

ECOLE SECONDAIRE HUGH McROBERTS PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

14 September 2016 MINUTES

Parents in attendance: Hugo Madeira; Sandra Clark; Lisa Enns; Valencia Yamamoto; Angel Li; Lucy Guo; Dale Bains; Diane Neufeld; Kathleen Zhou; Nancy Chen; Amanda Liu; Li Ping Magnusson; Diane Pai; Sophia Zhang; Carla Shkwarok; Renu Mirpuri; Wendy Sihata; Natalie Brusiloushaya; Anna Alibudbud; Bal Sidhu; Edith Ye; Iris Noh; Raymond Tong; Lisa Yan; Elaine Chiu; Yu Lan Huang; Isabella Leung; Arvind Luft; Ping Liu; Jamal Adil

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

Meeting started 7:00PM

- 1) Welcome and introductions
- 2) Hugo Madeira outlined the function of the Parent Advisory Council (PAC), which is made of all parents at McRoberts, and described PAC Executive roles.
- 3) Minutes from May 2016 were adopted by Anna Alibudbud and seconded by Carla Shkwarok. All in favor.
- 4) School Administration Report
 - a. **School Start Up** – 932 students this year. English 10 and Choir blocks increased to scheduling. Balancing classes has meant some students go new rotations last Monday.
 - b. **Grade 8 Camp** – 77% of Gr8's attended this very successful event. Thank you to PAC for supporting cost of bus and helping pay for students who could not afford to go.
 - c. **Grade 12 Parent Info Night** – Sept. 22 evening for parents to learn about Grad activities, post grad options/deadlines, and scholarships.
 - d. **Meet the Teacher Night** – Sept.22 – Parents can learn about the courses their children takes by going through their child's block rotation.
 - e. **New Curriculum** – features the same content as the previous curriculum, but has a change in teaching philosophy and language. Gr 8 & 9 is implemented and students will self-evaluate using the new language. Gr10 is partially implemented. See <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/competencies> for more info.
 - f. **Provincial Exams** –There are no more Provincial Exams for Gr 10 and 11 courses. All that remains are English 12 and FRAL 12. There may be a numeracy exam in the future.
 - g. **How to help your child be successful at school** – Parents are encouraged to be involved and look into McRoberts RESPECT Matrix. Parent calendar mirrors the student agenda. "Daily Announcements" on the school website are very helpful.
 - h. **School Closures** – no secondary schools will be closing, but there may be boundary changes for incoming students. The short list for elementary schools will be out this Friday.

5) Dates

September 15 – Photo Day

September 19-20 – Collaboration Days

September 22 – Gr. 12 Post Secondary Meeting/Gr.12 Parent Information Night/Meet the Teacher Night

September 23 – Pro-D Day
September 27 – Terry Fox Run
October 3-7 – Walk to School Week
October 4 – Canadian Universities Event
October 10 – Thanksgiving Day
October 11 – Photo Re-take Day
October 17-18 – Collaboration Days
October 19 – PAC Meeting

6) Committee Reports

- a. Treasurer Update presented by outgoing Treasurer Margaret Yee
 - i. Gaming Account (\$ from government grants used to support students) has \$23,774.23
 - ii. General Account (\$ set aside from previous years used for small expenditures) has \$4729.02
- b. Secretary Report – nothing to report at this time

7) PAC Annual General Meeting

- a. Nominations for PAC Executive opened to attendees.
- b. The following people were elected by acclamation:
 - Co-Chairs - Sandra Clark and Hugo Madeira
 - Treasurer - Miwa Suzuki
 - Secretary - Lisa Enns

8) Open Forum

- a. **Photos of Grade 8 Camp** – Grade 8s will be reviewing pictures from camp next Friday. They can bring their own thumb drive if they would like copies
- b. **Fall Sports** – The following sports had tryouts and are now in sessions: Gr 8-12 Boys Soccer; Sr. Boys and Girls, Gr 8,9,10 Girls Volleyball; Swim Team; Cross Country Team; Gr8-9 Boys Rugby. Announcements of upcoming sports are made over the PA System
- c. **Clubs** –Art Club has started; students can learn about and join other clubs at Club Day coming soon.

Meeting adjourned 8PM