

ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL
PAC MINUTES
Monday, October 2nd, 2017

Attendance: Mr. K. Brandt, Mr. B. Pare, Mr. T. Wozney, Melody Eng, Susan Fritz, Terry Vincelli, Janice Chiem, Dan Funaro, Lina Basso, Anne-Marie Porth, Teresa Szymborska, Sherry Zhao, Susan Cumberland, Winnie Tam, Susan Tang, Louise Hazemi, Claude Tani, Leslie Staiger, Antonio (sorry I missed last name)

Regrets: Ivana Gauw, Lina Silvestre, Angela Dasovic, and Giselle Patella

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Melody welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- October Minutes – motion was made by Melody to approve minutes, Anne-Marie seconded, all in favour - motion passed.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Kevin

- Kevin welcomed everyone and introduced Mr. Tim Wozney, our newest VP who joined Alpha officially last week and our second newest, Mr. Ben Pare as VP joined us at the end of the June. Kevin asked Mr. Wozney to say a few words and he mentioned that he had worked at Alpha 11 years ago along with some of the same teachers who are still here today. He's excited to be back at Alpha and proud to be an AZTEC!
- Lots of events and activities taking place over the coming month
 - Parent Teacher Conference sign-up starting today, Oct 2nd and closes Oct 13th, Parent Teacher Conferences take place on Oct 18th.
 - Grade 12 Parent Presentation taking place on Oct 4th, 6:30pm in the Drama Room. Open to grade 11 parents as well.
 - Anxiety Workshop being held Oct 12th at 6:30pm in the large gym. ListServ has gone out to all parents. No need to RVSP.
- Construction update:
 - Building in on schedule.
 - Broiler room is in the works.
 - The canopy on the new building will be on soon to allow trades to start with the electrical/plumbing/mechanical, walls, etc.
- A couple of students were hit one day a part from each other a few weeks ago. No one was seriously injured. In each case, the students were at fault for running out between cars. Luckily the drivers were driving with care. We are strongly encouraging students to follow the safety steps when crossing the roads. We are working with the RCMP whom are monitoring the traffic. With all of the road closures and Willingdon construction, we've seen extra traffic as a result.
- Two weeks ago, around 3am, we had some windows broken and some vandalism. There has been similar vandalism in community (community centre, Husky gas station). RCMP are actively investigating at this time.
- Staffing projections are on target. We will be looking at hiring some temporary staff as we have a few pending maternity leaves coming up. We are fortunate in Burnaby to have staff with qualifications in multiple departments. We also have strong relations with SFU and UBC.

- Looking to re-develop our Mission Statement, a new Vision called Alpha 2020. We will look at structures, school culture. Kevin will get input/feedback from Staff, Students, Community, and parents and will bring details to future PAC meetings.

TREASURER' S REPORT

- As incoming Treasurer, Janice prepared a budget for the coming school year as we've never had one in the past. She uses this format at Kitchener elementary and it is easy to follow.
- She went over the financials. See report for full details.
- The PAC has set a deadline date for the Teacher's Wishlist items. There could be some variance here and there but basically all receipts for a school year should be submitted by the last day of the school year.
- Kevin will meet with his department heads on Wednesday and will share this information with them. He will ask that they have their Wishlist to him by November so he can present to the PAC at the December 4th meeting.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Melody shared the open PAC positions with us: Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Grade 8 Rep, ELL Rep, Fundraising Rep & Dry Grad Rep. Parents stepped forward for the following positions:
 - Susan Fritz, Co-Secretary
 - Winnie Tam, Co-Grade 8 Rep
 - Susan Tang, Co-Grade 8 Rep
 - Claude Tani, Fundraising
 - Anne-Marie Porth, Co-Dry Grad Rep (stepped forward at dry grad meeting that followed PAC)
 - Jocelan Torrelli, Co-Dry Grad Rep (stepped forward at dry grad meeting that followed PAC)
- Melody has been selling SPC cards online, to the PAC, at the Open house and only has 22 left to sell. She will try and sell them at Parent Teacher Conference on October 18th. They are \$10 each with \$3.50 going back to the PAC. If you know anyone who is interested, let Melody know.

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.
- Mini-School Rep – Nothing to report.
- ELL Rep – Nothing to report.

DPAC

- Teresa attended the September DPAC meeting. Said it went well and was very informative. They talked about the success of the summer programs.

- Teresa asked how much time she should allow for DPAC updates and Melody said approximately 3-5 minutes.

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>

FUNDRAISING

- SPC cards will be sold online, at our PAC meeting and the Parent Teacher Conference.
- For now, fundraisers will be Purdy's Chocolates at Christmas and ongoing Return It Bottle Recycling at Kitchener location. Claude will look into other possible fundraisers that may be promising.
- Claude will finalize the dates for the Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser Campaign; run 2-3 weeks with end date no later than Nov 30th. Product delivery for Dec 4th.

DRY GRAD

- Meeting to follow PAC meeting tonight. Hope for Dry Grad Committee to be formed.

COMMUNITY POLICE

- No 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 & QUESTIONS from Parents

- Possible presentations put on by the PAC or Alpha:
 - Claude to touch base with Brentwood Park contact Rachel Do, who would like to collaborate with Alpha on possible Screenagers presentation. What it would like it, could DPAC be involved?
- Louise Hazemi spoke to the PAC about implementing an optional "Fundraiser fee" (donation) – that would be added to the cash online items for all students. They do this at the school she works at and says this fundraiser can raise a lot of money and little work is involved. Maybe the PAC can send a letter to parents explaining how this works and the benefits to the school. With the new school opening in 2018, there could be items the school/students could use.
 - Kevin is going to look into this and see if this is something Alpha can do.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:53 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST

- Oct 2nd – Parent Teacher Conferences Online Sign-up starts at 9am
- Oct 4th - Grade 12 – Presentations & Group Photo
- Oct 4th - Grade 12 – Parent Information Night, 6:30pm Drama Room
- Oct 9th – Thanksgiving (no classes)
- Oct 12th – Photo Retake Day
- Oct 12th – Parent Teacher Online sign up ends at 3pm
- Oct 18th – Parent/Teacher Conferences, 12:30pm early dismissal

- Oct 19th – Early dismissal, 1:52pm
- Oct 20th – Pro-D Day (no classes)
- Oct 23rd – Curriculum Implementation Day (no classes)
- Oct 25th – Collab Day
- Oct 26th – Oct 28th – Grad Photo Sessions at Artona
- Nov 1st – Collab Day

NEXT PAC meeting:

November 6th, 2017 at 6pm in the Conference Room near the Counsellor's area