

ECOLE SECONDAIRE HUGH McROBERTS PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

16 May 2018 MINUTES

Parents in attendance: Lisa Enns, Sandra Clark, Miwa Suzuki, Winnie Loong, Diane Pai, Bal Sidhu, Zahida Dhalla, Lucy Guo, Sheryl Jerstad, Sophia Zhang

Administration in attendance: Neil Kamide

Meeting started 7:05pm

- 1) Welcome and introductions
- 2) Minutes from 18 April 2018 were adopted by Lucy and seconded by Bal. All in favor.
- 3) School Administration Report
 - a. The school held focus groups of about 12 students from each grade. They tried to get diverse types of students to share insight about the school. Each grade has about 4 hours of video that will be condensed into 30 minutes to share with staff. Administration feels students felt safe to share both positive and negative feedback. Some parents feel an anonymous survey would get less biased results. The school is considering an anonymous exit survey of grade 12's and a world café of students and staff that will focus on educational issues.
 - b. Boat Cruise – the cost to the school is more than the students pay as they want to make sure students have enough to eat. Next year's Boat Cruise may be moved to a different time of year.
 - c. Awards – Mr. Kamide would like students and parents to remember success is not truly recognized by good grades on report cards or awards. Success is knowing you did your best.
 - d. Valedictory – this year student awards will be given as students come across stage for the first time. Mr. Kamide asked how parents felt about scholarship winners getting golden ropes draped around their necks. Feedback from parents, like feedback from students, was mixed.
 - e. Grade 11's will be doing the first ever Grad Numeracy Assessment soon. Sample assessments are online. Problems are more about math applied to real situations and not calculus or algebra. Students have 3 attempts to pass. It is not known how post-secondary institutes will grade this assessment
 - f. Grad Literacy Assessment will come next year.
 - g. School final exams – all final exam are prior to June 22nd.
 - h. Mr. Kamide expressed thanks to parents who attend PAC meetings!
- 4) Dates - please note changes and additions to dates in the agenda

17 May –	Grad Boat Cruise
18 May –	Professional Development Day
21 May –	Victoria Day
29 May –	Grade 8, 11 & 12 Awards Ceremony
31 May –	Grade 9 and 10 Awards Ceremony
31 May -	Evening Awards Ceremony with parents
7 June –	Valedictory Rehearsal
10 June –	Valedictory Ceremony @ Chan Centre
12 June -	Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
22 June –	last day of classes. Students will go to Home Room to get yearbooks in the morning then all 8 classes for 20 minutes each. This gives an opportunity to get yearbooks signed
25-27 June –	various Provincial Exams

- 28 June – Final Report Card available electronically (no need for pick up)
- 28 June - Grad Dinner/Dance and Dry After Grad Party
- 29 June – Administrative Day

5) Committee Reports

a. Treasurer Update

- i. The Gaming Account has \$21,804.38. Funds for the Sept. 2018 Grade 8 Camp, 2017 DAG event and PAC scholarships will come out soon.
 - ii. The General Account has \$4, 415, 67
 - iii. Miwa has submitted our financial report to the Community Gaming Grant Council so we can apply for a new grant soon.
 - iv. Sophia Zhang volunteered to take over for Miwa. They will the position of Treasurer together next year, then Sophia will take over.
 - v. PAC can get a grant for a school capital project. It could cover up to half of a \$20,000 project. Parents are interested in resurrecting an old project to beautify the concrete area between the community police station and the art wing. Neil feels the school could come up with some of money if PAC could donate some also. An application would need to be in between 1 June and 30 July 2018. Zahida thinks her husband may be interested in helping.
- b. Secretary Report – BCCPAC and Teacher magazines available for those interested. Sheryl will take over the position next year.
- c. DAG- Neil will connect with the DAG committee regarding info that should go to students and parents.

6) Open Forum

- a. PAC AGM - AGM will be in Sept. We will ask the school to give notice.
- b. PAC meetings – meetings will move to the 2nd Wednesday of the month.
- c. Electronic Report Cards: many families have not accessed their child's last report card online yet. This may be because they have hard copy.
- d. Early Warning System: parents would like to be notified prior to 10:30 if their child didn't make it safely to school, much the same as is done in elementary schools. Mr. Kamide thinks the delay may be due to the large amount of voicemails left daily. He will talk to office staff. (Thanks to Lucy Guo who helped with the Early Warning System for many years.)
- e. Parents concerned about school safety asked what doors are locked and when. Mr. Kamide says the school is not able to lock the doors to the portables or fields, and the front door stays open, but all other doors lock electronically at 8:30 AM
- f. Teacher Apperception – Lisa motioned that we set the budget for the event at \$200. Sandra seconded. All in favour.

Meeting adjourned 8:45pm