

**ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
**PAC MINUTES**  
**Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**

**Attendance:** Mr. Wozney, Melody Eng, Janice Chiem, Anne-Marie Porth, Susan Fritz, Sherry Zhao, Angela Dasovic, Lina Basso, Claude Tani, Raquel Do, Lina Silvestre, Donna Rae-Yeung, Cindy Zheng, Valdet Sahatciu, Connie Leung, Marianne Vavaris-Figliola, Nick Dasovic

**Regrets:** Margo Hrennikoff

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

- Melody welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.
- October minutes – Susan will make amendments to information in the Treasurer’s Report, motion was made by Melody to approve minutes, Janice seconded, all in favour – motion passed.

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

- Building update:
  - Grass has been laid down.
  - Unitech will be here through the holidays and hope to be finished in the spring.
- Please do not use the parking lot as a drop off for students. When paving is complete, signage will go up and the horseshoe will become the student drop off area.
- PAC funds have been disbursed for the teachers wish list. Thank you.
- Report cards went out through the MyEd parent portal. The ongoing downside to having report cards sent out online is that administration cannot monitor who has seen them.
- Some ‘I’ reports went out for struggling learners. If you child received one and you have questions, please contact the teacher.
- Seasonal events such as the winter concert and dessert theatre are happening in the next week. Any event requiring teacher sponsors are held at the beginning of the month to keep the last two weeks free for teachers to attend their own family events.
- January will be a busy month with the Open House and the start of course selection
  - New graduation requirements that will affect this year’s grade 11 students have not yet been announced.
  - UBC will be looking at literary assessments for entrance to the university.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

- SPC cards: net profit of \$224
- Online donations to the end of November: \$2670.00
- General funds: a cashable term deposit matured in November and \$7400 plus interest was re-invested into a 1 year cashable term deposit at 1.9% interest.

- Gaming grant: after receiving this year's grant, \$30 000 of gaming funds was invested in a 1 year cashable term deposit at 1.9% interest.
- Please see report for full details.

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- The position of ELL rep is still open.
- Sherry Zhao was accepted as the new Grade 10 Rep.

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

- Nothing to report

### **CLASS REP REPORTS**

- Grade 8 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 9 – Concerns from grade 8 and 9 parents that parents and students didn't know about the honour roll. Tim said that information is on the announcements every day and lists are posted at the office. The honour roll list cannot be added to the school website due to privacy concerns. It was suggested by a parent that a note be added to the ListServ email announcing that the report cards are available online. Tim asks that parents ensure their emails are updated in the office. Printed honour roll certificates can be requested at the office.
- Grade 10 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 11 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 12 – Some parents are upset that parents will not be permitted to attend the Grad dinner/dance this year as this is an event that they have been looking forward to attending. Tim is happy to have a meeting with concerned parents. There has been a venue change for this year and parents are welcome to come down to the hotel but are not permitted past security as this is a student event. Tim tried to organize a red carpet event at the school prior to the dinner/dance so that parents and families could have a part in the festivities but this particular graduating class was not interested in the event. Tim will try to encourage a red carpet event again with next year's graduating class as it is a nice way for families to participate.
- ELL – Nothing to report.
- Mini school – Nothing to report.

### **DPAC**

- The last meeting was regarding technology upgrades and bandwidth increases.
- Cloud storage will be the next focus. The district is licenced through Microsoft and everything is saved with IDs that expire 30 days after graduating and then the account is lost. The district is trying to negotiate accounts staying open through the summer so

that students can still access portfolios and other information needed for post-secondary matters.

## **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**

- Purdys online chocolate sales: \$3126 from 27 orders with a net profit for the PAC of \$781.
  - Purdy's draw winners: Teresa Sian, Miriam McVicar and Patsy Wong-Reinhardt
- Cobs Bread and Encorp Recycling: Accounts have been set up at the Kensington Cobs and Encorp Recycling at Kensington and Kitchener.
- SPUD: win a produce box in December. Refer a friend program - \$20 off the first order for your friend and \$20 off your next order.

## **DRY GRAD**

- Committee is in the process of raising money and collecting donations for raffle tickets.

## **COMMUNITY POLICE**

- There is an increase in the number of break and enters of detached garages on Capitol Hill.
- Police suggest blacking out personal information on ICBC papers and keeping them in the trunk of your vehicle instead of the glove compartment. Also do not keep garage fobs in your vehicle.
- RCMP carding is not profiling. They are collecting information in areas with higher crime rates. If a person is walking around outside at 2am with a backpack, there is a chance they will be stopped and questioned. Police request a non-negative response to these actions.
- Donna mentioned the stairs from Parker leading down to Westlawn, people are seen dealing drugs and neighbours are tracking these interactions. Angela will bring this information back to the RCMP.
- If you have any questions regarding policing issues in the community, please pass your questions on to Angela who can ask them during the meetings.

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

- Teachers Wish List - \$28 002.60 (\$25 600 from gaming grants plus the cash online donations) was disbursed for the wish list.
- There was an issue on the day of the Terry Fox run where students were stuck in a classroom for a half an hour with a malfunctioning screw in a door. Students and the teacher had to wait for a locksmith.
- There was a suggestion that a new tab be created on the school website for new students and parents. This a new tab would include information on things like collab days, the school schedule, clubs, etc.
- A parent suggested starting up a committee next year that would focus on the school field. Behind the scenes, work is being done to try and improve the field condition. At the moment, Nick is waiting for the school board to find out what the allowances are for site rezoning and investors. The idea is to get some community enhancement funding, fix the field, have the school be able to have access to the field during school hours and then have a private company rent out the space for profit outside of school hours.

## **MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:00pm**

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

- December 5<sup>th</sup> – Music Dept. Winter Concert at 7pm in the small gym
- December 13<sup>th</sup> – Christmas movie night at 7pm
- December 24<sup>th</sup> – January 4<sup>th</sup> – Winter break, school closed
- January 7<sup>th</sup> – School re-opens