

**ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
**PAC MINUTES**  
**Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Attendance:** Mr. Wozney, Melody Eng, Janice Chiem, Anne-Marie Porth, Susan Fritz, Claude Tani, Dan Funaro, Sherry Zhao, Angela Dasovic, Lina Basso, Donna Yeung, Raquel Do, Margo Hrennikoff, Louise Hazemi, Cindy Zheng, Bill Brassington, Lara Davis, Jennifer Wong, Lesley Staiger, Monica Kochhar, Sandra Raines, Brandon Raines, Cynthia van Ginkel, Connie Leung, Sally Felkai, Rebecca Leung, Gadis Setiaputri

**Regrets:** Lina Silvestre

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

- Melody welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the school year and introductions were made.
- June minutes – motion was made by Melody to approve minutes, Margo seconded, all in favour – motion passed.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Tim**

- It has been a busy start to the new school year getting the new building up and running. Work in the new building is continuing with furniture arriving and spaces getting finished and organized. The old wing has been torn down. Workers are in the building late in to the evening to get work done while students are not in the school. This work and landscaping will continue until December.
- Counsellors should be in their new space this week. They have been working hard ensuring the students' schedules are correct.
- Some new parents expressed concern that unclear or missing information for grade 8 students was causing their children anxiety. Tim explained that over the summer, the servers in the building had been down and that the office staff had to work from other sites. Therefore, some information was sent out late but all information is being posted on the school website, [alpha.burnabyschools.ca](http://alpha.burnabyschools.ca). Any forms with personal information should go directly to the office and issues pertaining to Hotmail accounts are fixed. The Alpha app is no longer in use as everything is being covered by MS Office 365 and the myEd website.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

- With a new school year and new parents in attendance, Janice gave a brief explanation of how she keeps the financial records for the PAC. The majority of PAC fundraising goes towards the teachers Wish List, the year-end Staff Appreciation lunch and scholarships for graduating students.

- She explained that the Dry Grad committee uses the PAC accounts for deposits and cheque writing. At the end of last year, the Dry Grad committee was left with a surplus so it was decided that part of the surplus would go towards the new school mural and another portion would be dedicated to families in need.
- Please see report for full details.

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- Melody announced that the position of ELL rep was still open if anyone wanted to step in to the position. She introduced Anne-Marie Porth as the outgoing Dry Grad chair and the incoming Vice Chairperson for this year.

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

- Nothing to report.

### **CLASS REP REPORTS**

- Grade 8 – Margo Hrennikoff stepped in as the class rep for this year.
- 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 – some parents of the Mini school program are concerned by the low number of students in the program and are wondering if the number of teachers would be guaranteed to keep the program running. Tim said that, because it was a District program, it would continue to run. The program is being tweaked. Mini school Information sessions for the following school year are held in the spring for interested families.

### **DPAC**

- Nothing to report as meetings are held the second Monday of every month and the first meeting of the school year would be next week.
- Donna Yeung stepped in to the DPAC rep position this year but, as more than one rep per school is allowed, she would be happy to share the position with someone else, if another person was interested.

### **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**

- Claude reported that the SPUD fundraiser was up and running. An email had already been sent out on ListServ but some parents reported that the links in the email weren't working. Claude would work with Jacqueline Duff to get the links working.
  - 25% of a SPUD fundraising box and 10% of a SPUD gift card would be donated back to the school.
- SPC card sales and the Purdy's Chocolates Christmas fundraiser would also run again this year.
- Louise mentioned the Cash on Line school donation was also a new fundraiser this year. Margo asked what the online fundraising goals were for as there might be more motivation for the parents to participate if the funds were put towards a specific purchase. Melody said that, because it was the first year we were trying this method of fundraising, we didn't know how much we were going to raise and have not chosen a specific item for it yet.

## **DRY GRAD**

- The first Dry Grad meeting is being held after the PAC meeting tonight. The executive for the committee will be established at this time.

## **COMMUNITY POLICE**

- Angela was unable to attend the last meeting.

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

- Terry Vincelli, a graduating parent from last year, had asked if anyone would be willing to take over the bottle collection account at the Kitchener Bottle Depot this year. Someone suggested that an email go out on ListServ to see if anyone was interested in taking it on. Claude was going to contact Terry for more details.
- Raquel asked Tim if there had been a change in date for the Grad Dinner Dance this year as a date for the Staff Appreciation lunch had to be chosen. Tim said that, this year, the dinner/dance would be held on Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Bay Shore. They are planning a pre-dinner red carpet event at the school in the afternoon for family and friends and then would have buses to transport students to the hotel.

**MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:52pm**

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

- September 13<sup>th</sup> – school photos in the cafeteria
- September 14<sup>th</sup> – Food truck festival
- September 19<sup>th</sup> – Parent Info night Meet & Greet, 6pm, big Gym
- September 20<sup>th</sup> – Grade 8 retreat at the Richmond indoor beach
- September 21<sup>st</sup> – Pro-D, school closed
- September 26<sup>th</sup> – Clubs Day
- September 27<sup>th</sup> – Terry Fox Run
- September 28<sup>th</sup> – Orange Shirt Day
- October 1<sup>st</sup> – Parent/Teacher conference online sign up opens