

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

PAC Meeting Minutes February 1, 2017
7:00pm – 825 pm
Eric Hamber Staff Room

PAC EXECUTIVES:

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

Parents present: Sylvia Wong, Cheryl Pfeifer, Jennifer Ma, Doris Soo, Weldon Wong, Sabrina Yan, Hila Russ

Alex Grant, Principal, Treena Goolieff– Teachers rep

Start meeting: 7:00pm

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to order	Meeting commenced 7:00 pm PAC began the meeting with a presentation from the Dragon Boat Team to show the 2 ergonometres purchased this year with part contributions from PAC gaming funds. Much thanks to Ms. Chan and her Dragon Boat students for the performance and tour.
1. Welcome Agenda /Minutes Nathan Wilkes	Minutes: motion to approve by Weldon All in favour
2. Principals report – Alex Grant	Executives given tour of dragon boat training machines Additional money for priority measure staffing \$50 million 4.4 million for Vancouver to staff until the end of the year. 38 full-time equivalent teachers Hamber approved for 8 blocks English 4 blocks social studies /PE posting 4 blocks on day one 3 blocks science/ math

	<p>English class size reduced to 28 from 30</p> <p>Variety of strategies for special needs. Team teaching or divide class in groups</p> <p>Students doing course planning – counsellors meeting with students and students can register online Course planning booklet online</p> <p>Interim reports mailed out end of week – not every student will receive it.</p> <p>Next Monday – Thursday Senior girls basketball</p> <p>Family day – Feb 13 – no school</p> <p>The Whiz Musical – matinee – Feb 15 Evenings: Feb 16/17 and 23/24 (District Pro D)</p> <p>Alex Grant retiring end of school year. Announcement of new principal in May/June</p>
<p>Teacher's Report Trina Goolieff – Teacher's rep</p>	<p>Learned a lot from Alex and thank you for all your work on behalf of teachers/ students</p> <p>50 million dollars – full restitution 2002 arbitration – BCTF – start moving things forward Feb 21 – budget set by Government Language restored Remind gov't necessary to allocate more money to abide by ruling Parents can write letter</p> <p>Nathan – DPAC - if have questions to ask DPAC, bring to Nathan's attention</p> <p>Run by DPAC executive - Hosting play at Hamber – Feb 9th – not for kids –</p> <p>Build new school – Lord Kitchener -substation under playground DPAC Feb 23 – open house if have concerns</p>
<p>3. Treasurer's report (Michelle Robinson)</p>	<p>As at Jan 31, 2017, book balance in</p> <p>Gaming Account = \$20,847.02 Disbursed in January \$2200, about \$17000 outstanding commitments for Gaming funds</p> <p>General Account = \$11,095.18 Disbursed in January \$2,140 for long time outstanding bill for gym water cooler (commitment from 2014/15)</p>

<p>4. New Business</p>	<p>Parent Presentation – Hila would like to bring in more healthy food options to the school</p> <p>We are what we eat – education of food and diet – western culture Vending machine foods are high in sugar, color, calories – not healthy food options</p> <p>Alex – vending machines – agreement with vendor – keep going month to month until decision made. Water replaced by flavored water.</p> <p>Income from it goes to support athletics</p> <p>Hila – fundraising ideas – movie night – healthy eating</p> <p>Ted Talk – Jamie Oliver – Would like vending machine out or replace with healthy options. Not sure what cafeteria serves – would like more info on what is served Send email to parents to form a committee and come up with pro-active ideas.</p> <p>Would like to start awareness. Possibly target student clubs. Work with parents and bring to administration</p> <p>Nathan – will send email to parents to ask anyone interested in this group to contact Hila</p> <p>BC ministry food guidelines – what is acceptable to sell or not – start there I am happy to talk to you about my experiences – what I have seen – a lot of other places kids go to get food</p> <p>Having a vending machine is vital - kids participating in activities outside of school – need to have something (ie band, sports, musical)</p> <p>Other schools have groups who discuss sustainability, perhaps broaden and contact other school districts who have an interest in this area.</p> <p>Treena – teaches social justice 12 – which looks a sustainability and they have garden club. Other schools like Thompson and Van Tech also have one. Fresh fruits – for profit organizations – support teachers Treena working on how do we make it more of a priority. Some students very passionate and want to raise the profile of food. Those conversations happening and in planning 10 as well. There is action plan – there are parents and students who are interested.</p>
<p>5. Adjournment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned 8:25pm
<p>5. Next PAC Meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 5, 2017 • http://hamberpac.ca/calendar/