

MEETING MINUTES

École Secondaire Hugh McRoberts Secondary School Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 11th, 2024

Location: McRoberts

Library Time: 7 pm

Attendees: Tasneem Damji (Co-Chair), Amir Mahani (Co-Chair), Hajira Hussain, (Treasurer), Wynne Lam (Fundraising), Stephen Z., Chong Z., Stephon L., Lillian L., Christy L., Ella W., Lisa P., Angel H., Noel E., Catherine M., Canny Y., Mary H., Theresa M., Corrina V., Corrina N., Jade L., Leydy T., Vania R., Sowon H., Pinky D., Leo L., Tina T., Sonybai C., Slava K., Biao Z., Anna F., Billo P., Trish C., Shinke S., Rachel E., Yu G., **Members at large:** Anne-Marie Willcox (RDPA), Colleen Howu (CPF- Canadian Parents for French)

School Representative: Aviva Vaughan (Principal)

Regrets: Erin M. (Secretary)

- 1) Welcome and Introductions: Chair Tasneem Damji opened the meeting by welcoming everyone at 7:01 pm. She mentioned many advantages of participating in PAC meetings, including getting updates about the school and interacting with the community. She thanked everyone who participated and wished to see more parents in future PAC meetings and their involvement in the community. She opened the floor with introductions.
- 2) Review and approval of the last meeting's minutes. Motion to approve. Unanimous vote. Motion passed.
- 3) School Administration Report:

Ms. Vaughan thanked everyone for participating in the PAC meeting and she hoped to see more parents in future PAC meetings. She mentioned the recent BC Ministry of Education policy for Personal Digital Device (Cell Phone) Restrictions in Schools to help mental health of students and more focusing for them on learning.

She also shared the lunch program and affordability program to help with school fees for parents with facing financial difficulties (Please email Ms. Vaughan).

Ms. Vaughan also presented the school website: <https://mcroberts.sd38.bc.ca/> , and some of the important sections:

- a. Strikers: Upcoming events and activities for the next week posted every Sunday.
- b. Parents and PAC tabs: All upcoming dates for PAC meetings, Agenda and minutes of the previous PAC meetings.
- c. Our School Story tab and updates for this year, and new section:
- d. Mural : <https://mcroberts.sd38.bc.ca/our-school-story/news/2024/09/mcroberts-mural>

She encouraged all attendees to take a look at the Mural after the meeting ended.

- 4) Dates to remember: Tasneem encouraged all parents to join the PAC meetings to get information about the school and any updates about the school. She mentioned some of the important days from the school calendar available on the school website (<https://mroberts.sd38.bc.ca/school-calendar>).
- 6) Committee Reports:
- a) Treasurer Report –Hajira reported the balance for each account:
\$8,011.94 in Gaming fund account.
\$3,352.90 in operating account.
 - b) Secretary Report – no report.
 - c) Dry Grad Report – Ms. Vaughan explained the Dry Grad https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/managing-your-health/lifestartsnow_drygrad_web.pdf as most of the attendees were Grade 8 parents, and might not know about this program, and she mentioned to check emails about updates and how to participate in this program.
 - d) Fundraising Report – Wynne asked parents to join this committee and help her for fundraising events. She was planning to have a Krispy Kreme fundraiser this month.
 - e) RDPA – Colleen took part on behalf of Mc. Robert’s PAC in the last meeting of RDPA for this school year and she explained about RDPA.
 - f) Colleen explained about CPF- Canadian Parents for French, and she mentioned that there is no membership fee for parents, and they can register online: <https://bc-yk.cpf.ca/en/>
- 7) Our previous secretary, Erin M.steps down as secretary this year. Tasneem asked parents if anyone was willing to take this position and Catherine M. accepted this position.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Next PAC meeting: Wednesday, October 9 at 7 pm in the library.