

**ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
**PAC MINUTES**  
**Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Attendance:** Mr. Fester, Melody Eng, Terry Vincelli, Laura Lovison-Perkins, Cathy Flores, Angela Dasovic, Lina Basso, Elizabeth Cheung

**Regrets:** Tony Wong, Laura Curran-Burden, Dawn Murphy, Margie Manifold, Giselle Patella, Kim Ovsenek, Lina Silvestre, David Gibbs, Ivana Gauw

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

- Melody welcomed everyone to our PAC meeting.
- March Minutes – motion was made by Melody to approve minutes, Lina seconded, all in favour - motion passed
- April Agenda - motion was made by Melody to approve agenda, Lina seconded, all in favour - motion passed

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Paul**

- Not much to report as we're only two weeks back from Spring Break.
- Construction Management Company (Unitech) has been chosen. Paul has not dealt with this company with previous upgrades/builds. They have worked with West Van and North Van School Districts.
- Learned today that potential start for Seismic upgrade will be May 2016. Seismic upgrade will start first followed by the new build. The areas that will be affected first will be the Dance Room and part of the Tech Ed area. This will allow them to build a sheer wall at the Home Ec rooms, followed by the Home Ec Rooms. Starting work in this order will allow these classes to fully function by September. This will result in significant savings (approximately \$100,000).
- A 40ft container has been placed in the courtyard between the two gyms to facilitate storage during construction.
- Bridge and Leadership Programs will be moved temporarily to other schools since space will be at a premium. The programs will return to Alpha when build is complete.
- Unitech estimates 14-16 months for new build to be completed.
- 1<sup>st</sup> floor has been flooding for many years. It was discovered that roots from Parker Street trees have blocked up the drains that resulted in flooding. This problem has been resolved and hope no future floods take place
- School Review (SPC) is set for April 20<sup>th</sup>
- Literacy week starts week of April 18<sup>th</sup>

## **TREASURER' S REPORT**

- Treasurer's Report was emailed in advance of meeting.
- The only changes were paid \$200 fee for Mari Swingle Presentation.
- Tony will apply for next years BC Gaming grant this month.
- Dry Grad is the process of selling raffle tickets. Mr. Meredith will bring the figure for total receipts (cash in hand) to the Dry Grad meeting tonight. Expenses so far are \$2,943 net of any donations received. Donations from parents total \$500 and the City of Burnaby has donated \$200.

## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- Nothing to report.

## **VICE-CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- Nothing to report.

## **CLASS REP REPORTS**

- Grade 8 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 9 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 10 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 11 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 12 – Nothing to report.

## **DPAC**

- Laura Curran-Burden is attending the DPAC meeting tonight. Discussion on the 2016/17 SD41 operating budget.

## **PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR DPAC FACEBOOK PAGE FOR DPAC, SD41 AND COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Burnaby DPAC Contact: [info@burnabydpac.com](mailto:info@burnabydpac.com)

Burnaby DPAC Website: <http://www.burnabydpac.com/>

Burnaby DPAC Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/BurnabyDPAC>

## **SPC (School Planning Council)**

- School review is on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **FUNDRAISING**

- Nothing to report.

## **DRY GRAD**

- Terry spoke on Giselle's behalf: kindly reminding the PAC that the Dry Grad Committee is holding the Ford Test Drive Fundraiser at Alpha on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 12pm – 5pm. IT IS NOT NECESSARY to register but it allows Ford to gauge what makes/models they should bring. All that is required is that the driver(s) hold a Valid Drivers License, be 18+ and have nothing less than an "N". Please come out and show your community spirit and help the grads of 2016. Monies raised go towards Dry Grad. A list serve reminder will go out.
- Pub Night date not set as of yet.

## **COMMUNITY POLICE**

- Nothing to report as Elizabeth was unable to attend the last meeting. However, she did express her concern regarding the recent sexual assaults. Asking everyone to be extra aware of the their surroundings.
- If you have any concerns, or you see something that's not right or suspicious, please report it to the community office or call 911 (always report, staffing is based around this).

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Paul has booked May 2<sup>nd</sup> for Sue Dorey & Brenda Laface from the Burnaby School District to talk to parents and students regarding drug awareness.
- Elizabeth asked how students are kept posted about monthly assemblies? Paul explained that they are kept informed via PA announcements, student bulletins and take homes? School tries not to do to many assembles as it requires students to be broken up into times and slots as we don't have the space to hold all of our students in one sitting.
- Angela asked what the process is to initiate a school-wide fundraiser event (i.e., dodge ball tournament). A school her children attended school in California, they attended it, was well received and was quite successful. The event had raffles, concession, band playing during the breaks. Melody asked Angela if she could investigate more has to what kind of time frame it would take to host something like this, the man power that would be required (parent, teacher, student involvement). Asked if maybe she can get information from the California school it took place.

## **MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:49pm**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST**

- May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8:00am AP Chem  
- 12:00pm AP Psyc
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12:00pm AP Physics
- May 4<sup>th</sup> – 8:00am AP English Lit
- May 5<sup>th</sup> – 8:00am AP Calculus
- May 6<sup>th</sup> – 8:00am AP Art Portfolios Due
- May 9<sup>th</sup> - 8:00am AP Biology
- May 10<sup>th</sup> – 12:00pm AP French Language & Culture

- May 11<sup>th</sup> – Gauss contest
- May 13<sup>th</sup> – Curriculum Implementation Day (no classes)
- May 17<sup>th</sup> – English 10 Mock Exam
- May 18<sup>th</sup> – English 12 & Comm 12 Mock Exam
- May 20<sup>th</sup> – Pro-D Day (no classes)
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Victoria Day (no classes)
- May 26<sup>th</sup> – Early Dismissal
- May 26<sup>th</sup> @ 12pm – Grad Rehearsal
- May 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm - Grad Leaving Ceremony
- June 6<sup>th</sup> – ANNUAL AGM to follow PAC meeting at 7pm in library

**NEXT PAC EXECUTIVE MEETING:**

**Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 6:00 PM in the school LIBRARY**