shane's visit. He spoke of residential visits. Aboriginal history will be part of school curriculum. • Take our kids to work day for grade 10 • November 5 - indoor track meet – grade 8 and 9 • Friday assembly grade 12 – courses – where available - students can take course anywhere and transfer marks here. Transcript shows course and letter but does not say where it was completed. Provincial government not willing to have that information added to the system. Transcript can be sent to parents by PDF. • November 10 – Remembrance day assembly – organized by staff and students. Extend first period – very moving performance every year. • November 26 – general grade 7 information night for students within catchment. Had some tours last year. Moved 2021 day to Thursday of next week. <p>Students go to classes and participate in activities - last year kids enjoyed it. There were 280 grade 7's this year and 240 last year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 26 –testing for students for studio and challenge programs. • November 27 – Pro D –activities for staff that day. Evening Robotics competition. 19 competitions scheduled throughout the year. When we host, our students can participate for free. • Canned food drive – Canly cup – Competition between Hamber and Churchill - which school raises the most cans and money for the food bank. Churchill beat Hamber last year and won the year before. Churchill has 500 more kids.

	7:35pm – Nick Frances leaves meeting
4. Treasurer’s report (Gloria Dommer)	<p>Write cheque for 2 water stations,</p> <p>New money just deposited</p> <p>Basketball hoops - look at spreadsheet – to determine</p> <p>Additional updates by Michelle:</p> <p>Oct 30/15 balance in Gaming account - \$39,524.26</p> <p>Of which</p> <p>Gaming Funds for 2015/16 = \$31,020.00</p> <p>Commitments from 2014/15 for competition travel and basketball hoops = \$6,650</p> <p>Outstanding Cheque #419 for Math Challenge \$220.00</p> <p>General account = \$12,733.91</p> <p>Commitments from 2014/15 for water cooler \$2,800.00</p> <p>School account - nil</p>
5. Direct Appeal	<p>Michelle - Direct appeals – why previous year not successful – only 80 emails on PAC mailing list.</p> <p>If we send by paper CASL form – may not get home –</p> <p>No CASL form for PAC – is it possible to get the forms out.</p> <p>Alex – rules work – if school gets permission – we can get appeal – can put on website and recommend parents check website. WE have been using standard form school board using. Have already been through the lawyers – cant amend it. We can make direct appeal but wont go to PAC.</p> <p>If parents come up with form – Happy to do as hamber appeal.</p> <p>Michelle – has CASL we can use – edit to use perhaps next school year. Will coord with Alex on the form.</p> <p>In the meantime – have appeal done through school.</p> <p>Alex - Any money collected – will be brought back to PAC</p> <p>If we receive money this year, can submit 2015 tax year.</p> <p>Requests – replace library computers, musical instruments replacement, field trip supports, general student support – families who don’t have means to participate in school activities.</p>
6. Gaming Funds	<p>Gaming fund received for 2015/16 \$31,020.00</p> <p>Percentage pretty equal to depts. –</p>

Big ticket items:
 Helping robotics arena
 New badminton uniform
 Basketball tournament referees - \$7000

- Universal gym #17 for Total education program– alternative education –about 90 grade 11/12 students. The program generates gaming money the same as regular students. Been part of Hamber for 25 years. \$4500 not out of line for the requests. They have not received any funding.
- Alex has an elliptical machine – will donate to the school. Located at elementary school – not running PE classes – have students who like to come to use - \$2000.

\$29,785 – budget – to spend at this point

2015-16 allocation	
Craft Club consumables	\$250
VEX Robotics	\$2,000
Dragon Boat	\$1,360
Skills: Baking	\$500
Baking for humanity	\$100
Chess club	\$250
Dance club	\$600
Uniforms	\$3,200
Bike club	\$1,000
Basketball tournament officials	\$7,000
Softball startup	\$600
Universal gym	\$2,000
Math Challengers	\$260
Restorative justice, sacred circle	\$1,900
Peer counseling retreat	\$750
Guidance materials	\$1,065
Math Competitions	\$1,100
Rocky Mountain Music Festival	\$2,000
Raspberry PI lab	\$1,600
PAC scholarships	\$2,000
PAC admin costs	\$250
	<u>\$29,785</u>

Motion by Michele. All in favour. Motion carried.

- Laser and engraver – can program and it will print and cut. Can Engrave things
- Drama - \$9000 for headsets – got funding last two years.

	<p>Using techniques from aboriginal Restorative justice –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rocky mountain music festival – totals \$840 - fundraised \$2000 towards the cost. Premier festival schools attend. Great clinicians. <p>Nathan does great job in spending money where money needs to spend.</p>
<p>7. New Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sylvia, grade parent stated – grade 8 students heard something happened at the Halloween dance. How do we ensure the grade 8 students feel safe at the school. Alex - At school assembly, the rules and expectations are talked about and drugs, alcohol and weapons are addressed. We treat those things seriously and will act on it . Students deserve to feel safe – if they observe anything, they need to know they can bring to me or any adults and it will be dealt with. Alex met with the parents and students who were taken to hospital from the Halloween dance. The kids were honest and took responsibility for their actions. When dealing with students who make a mistake – understand what they did wrong, student apologizes. If not, apply consequences for student and for the other students to know. Community service to help in the office. <p>Alcohol consumed outside of dance. We can't guarantee other kids didn't have alcohol and drugs.</p> <p>There is security at the door – water bottles – had to be dumped. Students going through 3 layers before they get into the school: principal, security, student council.</p> <p>Student council works with school to get message out to students. School counsellor – make good decisions. If kids seeing something – they report it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Sassy worker – runs capacity Café – parents can listen to teenagers talk about sex, alcohol, drugs Parent inquired about putting hooks in the boys and girls washrooms. Alex will look into it.
<p>8. Adjournment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.
<p>9. Next PAC Meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> January 6, 2016 http://hamberpac.ca/calendar/2015/1/7/pac-meeting-20150107