

Eric Hamber Secondary School Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

PAC Meeting Minutes January 4, 2017
7:00pm – 7:30 pm
Eric Hamber Staff Room

PAC EXECUTIVES:

- Chair: Nathan Wilkes - Absent
- Vice Chair: Stephanie Yada
- Treasurer: Michelle Robinson
- Secretary: Stephanie Leung

Parents present: Sylvia Wong, Cheryl Pfeifer

Alex Grant, Principal, Treena Goolieff- Teachers rep

Start meeting: 7:00pm

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to order	Meeting commenced 7:00 pm
1. Welcome Agenda /Minutes Stephanie Yada	Minutes: motion to approve by Sylvia Wong Second: Michelle Robinson All in favour
2. Principals report – Alex Grant	<p>Nov 10th - New Curriculum planning day – ministry decided to change over to full implementation for next September. Postponed for another year. Grade 11/12 – university acceptance not ironed out</p> <p>Jan 24 – assembly grade 8 9 10 – course planning Grade 11 – English class – course planning</p> <p>Jan 25 – 5pm Course planning evening for parents Counsellors meet with each grade Have data inputted and checked before spring break</p> <p>Jan 11 - breakfast with the administrators – update our program – grade 7's get registered with program.</p> <p>Jan 17 - Parent teacher interviews – will try a different format – try to use class rooms on 3rd floor and 2nd floor – cluster teachers based on subjects to decrease travel time</p>

	<p>Jan 26 - 28 - mid town show down – basketball tournament. Boys and Girls</p> <p>Jan 24-26 – provincial exams re-writes. Student who took courses in summer didn't have to take exam. Provincials will be eliminated.</p> <p>English 12 provincial will continue for one more year – will be replaced with literacy exam – time of choosing grade 10 - 12.</p> <p>Numeracy exam – implemented one year later. May see trial in Spring</p> <p>Leaching of lead in water from pipes – all schools have issue – samples being tested – if we let the water run – percentage falls to below 10% - engineers run the water every morning. Don't have issues with our building</p> <p>Superintendent returned to work on partial schedule</p>
<p>Teacher's Report Trina Goliath – teachers rep</p>	<p>Nov 10 – teachers appreciate and relieved curriculum delayed</p> <p>BCTF – came to close – supreme court of Canada ruling – class size removed. Teachers feel vindicated and appreciative of family colleagues and admin 7 to 2 – in favour</p> <p>Conversations are happening - things will be better for kids – elementary and secondary Application of extra blocks means more resource teachers perhaps no split classes s they are not the best learning for kids</p> <p>Message – BCTF – Terry morning, Clint Johnson, - link to website to summarize what I said. Encourage parents – provincial election</p> <p>Alex Grant – sounded like infusion of staffing by end of this month. Way staffing use blocks can vary from school to school. Discuss with administrators</p> <p>Classes with special needs – split or team lead – teachers move room to room. Most classes have maxed out at 30. Reduction in workload for teachers – even at 25 per class – 7 classes – full class</p> <p>Set up walk about – dragon boat – to see new ergometers</p>
<p>3. Treasurer's report (Michelle Robinson)</p>	<p>Bank changed systems. Need to get membership card to regain online account viewing.</p> <p>Gaming Budget – slight change - \$450 for Reach for the Top registration fee to be used for the purchase of buzzers, which is of equivalent value.</p> <p>Book Balance as of Dec 31, 2016 Gaming Account = \$23,045.06 (Outstanding invoices for 2016/17 is about \$20,000)</p>

	<p>General Account = \$11,094.24 Received DPAC funding \$280.14 in December (Outstanding invoices for 2015/16 commitments is for water cooler in gym about \$2000)</p>
7. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned 730 pm.
8. Next PAC Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feb 1, 2017 • http://hamberpac.ca/calendar/