

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

PAC Meeting Minutes September 21, 2016
7:01pm – 8:21 pm
Eric Hamber Staff Room

PAC EXECUTIVES:

- Chair: Nathan Wilkes (Absent)
- Vice Chair: Michelle Robinson (Outgoing)
- Treasurer: Gloria Dommer (Outgoing)
- Secretary: Stephanie Leung

Nick Francis (Teachers rep)- Regrets

Parents present: Hila Russ, Sylvia Wong, Maggie Zou, Brian Shi, Weldon Wong, Cheryl Pfeifer, Jennifer Ma, Gloria Dommer, Nancy Yan, Treena Goolieff, Lisa Shum, Paul Shum, Miranda Lin, Julie Eng, Terri Lo, Ping Zhang

Alex Grant (Principal), David Brock, VP, Trina – Teachers rep

Start meeting: 7:01pm

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to order	Meeting commenced 7:00 pm
1. Welcome Agenda /Minutes Michele Robinson	Minutes Approved by Gloria Dommer / Second: Nancy Yan/ All in favour Agenda: 1. PAC Leadership for 2016/2017 Executives Nominated and all in favour: Chair - Nathan Wilkes Vice Chair - Stephanie Yada Treasurer – Michele Robinson Secretary – Stephanie Leung
2. Teacher's report - Trina Golliath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big thank you to PAC from the teachers for the lunch and water filters stations • HIP day - curriculum implementation • Revised curriculum – a lot of overlap –some required content taken out to create space to make connections. • BCTF – court case regarding class size - taken out 2002 – seeing light in court on November 10, 2016. Goal to reinstate smaller class sizes and more teachers. • Long range facilities plan – 95% utilization – ministry of education rescinded

	<p>the comment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent advisory network – advocates for education • Britannia taken off the list to be closed.
<p>3. Principal's report Alex Grant</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sept 22 Photo Date • Sept 29 - Walkabouts - 6pm Grade 8's camp, 7pm – walk about – parents follow child's schedule and meet all child's teachers (10 min duration). Teacher will talk about how they organize classes – get orientated to the school. • Oct 18-2 Grade 8 camp Elphinstone • Oct 20 – interim reports • Oct 21 – PRO D • Eric Hamber School App – download for free - It can be used as an agenda and set up days schedule and periods/ hip day. It can provide reminders. Print agendas have also be distribute. • New curriculum K – grade 9 –information posted on website • Highlights – no more provincial exams: Math Socials English Science • Grade 12 – last provincial English 12 exam • Replace with numeracy and literacy exams – have not seen them yet. • Before they graduate, they will be writing some kind of assessments. • Use of exams for scholarship programs. Came up with new scholarships students can apply with different criterias. • Core competencies – teachers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to communicate Creative thinking Social and personal awareness • Last report card needs to show these core competencies and students need to also provide a self assessment • A separate mark for grade and competency • Enrolment for 2016/2017 - about 1500 students • Accepted all in-catchment enrolments • International Students – clarify news story on CBC: Child was on wait list – family was not in catchment – Alex had discussions with the family. The process is to apply by Jan prior to Sept – district level look at space – students pay. Counsellor fine tune with • Students were not coming in August. This international student was already considered at the beginning of the year. • Siblings have priority if their other sibling is attending the school the following year • 28 Cross boundary siblings this year. • 1/3 of students are cross boundary • Studio, mandarin, challenge students are not considered cross boundary • Once a student is accepted to Hamber – get to stay on the following years • Senior alternate programs total – 1700 students • Program at the hospital – cancer program at Children's Hospital – eating disorders and psych programs for students at hospital. Alex is principal and some of the Hamber teacher

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hamber’s seismic upgrade or replacement is on high priority Last year, an assessment was done to do costing. The report was presented to the board and then to the ministry. It then goes to design. Approval is required and then to budget. Southhill is the proposed school students will move to during construction. Estimate to be December 2017. • A bus will be at Jamieson to transfer the students to and from Southhill • It is uncertain as to where the YMCA will be located <p>7:52pm Hila Russ left the meeting</p>
4. Vice Principal (David Bach)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder: grade 8 meeting for parents Sept 29 • David will be there with counsellor to answer any questions • Lockers assignment this year- new online system – ran into some technical difficulties – register with phone. Every student now has a locker • Ms Chan – math head – Students can write an assessment to see if they can move to challenge
5. Treasurer’s report (Michelle Robinson)	<p>As at Aug 31, 2016: Gaming Book Balance = \$ 12,703.86 From the 2015/16 Gaming budget still about \$8,000 of bills outstanding Project carrying forward balance for 2016/17 about \$4,600.00</p> <p>General Book Balance = \$10,810.47 Water cooler station complete, still waiting for invoice from school (expected allocation \$2000)</p> <p>Gloria applied for gaming (\$20 a student) x 1500 = 31,000 expected to come in for 2016/2017</p> <p>Teacher’s funding requests should be sent via email to chair@hamberpac.ca – deadline to submit is Oct 14th</p> <p>Note> Spent \$1932.15 for 2015/16 teachers lunch – \$2000 approved</p>
7. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.
8. Next PAC Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 5, 2016 • http://hamberpac.ca/calendar/