

**ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
**PAC MINUTES**  
**Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Attendance:** Mr. Wozney, Melody Eng, Terry Vincelli, Susan Fritz, Janice Chiem, Claude Tani, Anne-Marie Porth, Dan Funaro, Sherry Zhao, Angela Dasovic, Lina Basso, Giselle Patella, Louise Hazemi, Lina Silvestre, Vladislav Fomin

**Regrets:** Mr. Pare, Ms. Lim, Teresa Szymborska, Winnie Tam, Susan Tang, Jocelan Torrelli, Ivana Guaw,

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

- Melody welcomed everyone to the last meeting of the school year.
- May minutes – motion was made by Melody to approve minutes, Terry seconded, all in favour – motion passed.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Tim**

- The Burnaby Firefighters Association donated \$5000.00 to put towards the Indigenous art display for the new building.
- Tim handed out draft copies of the two 2018/19 school calendars for the PAC to review. There will be one calendar for students and one calendar for staff and both will be finalized as soon as possible. More information will be on the calendars for the next school year. Some changes to the calendar include the Core Competency program for grade 8-10 students that will take place during collaboration time and grade 11 students will be required to attend a half-day session during the semester turn around for the new Career Education program requirement for graduation.
  - Angela asked if the Grad dates had been confirmed so that planning could start for next year's Dry Grad. The dinner dance date had not yet been confirmed as there will be a change in venue that has not been decided but Tim was fairly certain that it would take place on June 27<sup>th</sup>.
- There are revised District policies regarding administrative staff evaluations and video surveillance policies. A copy of the revised policies have been given to Melody and the information can also be accessed on the district website at burnabyschools.ca.
- A letter will be sent out to grade 12 parents this week from the District regarding grad pranks being considered criminal activity. Grad pranks have become a serious problem, especially with the influence of social media. There are issues of 'one-upmanship' between schools and when the RCMP or fire department get called out to respond to pranks, it takes away their ability to attend real emergencies. Sometimes younger students are being coerced in to participating in the pranks and some have even led to the euthanizing of animals. Consequences can be serious and students often do not understand the gravity of their actions until after the fact. Students may lose their

privilege to attend the Grad Dinner Dance as a consequence. Parents are being asked to speak to their children regarding this issue.

- Construction update:
  - The office is moving to the new building in two weeks once computers and phones are functioning properly.
  - The office will be closed for the summer but Tim will still be available via email.
  - Angela asked whether a ceremony is still being planned in September for the opening of the new building as the RCMP would like to be invited to it. Tim said that some fun events will be planned for the first day and a more formal opening event will be planned by the District who will invite organizations to attend.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- Janice reported that \$730.00 was deposited from bottle returns.
- A short term investment of \$26 000.00 was cashed out.
- There was a total of \$11 000.00 from Dry Grad raffle ticket sales and donations with a \$3600.00 surplus.
- \$13 000.00 was spent for the Teachers Wish List and for Dry Grad expenses.
- Please see report for full details.

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- Melody announced the AGM will follow the regular PAC meeting.

### **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 – The French immersion fieldtrip to Victoria on May 28<sup>th</sup> was cancelled due to lack of parent volunteers.
- Grade 12 – Nothing to report.
- ELL – Nothing to report.
- Mini school – Students had a great time at camp.
  - Tim announced that Minister of Education wanted to come and visit the Mini school program on June 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm. The Minister asked to come which is a big deal for Alpha as it shows the Minister is interested in the program.

## **DPAC**

- There was nothing to report as the last meeting was a year-end review and social.

## **PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR DPAC FACEBOOK PAGE FOR DPAC, SD41 AND COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Burnaby DPAC contact: [info@burnabydpac.com](mailto:info@burnabydpac.com)

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

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

## **FUNDRAISING**

- An email went out that the Cash on Line was accepting donations to the PAC but the letter explaining the voluntary donations was not attached to the email. Tim will make sure that the letter gets sent out in the next day or two.
- Louise asked that the letter be sent out again in September.
- Claude said that the SPUD fundraising program will start in September. The account is set up but a letter explaining the fundraising program was not ready yet.

## **DRY GRAD**

- Consent forms are coming back slowly.
- The volunteer list is ready.
- Some students want to go but haven't yet paid.
- Giselle asked when seating requests for the parents would be available for the Dinner Dance. Three tables have been reserved on the side for parents and approximately 30 parents were planning to attend, ten people per table.

## **COMMUNITY POLICE**

- Nothing to report.
- There will be one more Community Police meeting in June and then there will be no more until September.

## **OTHER BUSINESS & QUESTIONS from parents**

- We are needing someone to take over the Staff Appreciation for next year. If anyone is interested, see Melody or Terry. The Staff Appreciation lunch this year is June 27<sup>th</sup>.

- There was more discussion about Dry Grad. Angela spoke with Tony Wong. If the Metro venue is to be used again next year, it is best to secure it with a deposit as soon as possible. There was a question as to whether the students voted on the venue last year but it was the parents who made the decision to use the Metro venue again. The Metro has a security company who watches the premises and there no bouncers. Five parent volunteers are needed for the Metro, preferably at least one male so there is someone to check the boys bathroom. The students tend to be tired so generally there are no issues during Dry Grad. There has not been a ListServ out to parents yet to ask for volunteers.
- Giselle asked when road construction in the area was supposed to be done as it was only supposed to be a ten year plan.
- Melody acknowledged and thanked Giselle and Terry for their many years of service and dedication to the PAC. Their students are graduating this year and they will not be returning for the next school year.
- There will be no printed report cards going home this year but they can be printed out at the office by request.
- Year books will be handed out on the last day of classes which is the 21<sup>st</sup>.

**MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:43pm**

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST**

- June 6<sup>th</sup>, Band/Choir Spring Concert, 7pm at Cariboo Hill Salvation Army Temple
- June 13<sup>th</sup>, Honouring Our Youth Ceremony, 6pm at Burnaby Central Student Commons
- June 14<sup>th</sup>, Cabaret Night, 7pm
- June 18<sup>th</sup>, Dance Extravaganza, 7pm
- June 21<sup>st</sup>, Last day of classes, Recognition Assembly in the large gym
- June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Last day of instruction Semester 2, Tutorial and I Day
- June 25<sup>th</sup>, English 12 provincial exam, 9-11am; Term 4 marks available through MyEd Family Portal
- June 26<sup>th</sup>, Provincial Numeracy Assessment; French Language 12 provincial exam 1-3pm; Grade 8s to Cultus Lake Waterpark
- June 27<sup>th</sup>, Communications 12 provincial exam, 9-11am; Staff Appreciation Lunch
- June 28<sup>th</sup>, Last day of school; Grad Dinner Dance, 6pm; Term 4 Report Cards available through MyEd Family Portal
- June 29<sup>th</sup>, Administrative Day
- September 4<sup>th</sup>, School opening day