

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

Attendance: Mr. Brandt, Mr. Genge, Dr. Frank, Melody Eng, Terry Vincelli, Tony Wong, Janice Chiem, Giselle Patella

Regrets: Laura Lovison-Perkins, Dan Funaro, Lina Basso, Elizabeth Cheung, Sherry Zhao, Lina Silvestre, Ivana Gauw, Jillian Chateauneuf, Angela Dasovic, Susan Fritz

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Melody welcomed everyone to the meeting including guest speaker:
- January Minutes – motion was made by Melody to approve minutes, Tony seconded, all in favour - motion passed.
- February Agenda - motion was made by Melody to approve the agenda, Tony 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.
- Has been a busy time at Alpha with the semester turnaround and exams.
- Construction update:
 - 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.
- Internet Safety Presentation – was well received by students and parents. Both were very engaged for the entire presentation. Lots of valuable information was shared with both groups.
- Course selection starts this week and goes until February 16th. There will be presentations for students moving from grades 10-11 and grades 11-12. The portal will be open to students until February 28th. They will be required to change their password (**very important-students will need to remember their password as Admin will not have access to their accounts**). Once portals close all changes will need to be made through the student’s counsellor.
- Kevin is looking into rolling out a pilot along with the District thru next year – “Bring your own Device”. When asked, 80-90% of students were in favour of this. Office 365 would be used with iCloud storage. District may be able to strike up a good deal on software. Devices would be made available for students who may not have access to one. This pilot would work well in the Marketing/Business/Socials areas. Admin/District would have to work with teachers and their teaching styles to adapt to this pilot. It is felt that this is the way to assist with students learning and help them in the working world? We are living in

an info technology world. Good Wi-Fi would be needed (new building). Some staff would be all over this while others would need to move towards this.

- Parent Teacher Conference is on March 9th. Sign up starts on February 23rd and end on March 6th.
- Family day, February 13th & Pro-D day, February 17th – NO CLASSES on either days
- Alpha Science Fair being held on February 23rd. Ms. Rai is looking for French speaking judges to help out.
- Staffing added to cover leaves and new settlement:
 - Math = Ms. Chloe Ha
 - ELL = Mrs. Stephanie McKinlay (previously Grassi)
 - Tech Ed = Mr. Stephen Cook
 - Science/PE = Ms. Mariana Hodani
 - Science/Math = Mr. Andrej Vlacil
 - AP/Bi science = Ms. Jocelyn Much (replacing Ms. Rai until spring break)
 - Math = Ms. Stephanie Langille (replacing Ms. Johl until her return)
 - Languages = Mr. Keymo Nedd (was only semester one, but is now in replacing Ms. Simian until her return)
- Burnaby School District looking to open up a parent portal on MyEd. Many technical aspects to opening this up to parents; still working on glitches and confidentiality issues.

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 and deposits paid on behalf of dry grad.
- Tony experiencing problem with Vancity account. Vancity's new computer system not allowing transferring of funds from one account to another. Tony will contact Vancity and hope to have it fixed and hopes they will do a reversal for service fees incurred.
- Purdy's Easter Fundraiser will be out shortly. Will show Janice how to do up the ad for website.

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 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 9 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 10 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 11 – Giselle excited for students going on Europe trip.

- Grade 12 – Nothing to report.

DPAC

- Doug Louie, Assistant Director Engineering Transportation Division spoke about the divisions of the engineering department: Infrastructure and Development, Environmental Services, Facilities Management, Public Works, Projects and Transportation
- First off was Transportation Division -traffic management
- Second- traffic safety committee-1. Speeding 2. Traffic and Parking Congestion 3. Intersection Controls (Signals and Stop Signs) 4. Marked Crosswalks 5. Street and Sidewalk Conditions 6. Crossing Guards 7. Street Lighting
- Presentation notes were attached to email from Melody as well as with our PAC minutes.

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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)

- Melody will be going on school visits.
- District is looking to see what schools are doing for this, and if they are talking to their PACs for feedback.
- Kevin says Alpha has 3 separate committees working on Literacy, Social & Emotional, and Numeracy strategies as part of the SPC. May be an idea to have each of the committees come and talk to the PAC.

FUNDRAISING

- Purdy's Chocolates set for Easter.

DRY GRAD

- Tony gave a brief update. Raffle tickets are at the printers being printed. Student selling 1 book of 20 tickets at \$5 each gains admission to Dry Grad. Would like tickets distributed during 1st block with instructions. All international students would be invited to participate.
- Tony has talked to Teacher Jeremy Berkbigler and asked Kevin if it would be possible for the office to generate a list of students and their first block classrooms.

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

- Kevin will share mural renderings for PAC's review. He will forward pricing for this project to complete providing PAC approves this to move forward. Tony and Janice to confirm funds available to PAC. Artist is available Spring or Summer. PAC would have to be in favour of this to move forward.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:06 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST

- February 6th – 16th – Course Selection for 2017/18 school year
- February 8th, 15th & 22nd – Collab Days
- February 13th – Family Day (no classes)
- February 17th – Pro D-Day (no classes)
- February 23rd – March 6th - Parent/Teacher Conference Sign-up begins/ends
- February 23rd – Alpha Science Fair
- March 1st – Lockdown Drill
- March 1st & 8th – Collab Days
- March 2nd – Course verification Requests sent home
- March 3rd – Discovery assessments
- March 6th – PAC meeting
- March 9th – Parent/Teacher Conferences – EARLY DISMISSAL
- March 10th - EARLY DISMISSAL
- March 13th – March 24th – Spring Break
- March 27th – school re-opens

NEXT PAC EXECUTIVE MEETING:

Monday, March 6th, 6:00 PM in the Conference Room near the Counsellors area