

**ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
**PAC MINUTES**  
**Monday, May 7<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, Teresa Szymborska, Giselle Patella, Louise Hazemi, Raquel Do, Sue Reil, Susan Cumberland

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

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

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

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Tim**

- The administrative team will remain the same for next year which will benefit the school in terms of consistency and team building.
- The admin team is in the middle of making staffing decisions for the new school year. The annual timetable is all based on student requests so any course with a low number of students registered may not run depending on numbers. Staffing decisions are based on the courses that will be running during the school year. Therefore, if students still need to make changes to their courses for September, they must see their counsellor as soon as possible.
- We are expecting student numbers to remain the same for next year with approximately 1150 students though that may fluctuate slightly if new families move to the area over the summer and register their students at Alpha.
- Due to construction during the summer, the office will be closed and there will be no clerical staff in the building. The administration will be back in the school two weeks prior to the start of the school year.
- Construction update:
  - Teachers are packing classrooms and materials for the movers to move everything during the summer.
  - Furniture is being ordered and 130 new computers will be ordered in the next week.
  - The administration will be in the new office in a month but access to the office will only be from the outside for now. The new main entrance will be between the library and the old main entrance.
- The administration team is trying to decide how to offer the Career Education program for the new graduation requirements with the revised curriculum. The Ministry has

created two credit courses for grade 11 and 12 but all other courses are offered as four credit courses. The dilemma is how to offer the two credit courses without it taking up time in the timetable so that students do not lose a space for an elective course.

- Possible ideas are: to offer them as a classroom course; delay the grade 11 year and then offer a four credit course in grade 12; offer a hybrid course online with some in-school presentations; offer it through flex time days like Collab days.
- The admin is leaning towards doing the course work in non-class time with Collab days but it would require that grade 11 and 12 students attend Collab time to get credit for the courses.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- Janice reported that there was no financial activity this month from the PAC.
- An amount of \$1400.00 was deposited from the Dry Grad raffle ticket sales and a cheque for \$104.00 was drafted for Dry Grad expenses.
- Only 87 students returned raffle tickets and we had budgeted for 120 so funds are being managed in order to make sure we break even with the Dry Grad budget.
- Please see report for full details.

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- Melody announced that next month would be the last meeting for the school year and the AGM would take place immediately after the regular meeting.

### **VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- Nothing to report.

### **CLASS REP REPORTS**

- Grade 8 – There was a question via email as to whether there was any extra information that Grade 8 students should know for the end of the school year. Tim responded that there was nothing other than any information from their teachers regarding final assignments or in class activities.
- Grade 9 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 10 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 11 – Grade 10 and 11 French immersion students are going on a fieldtrip to Victoria on May 28<sup>th</sup> for a tour of the Legislature building.
- Grade 12 – Commencement tickets are being sold out of the office. Each student is given two free tickets and if more are required, they need to be purchased. If tickets are purchased from School Cash Online, Tim says to show the receipt for the purchase at the office and tickets can be picked up from there.

- There was discussion about why the Grad dinner/dance is held at the end of June instead of at the time of Commencement. Years ago, it was held in May but students tended to lose focus for the end of the school year so it was decided to hold it at a later time. We are looking for a different hotel for next year's dinner/dance so that there is more flexibility in choosing the date of the event.
- ELL – Nothing to report.
- Mini school – Nothing to report.

## **DPAC**

- Teresa reported on the April DPAC meeting.
  - There was an overview of the new 2018-19 operating budget.
  - Public updates were given.
  - A Kitchener Elementary PAC representative reported on traffic safety issues they were having at their school.

## **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**

- Louise presented the revised draft of the online voluntary donation letter to parents. The general consensus was to make a few points less specific to avoid confusion as to where funds may be used in the future.
- Tim would clarify with the district where the donations would be deposited from School Cash Online account.
- Louise will revise the letter one more time, email it to the PAC executive and Tim would also make sure the final draft would be approved by the district before sending the letter out to parents in June.

## **DRY GRAD**

- Return of the Dry Grad raffle tickets was dismal despite all efforts to collect them. Fortunately, students pulled through in the last couple of days to hand more in but the

funds collected were less than expected so some decisions might need to be made to keep on budget.

- The Burnaby Firefighters donated \$500 towards the Dry Grad and there were a few other donations so we should be able to break even for the event.
- The next step is for consent letters to be distributed and collected and buses will be ordered.
- If this year's grade 11 students want to do something different for next year's Dry Grad, Anne-Marie's advice is to decide and start planning now and through the summer, as well.
- The winners of the Dry Grad raffle will be drawn at the end of the meeting.

### **COMMUNITY POLICE**

- RCMP report a slight increase of car break-ins in the area. They suggest keeping a photocopy of the ICBC insurance and registration papers in the car and not the originals.
- The Burnaby Neighbourhood House is looking for volunteers, aged 18+ to volunteer for Hats Off Day. Tim suggested emailing the Career Prep teacher, Sandra Chun, to let her know.

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

- Tim stated that the Alpha to Go app will be phased out as it is too expensive to maintain.
- The next PAC meeting and AGM will be moved to the Cafeteria as the library will no longer be usable in June.
- The Dry Grad raffle winners are:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – Seongje Lee, \$1500 Cash
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Steve Szalkai, Vancouver Escape
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> – Jennifer Rose Stuka, Burnaby Escape

### **MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:02pm**

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

- May 8<sup>th</sup>, AP Physics 1 exam
- May 9<sup>th</sup>, AP English Lit exam
- May 10<sup>th</sup>, AP Environmental Science exam
- May 11<sup>th</sup>, AP Art Portfolios due
- May 14<sup>th</sup>, AP Biology exam
- May 15<sup>th</sup>, AP Calculus and AP French exams
- May 18<sup>th</sup>, Pro-D Day, no classes; AP Microeconomics exam
- May 21<sup>st</sup>, Victoria Day, school closed
- May 25<sup>th</sup>, Gr. 12 early dismissal/Grad rehearsal at Bill Copeland Arena

- May 26<sup>th</sup>, School Leaving Ceremony, 2:00pm at Bill Copeland Arena
- May 31<sup>st</sup>, IDHAT breakfast at Burnaby Central