

MEETING MINUTES

École Secondaire Hugh McRoberts Secondary School

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Minutes

Date: Wednesday, February 11th, 2026

Location: McRoberts Library

Time: 7 pm

Attendees: Nicole Li (Co-Chair), Bonnie Leung (Treasurer), Colleen Howu (Secretary), Wynne Lam (Fundraising), Anne-Marie Willcox (MAL, RDPA), Haley B. (DAG chair), Melanie B.(DAG), Slava K. **Online:** Amir Mahani (Chair), Teresa MacDonald (Vice-Chair), Tasneem D

School Representative: Jason Leslie (Principal)

Regrets: Hajira Hussain (Co-Treasurer)

- 1) Welcome and Introductions: Co-Chair Nicole opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and land acknowledgement at 7:04pm. Acknowledgement of the unimaginable tragedy of the Tumbler River incident. PAC observed a brief moment of silence before the start of meeting.
- 2) Motion to approve agenda. Moved Colleen Seconded-Wynne
- 3) Motion to approve last meeting's minutes. Moved-Anne-Marie Seconded-Bonnie
- 4) Dry After Grad Report – Haley. There are 210 graduates. PAC will sponsor \$10 per student. Fundraising is going on. Ice-cream sandwich sale went well. Will have another one on Feb 20. Pub Night at Legend Pub on Feb 21. Dinner location is Golf and Country Club. Tickets will be on sale soon. Since this is a short distance to school, parents will arrange carpooling that night to save money from renting school buses. Pending location for photo-taking before dinner – at school or at dinner venue. DAG committee members left the meeting after giving the report.
- 5) School's response to Tumbler River incident: Mr. Leslie. Emails have been sent to teachers and staff with suggested practice on how to talk to students. A few students reached out to the counsellors. Counsellors are available to discuss about the incident. Parents are encouraged to talk openly with their children and check in with them more often. Schools are mandated to run two lockdown drills annually along with two fire drills and two earthquake drills. Students showed good compliance during drills. Suggestion raised that people need to buzz and be let in during school hours. However, school needs to be accessible for students who go in and out of the building for various reasons. Mental health crisis is a concern with young people. At McRoberts, teachers try to balance good news and bad news. Weekly Koodo draws encourage students to talk about good things.
- 6) School Administration Report: Mr. Leslie. Gr.10 GLA and Gr.12 GLA took place on Jan 23

and 26 respectively. Many students also made good use of these days to have their final work done before the end of Semester 1. Semester began on Jan 28. Meet the teacher night on Feb 5 was well-attended. Course planning info sessions are happening this week during PLT for all grades. This is basketball playoffs season and we see positivity come out of these games. McRoberts will host Gr. 7 basketball games on Mar 3 to 4.

- 7) Dates to remember:
 - Feb19: Gr.12 Transcript Verification Report (TVR)
 - Feb 25: Course planning form due date
 - Mar 5: Semester 2 Interim update
 - Mar 6: Gr. 12 Capstone showcase
 - Apr 8: April PAC meetingSee school calendar (<https://mcroberts.sd38.bc.ca/school-calendar>)
- 8) Committee Reports:
 - a. Treasurer Report –Bonnie. The balance for each account (via email):
 - i. Operating account: \$ 1,931.00
 - ii. Gaming account: \$25,445.51
 - b) Secretary Report – no report.
 - c) DAG Report – see above
 - d) Fundraising Report – Wynne received a cheque of \$516.74 that will be deposited to our operating account
 - e) RDPA – Anne-Marie. RDPA is collecting inputs from all PACs regarding School District budget cut. SD38 is facing a \$3.4M shortfall and seeking inputs on priorities. Parents unanimously agree that the priority of the SD is to maintain students’ learning needs with adequate teachers and staff. PAC will submit the survey to RDPA regarding parents’ voice.
- 9) Old Business: We have obtained access of RDPA Microsoft Teams account and will have online meeting through Teams from now on.
- 10) New Business: Question raised about the discontinuation of Math 8/9 class starting next Sept. Our principal explained that that was a result of the Audit Compliance done by the Ministry. Schools are only permitted to offer courses listed in the Ministry handbook.
- 11) Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Next PAC Meeting:

April 8th, 2026

7:00p.m.