

ECOLE SECONDAIRE HUGH McROBERTS PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

19 April 2017 MINUTES

Parents in attendance: Diane Pai; Chuanyu Jiang; Lucy Guo; Leanne Asante; Miwa Suzuki; Sandra Clark, Lisa Enns, Hugo Madiera; Arvind Sharma; Zahida Dhalla

Administration in attendance: Jane McFadyen; Benita Kwon

Meeting started 7:10

- 1) Welcome and introductions
- 2) Revised Minutes from 15 February 2017 (distributed with the agenda) adopted by Lucy and seconded by Diane. All in favor.
- 3) School Administration Report
 - a. 4th annual Notorious Dance Competition was enjoyed by all
 - b. Concour French Language Competition was hosted by McRoberts this year. Our students did well.
 - c. Grad Transition Interviews for Grade 12s are complete. This graduation requirement also provides valuable feedback about classes taken.
 - d. School Transfer hold was removed to allow siblings and cohorts last week. Hold has delayed figuring out which classes will be available next year. Hopefully other transfer holds will be lifted soon.
 - e. The Supreme Court ruling on class size and composition means there will be fewer students in each class but may not be a total win for students with special needs as they are looked at via categories, not individuals.
 - f. There is a budget shortfall of \$10M due to decreased enrolment. SD38 may again be looking at closing schools.
 - g. Thanks to PAC for supporting McRoberts Day. A wide variety of topics and activities will be available.
 - h. District Code of Conduct and FAQ distributed at the meeting. Code of Conduct has been revised to address human rights, sexual orientation or gender identity. Parents can provide feedback to http://www.sd38.bc.ca/district_content/2017codeofconduct/home%20page
 - i. All students have been to assemblies to give them info about how to self-evaluate around Core Competencies.

4) Dates

18 – 21 April – Spirit Week and Easter Egg Hunt

9 May – Collaboration Day

29 April – Screening of “Most Likely to Succeed” RSS

10 May – Grade 7 Day

1 May – Professional Development Day (no school)

17 May – PAC meeting

3 May – “at risk” interims mailed

30 May – Awards Ceremony

7 May – Mother’s Day

5) Committee Reports

- a. Treasurer Update
 - i. Gaming Account has \$28,770.99. Our financial report will go in soon so we can apply for next year’s grant.
 - ii. General Account has \$4,736.04
- b. Secretary Report
 - i. McRoberts PAC received a request from the school to join our District PAC so our students can apply for District Scholarships. We did for a fee of \$75 which came out of our general account. We not get lots of info about our district and provincial PACs.
 - ii. Monthly Teacher Magazine available for interested parents to read.

6) Open Forum

- a. PAC AGM will be 17 May 2017. All parents are invited to run for executive positions. (There will be treats!)
- b. DAG will have a fundraiser April 29 at Buccaneer Pub. For \$20 people get a burger, fries and a beer or wine
- c. Lisa motioned that PAC budget \$150 for Teacher Appreciation Breakfast. June 15th. Lucy seconded. All in favour.
- d. The last day of school is June 29th as there is no need to set aside dates for Provincial Exams.
- e. Summer school courses are for full credit. Registration starts May 8th. Remedial school registration is later.
- f. PAC needs a representative to give out the PAC Awards at Grad Convocation. Daine Pai volunteered.

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Meeting adjourned 8:30PM