

ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL
PAC MINUTES
Monday, October 3rd, 2016

Attendance: Mr. Brandt, Mr. Genge, Melody Eng, Terry Vincelli, Laura Lovison-Perkins, Tony Wong, Janice Chiem, Angela Dasovic, Lina Basso, Giselle Patella, Elizabeth Cheung, Dan Funaro, Susan, Morena, and a few more new faces (we apologize, we didn't get your names)

Regrets: Laura Curran-Burdan, Lina Silvestre, Ivana Gauw, Sherry Zhao

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Melody welcomed everyone to the meeting followed by round the table introductions.
- September Minutes – motion was made by Melody to approve minutes, Dan seconded, all in favour - motion passed.
- October Agenda - motion was made by Melody to approve the agenda, Elizabeth seconded, all in favour – motion passed.

GUEST SPEAKER – Morena (Chair of 2016 Dry Grad Committee)

- Morena, Parent & Chair of 2016 Dry Grad committee came to talk with the PAC as to how the committee would like their surplus spent.
- It has been proposed that \$6000 be distributed as 6 - \$1000 scholarships over the next 6 years, honouring Mr. Meredith's memory.
- Elizabeth asked what the criteria of this would look like and they want the emphasis to be on school spirit and not necessary academic standings. Giselle also asked if a peer-tutoring component could be added.
- Mr. Kim has been the go-between for the school and Mr. Meredith's family.
- Tony suggested that a cash online as a place for parents to make a donation to augment funds.
- Mr. Brandt recommended that we come up with a concept and then have the family involved in the decision making process.
- Details to be settled in due time.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Kevin

- Kevin welcomed everyone.
- Has been an emotional time with Mr. Meredith's passing. Would like to give the family space until they are ready to engage in a dialogue. There has been lots of support from the district, counsellors, etc.
- Staffing has been finalized and numbers are where they were expected to be.
- There shouldn't be any major shifts in classes.
- We had Picture Day and go cards will be coming home soon.

- Meet the Teacher Evening went well and was well received by all who attended.
- Cops for Cancer fundraiser raised \$1100.
- Terry Fox Run took place on Thursday.
- October is looking like a busy month:
 - Go Cards go home tomorrow
 - Grade 12 Parent night on October 5th
 - Parent Teacher Interviews take place on October 19th. Sign up will start on October 6th.
 - Elizabeth asked if events in the future could be more evenly distributed during the week rather than on one specific day, i.e., always Wednesdays. Morray said they will make note of this and Kevin said they would bring the calendar for the next school year to the PAC in spring for perusal.
 - Department head meeting on Wednesday to collect Wishlist. Kevin hopes to have this to the PAC for November meeting.
 - Thanksgiving Lunch coming up on October 7th.
- Construction:
 - The big gym is now functioning, the hair dressing program is up and running as well.
 - East wall of the gym will be closed off temporarily but will still have access to gym.
 - Looking at having both gyms open as much as possible so the students have extra space during lunch.
 - Socials wing demolition has been slowed since more asbestos has been found. 3-4 week setback is expected for removal process. A dollar amount has not been determined for this process but will be significant.
- A new service provider will run and operate the cafeteria.
- Volleyball is up and running.
- Good start to the year so far.
- Larry Espe will be coming to the school to check out our Robotics Program.
- Alpha will be hosting a Robotics competition on Saturday, October 15th.
- Kevin would like to see Alpha students engaging more with elementary students.
- Groups of kids doing independent directed studies (supervised and signed off by Kevin) to follow the construction process.
- Elizabeth said enrolment in program has dropped. Do we know why? Mr. Brandt doesn't think it will be a problem and that interest will be there.
- Giselle said it's unfortunate that some classes (i.e., Marketing) aren't always offered.
- Kevin is working on engaging our elementary community. Wants to see Literacy assessments in grades 7 & 8 where teachers from both grades can assess together.

TREASURER' S REPORT

- Treasurer's Report was emailed in advance of meeting.
- We have \$26,487 in the account for operating costs.
- Surrey Schools where PAC bank accts were drained. Tony assured the Alpha's PAC bank accounts are secure and measures are in place to ensure that no one can take the money. Two signatures required for all withdrawals / cheques, no email transfers allowed, no ATM

card issued on account. Angela suggested that 2 people sign off on deposits to make sure correct amount is being deposited.

- \$6000 that was raised several years ago by Dry Grad needs to be earmarked. It was suggested that we wait a bit and put towards something the school will require once construction is complete. PAC all agreed.

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 – Angela asked about when marks from Online Planning class would show up. Mr. Genge said sometimes it takes a while but our counsellors should be able to pull up those records. Mr. Brandt suggested that Angela call the Online Program as they can give a definite answer.
- Grade 11 – Giselle inquired about Grade 9 vaccinations and if students missed them could they get them when the grade 9's do. It was suggested she contact the Burnaby Health Unit on Canada Way.
- Grade 12 – Tony asked if a Grad Council has been formed and if it's up and running and was told, "Yes".

DPAC

- New Curriculum was discussed.

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

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

SPC (School Planning Council)

- SPC is no longer. However, looking at new model with input from PAC exec and parents?

FUNDRAISING

- SPC cards will be sold online or contact Tony Wong.

- Other fundraisers will be Purdy's Chocolates at Christmas and ongoing Return It Bottle Recycling at Kitchener location.

DRY GRAD

- Dry Grad having their first formal meeting following our PAC meeting.

COMMUNITY POLICE

- Angela did not attend the meeting but did look over the minutes and shared that there has been an increase in car break-ins. Reminder to lock your vehicle and not to leave valuables or items of interest in clear view.
- 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

- Seminars being offered at Byrne Creek. Email was received late, Terry to forward to PAC.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:14 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST

- October 4th – 8/9 Literacy Assessments
- October 5th – Gr 12 Presentation
 - Gr 12 Group Photo
 - Gr 12 Parent Meeting, 7pm in Library
- October 6th – School Photo Retake
 - Parent/Teacher Conference Sign-up starts
- October 7th – Thanksgiving Lunch
- October 10th – Thanksgiving Day (**no classes**)
- October 12th – UBC Visitation
- October 17th – Parent/Teacher Conference Sign-up ends
- October 19th – Western University
 - Parent/Teacher Conference Conferences,
 - **EARLY DISMISSAL**
- October 20th – Earthquake Drill – Evacuation
 - **EARLY DISMISSAL**
- October 21st – PRO-D Day (**no classes**)
- October 27th – 29th – Grad Photo sessions at Artona

NEXT PAC EXECUTIVE MEETING:

Monday, November 7th, 6:00 PM in the Conference Room near the Counsellors area