

ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL
PAC MINUTES
Monday, January 15th, 2018

Attendance: Mr. Wozney, Mr. Pare, Ms. Lim, Melody Eng, Terry Vincelli, Susan Fritz, Janice Chiem, Claude Tani, Lina Basso, Anne-Marie Porth, Angela Dasovic, Winnie Tam, Giselle Patella, Leslie Staiger

Regrets: Susan Tang, Dan Funaro, Teresa Szymborska, Jocelan Torrelli, Sherry Zhao, Ivana Guaw, Lina Silvestre, Donna Sachinidis

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Melody welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone around the table introduced themselves.
- December minutes – motion was made by Melody to approve minutes, Angela seconded, all in favour – motion passed.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Tim

- Tim started by saying he was excited to become principal of Alpha. He has seen a lot of growth and change since his time at Alpha eleven years ago. It is an exciting time for Alpha with the building changes, new curriculum, staff embracing changes and trying different teaching techniques.
- Tim introduced the new administrative team of Mr. Pare, who has been vice principal since September and Ms. Lim who has transferred from Burnaby North to become the other new vice principal. All administrators have a long and strong background of working in the Burnaby school district and hope to stay at Alpha for a long run to provide some consistency for the next few years of changes. There is an open door policy with the admin team and they believe that the strength of the school is the inclusive community.
- The building update for this month is that everything is on track or ahead of schedule. There will be a site meeting this week. The new building is enclosed and the interior rooms are being framed. The old wing needs to be empty for June in order to start renovations of certain areas. The wing from the student services office to the end of the building west of Student Services will be taken down in October and the site landscaped.
- The end of the semester is January 23rd and January 24th to 26th are 'I' Days or non-instructional days when English 12 and French Language 12 provincial exams will be written, as well as the Numeracy Assessment for some grade 11s. While there is no classroom instruction, classrooms are open and teachers available for students to come in and make up or finish assignments and review before final exams. The Connect room is also open for students. A parent asked if an explanation of 'I' Days could go out on list serve for grade 8 parents who might not know what it is.

- Alpha's Open House evening is on January 24th at 6pm. With a large number of students graduating from Alpha and a smaller number of incoming grade 7 students, Alpha is putting its best foot forward for parents and students coming to see the school. Both gyms will be set up with tables and displays from all departments and programs. A table will be set up in the big gym for the Dry Grad committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Janice reported that the final amount from the sale of SPC cards was \$460.00 with the school netting \$217.00.
- Purdy's chocolate sale profits of \$954.65 will be deposited this month.
- Please see report for full details.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Melody stated that PAC positions of Vice Chairperson and the ELL Rep were still open.
- Melody congratulated Claude on the Purdy's fundraising efforts that surpassed the set goal of \$2500.00.

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 – Grade 11 French Immersion students were going out to feeder schools today and tomorrow.
- Grade 12 – Clarification of the information from the list serve that Artona was coming to take photos of Grade 12 students who had missed their photo sessions and who still wanted their photo in the year book. This was not for photo retakes.
- ELL – Nothing to report.
- Mini school – Nothing to report.

DPAC

- Teresa was unable to attend the PAC meeting with an update but Melody asked that the attachment for the DPAC presentation be included with the minutes. Please see attachment.

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

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

FUNDRAISING

- Claude presented a number of options for PAC fundraising including the Metrotown gift card program and their grant giving program for specific projects. This led to discussion of what we are to raise funds for. Tim again suggested electronic signage for the front of the school and Ben mentioned that he was writing a proposal for a First Nations art project for the front of the school. There was discussion that the majority of funds raised to date were slated for scholarships and the Teacher Appreciation lunch at the end of the school year. There was more discussion of whether or not to ask parents for a general lump sum donation at the beginning of the school year or whether to offer a specific fund raising goal. All decisions were tabled to the spring PAC meeting.
- Claude was going to ask the Brentwood Park Elementary PAC, who initiated the idea to show Screenagers, to apply to the DPAC for funding to have a screening next year and to include other feeder schools.

DRY GRAD

- Pub night will be on February 24th at the Old Admiral Pub. Tickets have been printed and will be sold at the Open House. Tickets are \$20.00 each which includes a burger and a glass of beer or wine.
- There have been budget changes as the Ford Drive fundraiser is no longer available this year. But with the funds donated from last year's Dry Grad, the pub fundraiser and the ticket sales, there should be no issues with the budget.
- Decisions regarding raffle tickets and the pub night raffle are to be made at tonight's Dry Grad committee meeting.

COMMUNITY POLICE

- Please report any suspicious activity and get a licence plate number if it is safe and possible to do so.

OTHER BUSINESS & QUESTIONS from parents

- The numeracy assessment date has been changed from January 26th to the 24th. Dates are on the website.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:59pm

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST

- January 23rd, last day of Semester 1
- January 24th-26th, Tutorial 'I' Days
- January 24th, Provincial Numeracy Assessment, Open House 6:00-8:00pm in large gym, Secondary School Transition Evening for Parents/Guardians and Students in Grades 5, 6 & 7 with Learning Support and/or Special Education Needs, 7:00-7:30pm in Room 211, Career Ed. Information evening at Burnaby Central
- January 25th, English 12 Provincial exam 9:00-11:00am, Dance Extravaganza 8:30pm in small gym
- January 26th, Communications 12 Provincial exam 9:00-11:00am, French Language 12 Provincial exam 1:00-3:00pm
- January 29th, first day of Semester 2, Term 2 marks available through MyEd Family Portal