

ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL
PAC MINUTES
Monday, March 6th, 2017

Attendance: Mr. Brandt, Mr. Genge, Dr. Frank, Ms. Rana, Ms. Burnaci, Mr. White, Melody Eng, Terry Vincelli, Laura Lovison-Perkins, Tony Wong, Janice Chiem, Lina Basso, Elizabeth Cheung, Sherry Zhao, Angela Dasovic, Susan Fritz, Jillian Chateauneuf, Teresa

Regrets: Dan Funaro, Giselle Patella, Lina Silvestre, Ivana Gauw

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Kevin introduced the staff to present:
- Mr. White – VPA Dept.
 - Presented expectation report. Trying to move away from numbers and percentages when reporting (for grade 8 & 9 students).
 - Music – One component is self-reflection/self reporting. Second component is a work-in-progress rubric. Third component is teacher assessment form (record keeping tool).
 - Drama – Provides more feedback than just a number does.
 - Dance – work-in-progress
 - Visual Arts – deciding on whether to still use numbers or use new reporting system.
 - Evaluation forms will go home with students and be noted in report cards.
 - Snow has caused a bit of delay in completion of parking lot but it's moving forward. Sewer lines are hooked up and we are waiting on permits to be approved so footings on new construction can be poured.
- Ms. Rana & Ms. Burnaci – Science Department
 - Moving away from percentages and going with grading system for grade 8 & 9's.
 - Will continue with rubric as well.
 - Some ranges (i.e., C's) are easier to differentiate.
 - A's are a little more difficult to assign.
 - Eliminating percentages will reflect more accurate assessments.
 - If discrepancies exist between teacher and student reporting. It allows for discussion.
 - Question – will tests be marked by letter grade or percentage?
 - More sophisticated way of assessing the gaps a little deeper than just spitting out a number.
 - Focus will be more on progress and learning.
- A copy of the Assessments/Evaluations will be sent home with the students and referenced in the report cards until a time that electronic copies can be attached
- February 6th Minutes – motion was made by Melody to approve minutes, Tony seconded, all in favour - motion passed.
- February 14th Minutes – motion was made by Melody to approve minutes, Angela seconded, all in favour - motion passed.
- March Agenda - motion was made by Melody to approve the agenda, Angela seconded, all in favour – motion passed.
- Open positions still remain on PAC. If anyone is interested, please let Melody know.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Kevin

- Kevin welcomed everyone.
- February was a busy month
- Spring break is fast approaching.
- Lots of activities coming up, i.e., grad stuff
- Construction update:
 - Snow has caused a bit of delay in work but it's moving forward.
 - Once Mr. Genge's temporary office is complete, they will remove the floor to his old office.
 - Sewer lines are hooked up and we are waiting on permits to be approved so footings on new construction can be poured.
 - Lots of activities coming up, i.e., grad stuff
- X-Factor; agreement with BCTF & Ministry of Education. Kevin will attend upcoming meetings to learn what this will look like for alpha. Generally should bring a positive thing because more staffing but smaller classes which could result in less opportunities/course offerings for students. Fulfilling contractual obligations might result in some changes.
- Mr. Cook has been working a lot with elementary school students in the Tech Ed area (drone workshops, IQ Robotics & Basic Programming, Electronics and light wood working).
- Alpha is hoping to host a workshop on April Pro-day for students, teachers, etc.

VICE-PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Monica

- Portal for course selection closed February 28th
- Students were allowed to select alternative classes for the first time.
- Course verification letters were sent home on Thursday, March 2nd and were due back today with any changes.
- Counsellors will assist in making changes that need to be made after Spring Break. Data will be cleaned up.

VICE-PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Morray

- Parent/Teacher Conferences will be on March 9th in the library or cafeteria. Student volunteers and maps will be available to help parents navigate their way.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Treasurer's Report was emailed in advance of meeting. See report for financial details.
- Not a whole lot of PAC transactions, some interest earned.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Melody shared the open PAC positions with us: ELL Rep, Vice Chairperson & Fundraising.

VICE-CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Nothing to report.

CLASS REP REPORTS

- Grade 8 – Sherry and Teresa shared that there are some staffing issues/concerns in the Mini-school program. Parents would like to share their feedback and have input in mini-school development. Kevin suggested they contact Jennifer at the Board office as she is in charge of the Mini-school program. He also said there was nothing stopping the parents to having their own separate meetings to discuss topics at hand.
- Grade 9 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 10 – Angela has some concerns about Collab time not being fully enforced. Due to time constraints this topic will be tabled until our April meeting.
- Grade 11 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 12 – Nothing to report.

DPAC

- Melody was unable to attend the meeting. Please feel free to check out the links below for information.

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

Burnaby DPAC Contact: info@burnabydpac.com

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

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

SPC (School Planning Council)

- Nothing to report.

FUNDRAISING

- Purdy's Chocolates Fundraiser is up and running. Please see school website for details. Sherry will send out a list serve on our behalf. Chocolate will need to be sort and distributed on Monday, April 3rd. If you can lend a hand, please let Tony know.

DRY GRAD

- Raffle tickets are currently being sold \$5 each. They will have a table at the Parent teacher conferences. Student selling 1 book of 20 tickets at \$5 each gains admission to Dry Grad.

COMMUNITY POLICE

- Nothing to report.
- 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

- All six Alpha's student debaters placed at their recent lower mainland 3-day regional tournament this past weekend with a team moving onto the National debate tournament. We wish them the best of luck!
- Congratulations to the grade 8 students who participated and placed 2nd in the 2017 Math Challengers Regional contest last month. Good work!
- Alpha Physics Olympic Team, won bronze at the Faraday Lab out at UBC. This was Alpha's first time to compete, well done.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:09pm

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST

- March 9th – Parent/Teacher Conferences – EARLY DISMISSAL
- March 9th – Dry Grad Fundraiser... FORD Test Drive – 12pm – 5pm
- March 10th - EARLY DISMISSAL
- March 13th – March 24th – Spring Break
- March 27th – school re-opens

NEXT PAC EXECUTIVE MEETING:

Monday, April 3rd, 6:00 PM in the Conference Room near the Counsellors area