

ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL
PAC MINUTES
Monday, February 5th, 2018

Attendance: Mr. Wozney, Mr. Pare, Ms. Lim, Melody Eng, Terry Vincelli, Susan Fritz, Janice Chiem, Claude Tani, Lina Basso, Anne-Marie Porth, Winnie Tam, Dan Funaro, Sherry Zhao

Regrets: Susan Tang, Teresa Szymborska, Angela Dasovic, Giselle Patella, Jocelan Torrelli, Ivana Guaw, Lina Silvestre, Donna Sachinidis

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Melody welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- January minutes – motion was made by Melody to approve minutes, Terry seconded, all in favour – motion passed.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Tim

- Tim announced the start of Semester 2 and gave a brief building update reiterating that the build was on or ahead of schedule. Students will be partially moved in by the end of the school year so that library and office renovations can begin. The new building should be up and running in September. The west wing will come down and landscaping will continue in to the fall.
- The Open House was a big success with an estimated 350 visitors. Because of the changes happening at Alpha, there is a lot of interest from families from across and outside the district.
- Ben explained that next year's timetable will be based on student requests and therefore no timetable is prepared until all schedule requests are in. There is more timetable information online in the Parent Portal. Parents are asked to be involved in course selection now as there will be less flexibility later once the timetable is set.
- Dan asked if course selection was happening online. Counsellors would be holding information sessions in the library with each grade and then students can make their choices from home in MyEd. Prior to Spring Break, papers with chosen courses will be coming home for parents to see. Course selection closes on February 28th and after that, changes or questions would require contacting counsellors or administrators.
- There have been a lot of tech issues with email and ListServ. The district IT department is working on resolving issues.
- New staff to Alpha include a new SYSOP, French Immersion Math and Science teacher and Connect Room support.
- Mimi mentioned two staff groups have been formed. One group will focus on communicating student learning and how teachers report student progress. The second group is a well attended book club focussing on community and inclusion. Mimi and Ben will lead this group on Fridays at lunch.

- Report cards are coming out February 6th in MyEd. Collab days are starting Wednesday, February 7th and continuing for the next six weeks. Family Day is February 12th, Pro D is February 16th and sign up for parent/teacher interviews start February 26th online.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Janice reported that a cheque for \$954 from December's Purdy's sales was deposited.
- Please see report for full details.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- DPAC school visits schedule will be posted soon. Melody is planning on attending the visits to Burnaby North, Cascade and Alpha.
- Melody stated that PAC positions of Vice Chairperson and the ELL Rep were still open.
- The URL for the Burnaby School District will be changing from 'sd41.bc.ca' to 'burnabyschools.ca'. The old URL will continue to be used in conjunction with the new one for a year before being phased out. This will give people the opportunity to get used to the change.
- Melody asked if anyone had given any more thought to the request for parent donations for a specific purchase in the fall. Susan supported the idea of a new digitized school street sign given the new building and the installation of new technology in the school.
 - Tim would contact Moscrop and Cariboo to ask what their process was for getting their signs, if there was any district funding, and would try and get an estimate for the cost of a new sign for the next PAC meeting. He thinks that there is a possibility of remaining contingency funds from the budget for the new building that may be able to be put towards a new sign.
- Dan asked what other ideas had been discussed and Ben explained that he was in the process of applying for grants for a First Nations art project to be displayed at the new front entrance of the school. Students would have the opportunity to participate in the project.
- Melody suggested that we could use extra fund raising money to top up the annual teachers wish list as there was never enough money to cover all the wishes.
- The topic was tabled to the next PAC meeting for further discussion.

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.
- ELL – Nothing to report.
- Mini school – Nothing to report.

DPAC

- Teresa was unable to attend the PAC meeting with an update.

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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>

FUNDRAISING

- Claude said that Brentwood Park Elementary PAC, who initiated the idea to show Screenagers, was going to ask the Burnaby North PAC if they wanted to help fund a screening of the movie before asking the DPAC.

DRY GRAD

- The first 100 tickets for Pub Night at the Old Admiral on February 24th sold out. There are 30 more tickets available but the committee was having problems sharing that information because of the email issues with ListServ.
- The deposit for the Dry Grad venue was being made this week.
- Raffle tickets were not ready yet because of school email issues. Anne-Marie asked if information could be put on the school website instead. Ben said to type up any information that needed to be shared and the office would find a way to pass the information on to students and parents.

COMMUNITY POLICE

- Angela was unable to attend the PAC meeting with an update.

OTHER BUSINESS & QUESTIONS from parents

- Mimi shared information about the School Satisfaction Survey from the Province of BC that can be taken online. Student from grades 4, 7, 10 and 12 will be asked to take the survey at school but it is open to all parents, students and staff in the province. For parents, it does not require a log on or password. It is confidential, closes April 27th, takes less than 10 minutes to complete and provides feedback for the Ministry of Education for future planning of the education system.
- Melody brought up the year-end staff luncheon. Terry has been organizing the luncheon for many years and taking on a lot of the food prep for it. As this is Terry's last year at the school and because the staffing numbers have increased, it was suggested to increase the budget for the luncheon from \$300 to \$500 as a buffer in case of increased costs for food and catering. This was voted on and passed. Terry and Tim would discuss the best day to hold the luncheon in June after classes had ended and before the school closed for the summer. Tim suggest that the 27th might be the best date and would confirm with Terry later. The library has traditionally been used for the luncheon but because of renovations, would not be available this year so the luncheon will likely be moved to the cafeteria. Anne-Marie would consider taking over the organization of the staff luncheon next year.
- Also, because Terry will be leaving after this year, there was a request for someone to become a backup for secretarial duties if Susan is unable to attend a meeting next year. Sherry will consider taking this on.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:43pm

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST

- February 6th, Term 2 report cards available through MyEd Family Portal
- February 7th, Collaboration Day, AMC 10/12A Math Competition
- February 12th, Family Day, school closed
- February 14th, Collaboration Day, CCC Math Competition
- February 15th, AMC 10/12B Math Competition
- February 16th, Pro-D Day, no classes
- February 21st, Collaboration Day, Star Search Talent Show 7-9pm
- February 22nd, Science Fair
- February 26th, Parent/Teacher Conference on-line sign up starts at 9am
- February 27th, Math Contests: Pascal (Gr. 9), Cayley (Gr. 10), Fermat (Gr. 11)
- February 28th, Collaboration Day, Pink Shirt Day