

ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL
PAC MINUTES
Monday, April 9th, 2018

Attendance: Mr. Wozney, Melody Eng, Terry Vincelli, Susan Fritz, Janice Chiem, Claude Tani, Anne-Marie Porth, Dan Funaro, Sherry Zhao, Angela Dasovic, Winnie Tam, Louise Hazemi

Regrets: Mr. Pare, Ms. Lim, Lina Basso, Teresa Szymborska, Giselle Patella, Jocelan Torrelli, Susan Tang, Ivana Guaw, Lina Silvestre

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Melody welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- March minutes – because the minutes had not been available to send out prior to the meeting, Melody postponed the approval of minutes to the end of the meeting to allow everyone a chance to look them over before voting to approve.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Tim

- Construction update:
 - Construction is still well ahead of schedule and the school's old west wing might be torn down during the summer as opposed to September.
 - Outside cladding and copper pieces are being installed and inside, decisions are being made regarding furnishings and the computer labs.
 - Workers will probably be on site until Christmas to finish up details, repair any issues that arise and finish landscaping.
 - Tim had a meeting with a sign company consultant to discuss possible location, landscaping and wiring for a potential new electronic sign for the school in the future.
 - Consultation has started with an indigenous carver who will be working with students to carve a donated 8 foot cedar log that will become a permanent art piece at the entrance of the new building.
 - Tim is looking for a contact person with the city to look at having the field improved as the field is in need of improvement and is city property.
 - There are still plans to have some kind of school community event for the first day of school in September to celebrate the opening of the new building.
- Notices will be sent home April 10th with information about the McCreary Health Study taking place on April 19th. Some students will participate with this province wide survey that takes place every two to three years. It is anonymous and provides statistics regarding mental and physical health of BC high school students.
- Term three ends this week with marks being made available on MyEd April 20th and report cards on April 27th.
- The school held another successful dance this week with 225 students attending.

- Announcements will be made regarding upcoming year end concerts and graduation.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Janice reported that there was no financial activity this month other than accrued interest.
- Please see report for full details.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Melody had nothing to report.

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

- As a point of interest, Melody announced that the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCAP) was holding their annual general meeting May 5-6th. However, our PAC does not contribute financially to the BCCAP and therefore, do not participate in the meetings.

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

- Claude asked if we wanted to continue selling SPC cards for next year as the deadline was approaching to participate.
 - Louise did not want to be selling SPC cards or have any other kind of fundraiser if we were going to be asking parents for an optional \$30 donation at the beginning of September which could bring in substantially more money for the PAC to put towards items for the school than by selling cards and chocolates.
 - We recapped prior PAC meeting discussions regarding the idea of only having volunteer donations at the beginning of the year as opposed to continuing the traditional kinds of fundraising that the PAC has been taking on every year that supports scholarships for graduating students and the yearend Staff luncheon.
 - After much discussion, it was agreed that a revised letter be drafted for Tim's approval that stated for the next school year, the PAC would be establishing a request for a voluntary annual monetary lump sum donation for Alpha families and guardians who preferred to donate money to the school once a year as opposed to purchasing items. In addition, we would also continue to actively fundraise throughout the year with the traditional small fund raising events that will bring continuity to families who prefer to contribute in those ways. Families could also choose to contribute both ways.
 - At the end of next year, the PAC could review the success of both kinds of fundraising and make decisions for how we wanted to proceed for the following year.
 - It was agreed that the SPC card program would continue for next year as it was a benefit to the students who purchased them.

DRY GRAD

- Dry Grad raffle tickets were distributed to 125 students and \$1200 has come back from those students. There were still 80 students who hadn't picked up their tickets to sell and there was discussion as to the best method to get in contact with the students who still needed to pick them up as the majority of the money from the sales of the tickets is needed to pay for the venue.
- In the next few weeks, a message will go out via ListServ to parents that the tickets need to be sold or they will have to pay \$100 for their students to attend Dry Grad that follows the Grad dinner and dance.
- All tickets need to be back by May 4th for the drawing on May 7th.
- Parent volunteer teams are being set up for the Dry Grad evening to chaperone at the dinner/dance and Dry Grad venue.

- Lynch buses will transport students from the dinner and dance to the Dry Grad venue and back to Alpha in the morning.
- A letter will be going out to grade 12 students regarding the year end activities.

COMMUNITY POLICE

- RCMP stated that there had been little activity in the area other than Kinder Morgan protests.
- A woman had been assaulted outside the Safeway at Willingdon and Hastings but the person who committed the assault had been caught.

OTHER BUSINESS & QUESTIONS from parents

- Tim stated that there were issues with parents coming to the Grad dinner/dance and that they would be moving away from this by having some kind of school event. A dinner/dance would still be held for the graduating class but the hotel venue might be changed.
- Terry confirmed with Tim that the Staff Appreciation Luncheon is set for Wednesday, June 27th from 11:30am-1:00pm. The luncheon will be hosted in the cafeteria. Terry will send out an email to ask which PAC members can help and will send more information closer to the date.
- A motion was made by Melody to approve the minutes. Melody approved, Angela seconded, all in favour – motion passed.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:54pm

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST

- April 11th, Euclid Math Contest
- April 12th, Grad Transition Presentations all day in Library, Math Contests: Fryer (8), Galois (9), Hypatia (10)
- April 13th, Term 3 ends
- April 16th, Term 4 starts, Gauss Math contest (Gr. 7&8), Burnaby's Got Talent at Michael J Fox Theatre
- April 20th, Term 3 marks available through MyEd Family Portal
- April 23rd, Pro-D, no classes
- April 25th-27th, Spring Theatre production at 7pm
- April 27th, Term 3 report cards available through MyEd Family Portal
- May 4th, BCSSMC final round at Capilano University
- May 7th, AP Exams begin with AP Chemistry and AP Psychology

