

ECOLE SECONDAIRE HUGH McROBERTS PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

18 October 2017 MINUTES

Parents in attendance: Lisa Enns, Sheryl Jerstad, Diane Pai, Carla Shkwarok, Sandra Clark, Arvind Sharma, Susan Ness, Sophia Zhang, Leanne Asante, Asad Zahir, Christine Loy, Lucy Guo, Zahida Dhalla, Winnie Leong

Administration: Neil Kamide

Guest: Ms. Friese (Teacher/Librarian)

Start of meeting: 8:04

**1) Welcome and introductions**

**2) Minutes of September reviewed. Mr Kamide updated the information with the following:**

- The school is working on having students in charge of the McRoberts' Instagram account. They will assume that if a "Media Release Form" is not returned, there is consent to post a student's picture. Administration will continue to be in charge of Facebook and the school website.

Minutes approved by Carla, seconded by Sheryl. All in favour.

**3) Ms. Jackie Friese presented info on the library update and talked about the Book Club and Reading Riot**

**4) The Library will become a library/learning common – a hub where students can do many different activities for learning, not just read.**

- The Book Club has 21 members. They are seeking PAC funding for 3 titles – 2 in softcover and 1 in hardcover – for a total of 24 books for a cost of \$400.00
- Reading Riot is an incentive program open to all students. In the past 30-42 students have participated. Students read books from a list of recommended titles, then give a reflection of the story to Ms. Friese. Their name is put into a draw for prizes. Ms. Friese is seeking \$600.00 funding for this program.

PAC has asked Ms. Friese to include her requests on the school wishlist. Mr. Kamide will ask other teachers for their input on the wishlist also.

**5) Administration Report:**

- All staffing positions will be filled by next week. 30% of schools are not fully staffed yet. There are limited Teachers on Call in SD38, which may make it difficult during flu season.
- The Ministry of Education my delay implementation of the New Curriculum for Grade 10-12 students as Post-Secondary requirements are not aligned yet. McRoberts teachers may do a soft implementation of the New Curriculum for Grade 10 regardless.
- Mr. Kamide asked parents for feedback on course changes that may come soon. Grad Transitions and Career Prep may be replaced with Career Life Education and Career Life Connections. There would be impacts to course load as both the new courses are in-class, while Grad Transitions is done on a student's own time, and Career Prep is often done during the summer.
- At-Risk Interim Reports have moved from the end of the year to next week. Teachers felt that limited formative evaluation would skew marks an official interim report. Feedback on this, and any other school matter, is appreciated.

- Parent/Teacher conferences will have a new signup system. Information will go home soon. Sign up begins Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- We got an electronic message board! It will be installed soon. Students are helping design the school name sign that will go above the electronic board.
- Student stress is increasing. Mr. Kamide encourages all parents to be aware, talk to their children about their stress, and to let the school know so the school can help.
- Student Council is planning a Halloween Dance Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> 6:30-9PM.
- Post-Secondary event in afternoon is for Grade 11 and 12. It will have more than universities attending. Armed Forces will also be on site.

**6) DATES To REMEMBER:**

- October 19 – Term 1 Interims Sent Home/Diwali
- October 20 – Pro-D Day
- October 31 – Hallowe'en
- November 1 – Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day
- November 1 - 2 – Parent-Teacher Conferences
- November 5 – Daylight Savings Time Ends
- November 8 – Post-Secondary Event
- November 10 – Remembrance Day Assembly
- November 11 – Remembrance Day
- November 13 – Remembrance Day Stat Holiday
- November 15 – PAC Meeting

**7) Committee Reports:**

a) Treasurer:

- Miwa is seeking another parent to help with treasurer duties as she is unable to attend PAC meetings. She sent the following info:
- Gaming Account - \$18,600.00 received from this year's application. The account has a total of \$30,130.32, but there are still outstanding invoices from last year's wishlist.
- General Account – has a total of \$4, 409.31

b) Secretary: a thank-you card from PAC's previous secretary, Brenda Bessler received acknowledging flowers sent by PAC when she was ill.

**8) Open Forum: Nothing**

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM