

ECOLE SECONDAIRE HUGH McROBERTS PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

16 November 2016 MINUTES

Parents in attendance: Sophia Zhang; Lucy Guo; Wendy Sihata; Diane Pai; Sandra Clark; Iris Noh; Carla Shkwarok; Anna Alibudbud; Amanda Liu; Li Ping Magnusson; Arvind Sharma; Sophia Zhang; Laura Gilroy; Miwa Suzuki; David Xu;

Administration in attendance: Jane McFadyen, Benita Kwon, Mike Whittingham

1) Welcome and introductions

2) Minutes from October 2016 were adopted by Wendy and seconded by Carla. All in favor.

3) School Administration Report

a. Student Evaluation:

- i. Interim reports went home Oct. 20th and teacher conferences were held Nov. 2 and 3.
- ii. Mark cut off for report cards that go home Dec. 9th is next week.

b. New Curriculum:

- i. Grade 8 and 9 students are working with new curriculum.
- ii. Teachers will be working on curriculum implementation with colleagues from other schools Friday
- iii. New curriculum for grade 10-12 is still draft. There are significant changes to Grade 10-12 course selection. For example "Planning 10" will be eliminated. Schools are asking for a delay in implementation as course planning starts in the new year.
- iv. Li Ping Magnussen attended a new curriculum meeting that said report cards in future will only have grade, not percentages. Parents expressed concern but administration said new curriculum evaluates many things when assigning a grade and that the new curriculum is still evolving.
- v. Class size still in discussion.

c. QW4RTZ concert for FI students was enjoyed by all. The next cultural event for FI students is creation of a mosaic for the library.

d. Remembrance Day Ceremony great. Band, choir, drama dept. and cadets, Constable Walker in Red Serge and former student now in service made it powerful.

e. Athletics –

- i. Volleyball - Bantam Girls Volleyball were Richmond Champions and will go to the V&D's. Grade 9 Girls are also in the V&D's. Grade 10 Girls placed third in Richmond. Both Sr. Boys and Girls volleyball teams are playing in the Provincials. The boys were Richmond Champions.
- ii. Basketball and table tennis begin soon.

4) Dates to Remember

November 18 – no school

December 5 – Professional Development Day so no school

December 9 – Report Cards sent home with students

December 14 – Dismissal at 3 PM

December 16 - Breakfast with Santa; dismissal at 2:20 PM

December 17 to January 2 – WINTER BREAK

January 9 to 13 – Grad Photos

January 18 – PAC meeting

January 19 – Grade 9 Immunizations

5) Committee Reports

- a. Treasurer Update
 - i. Gaming Account – \$43,074.74
 - Teacher’s wish list coming in January.
 - ii. General Account – \$4,730.16
- b. Secretary Report - No report tabled.

6) Open Forum

- a. Discussed Parent/Teacher conferences. Parents feel “Sign-Up Genius” not user-friendly. They recommend having teachers in the gym to lessen travel time between conferences.
- b. Discussed recent stabbing at high school in Abbotsford. McRoberts Lockdown Procedure and visitor protocol reviewed. The school will have a lockdown drill in January.
- c. Student reactions to US elections discussed.
- d. A gender neutral washroom is available on second floor and another is coming to the first floor.
- e. Student exchanges – this is not offered by the school so interested parents need to make their own arrangements.
- f. Parents asked if more microwaves could be available for student lunches

Next PAC meeting January 18, 2017 ☺