

ECOLE SECONDAIRE HUGH McROBERTS PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

14 February 2018 MINUTES

Parents in attendance: Susan Ness, Glenn Busnardo; Zahida Dhalla, Sheryl Jerstad, Lisa Enns, Sandra Clark, Hugo Madiera

Administration in attendance: Neil Kamide

Meeting started 7:10

- 1) Welcome and introductions
- 2) Minutes from January 2018 were adopted by Sandra and seconded by Hugo. All in favor.
- 3) School Administration Report
 - a. Parent/Teacher conferences: A new system is being used. Most parents have given positive feedback. Two schools are trialing electronic reports cards. This saves mailing costs. McRoberts should do electronic report cards by our third term. Getting up-to-date emails is an issue.
 - b. Fee Collection: SD38 is moving toward electronic fee collection
 - c. Program Planning: counsellors are meeting with Grade 8-11 students to plan next year's courses now.
 - d. Grade 12 student stress: Many grade 12's are feeling the pressure of trying to keep up with course loads, make life decisions, etc. Administration asks parents to be aware.
 - e. Grad Committee: An ICBC Road Sense speaker has been invited to speak to Grade 12's in March.
 - f. School Transfers: Our transfer requests are higher than usual but SD38 has not made "rules" around transfers yet.
 - g. Social Media: Admin would like to have a social media expert (from RCMP) come to speak to Grade 8 and 9, and all parents.
 - h. Exploring possibilities:
 - i. Admin is thinking of using some Engaged Reading blocks for specific grade assemblies
 - ii. Would like to see a more coordinated student leadership system
 - iii. Exploring Grade 8 Camp without sending students away to a camp
 - iv. Finalizing Focus Groups for Grade 8-12's to find out what students think about McRoberts. A good mix of students is needed.
- 4) Committee Reports
 - a. Treasurer Update - Miwa absent but sent in the following:
 - i. General Account and Gaming Account have the same balance as last month.
 - ii. DAG will be getting \$2500. PAC has asked for a receipt that shows that the money went to something concrete, like busses.

- iii. Difficulty with signing authority with Coast Capital persist.

- b. Secretary Report: PAC has let VP Stone-Chareton know there are 5x\$500 PAC Scholarships and that PAC will cut the cheque.

- c. DPAC: Hugo shared that DPAC has discussed:
 - school parking, especially at the elementary school level
 - parent concern about the new curriculum not being standardized, concern about portfolios

5) Open Forum:

- a. Sandra made a motion that the March PAC meeting be cancelled as it is the night before Spring Break and we have not outstanding business to address.. Hugo seconded the motion. All in favour.

- b. Hugo made a motion that future meetings in 2018/2019 be one the second Wednesday of the month. Glen seconded. All in favour.

- c. April 13/14th is the Neufeld Conference for parents and professionals. There are 33 workshops to attend.

- d. PAC can nominate a student for the BCCPAC scholarship. Administration will let the scholarship committee know. Applications will be forwarded back to Lisa to bring to PAC.

Meeting adjourned 8:20

Next meeting April 18, 2018 @ 7PM