

ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL
PAC MINUTES
Monday, November 5th, 2018

Attendance: Mr. Wozney, Melody Eng, Janice Chiem, Anne-Marie Porth, Susan Fritz, Sherry Zhao, Angela Dasovic, Lina Basso, Claude Tani, Margo Hrennikoff, Lina Silvestre, Donna Rae-Yeung, Colin Sian, Lara Davis, Bryan Price

Regrets: Raquel Do

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Melody welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.
- October minutes – motion was made by Melody to approve minutes, Janice seconded, all in favour – motion passed.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Building update:
 - lighting in the parking lot has been installed
 - wifi is up in the building and wifi use can be monitored by the district IT department
 - PAC is purchasing classroom sets of Bluetooth keyboards so students can use their own devices for classroom work
 - Unitech will be here until December or January to finish off the outside wall but their work is being challenged by inclement weather
- A meeting was held with the Burnaby School District Secretary Treasurer, Russell Horswill, regarding the school field. While the meeting was positive, the situation is complex as the field is City owned land that the City allows the District to use. The plan at the moment is to return the field back to the original state that it was prior to the building construction as there was no budget for field improvement. The goal is to have a proper usable field at some point but it will require some time, funding and agreement with the City.
- Melody mentioned that the PAC still is holding dedicated funds donated by previous Dry Grad committees for two picnic benches and asked Tim to let her know what benches he would like purchased and where to have them placed.
- In an effort to support struggling learners, Tim is asking staff to ensure that 'I' reports are being done correctly. First term report cards will be made available on November 20th and any student with an 'I' on their report card will be receiving a separate report stating the missing learning outcomes. Copies of the 'I' report should be going home and a copy will be kept with the student's counsellor. The Learning Centre is open during lunch and after school until 4pm to support any student who needs help with their work.

- There will be discussion this year regarding a new school identity. While the moniker of 'Aztecs' is not offensive, it may be culturally inappropriate. The school logo will be kept and the school's nick-name may be changed pending the outcome of the process. Discussion is starting with staff who will be setting up an ad hoc committee that will include input from students and parents. There is no strict timeline for the change but it should happen sometime this year.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- SPC cards: all cards have been sold, as well as some online sales
- Online donations to date: \$2555.00
- We received the Gaming grant in the amount of \$25 632 which is up from last year's grant of \$20 300.
- \$30 000 was placed in to a one year cashable (90 day lock-out) term deposit earning 1.9% interest.
- Please see report for full details.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- The position of ELL rep is still open.
- A librarian from the Burnaby Public library dropped off some information on free programs for teens, including an art contest for their summer reading program and a new French teen fiction section at the McGill branch.
- The Burnaby Mountain PAC is hosting a presentation on Marijuana Legalization on November 15th from 7-9pm in their gym.
- Alpha is hosting a presentation on Anxiety and Building Resiliency in our Youth, November 6th at 6pm in the large gym.
- The October DPAC meeting was cancelled.
- There is a Public Drug Education Series with four Wednesday sessions starting on November 21st. See handout for more information.
- Melody gave a brief summary regarding the meeting with Russell Horswill from the School District about the school field. He will be invited back at a later date to speak to the PAC.

VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- The grade 10 rep position is open.

CLASS REP REPORTS

- Grade 8 – Margo explained that many grade 8 parents were finding it hard to connect to what is happening in the school. Information is sometimes difficult to find and conflicting information is coming from students. Would it be possible to have some

transition information be made available to grade 8 parents, i.e, a special bulletin or link on the homepage? Tim stated that information is sent out via email and certain sites can be regularly checked online for information. Parents can come to PAC meetings and are welcome and encouraged to email their children's teachers. It was suggested to brain storm some ideas to help transition next year's grade 8 parents.

- Grade 9 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 10 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 11 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 12 – students raised \$8000 selling English Bay cookie dough, though not sure if that was total sales or profit. Parents are wondering if a red carpet event was going to take place before this year's Grad dinner/dance? Tim said that this year's graduating class is not interested in this event and that they would try and encourage it with next year's graduating body as it is a great event for parents and families.
- ELL – Nothing to report.
- Mini school – Nothing to report.

DPAC

- October 15th was a Finance 101 presentation on money management.
- November 15th is the deadline to register with the BCCPAC.

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

- Purdys online chocolate sales have started. If there are any problems with the online orders, please let Claude know. Signage for the Purdys sale will be going up around the school. For those who place an order, there will be two draws to win packaged chocolate.
- Cobs Bread and Encorp Recycling: looking for volunteers to get those two fundraising programs up and running.

DRY GRAD

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

COMMUNITY POLICE

- Crime in the community is stable with no increase or decrease in occurrence.
- Police suggest that if you have a garage door opener, to not leave it in your car. If you do, you should black out any addresses on insurance documents or other items that have your address that you keep in the car. People tend to leave the door between the garage and the house unlocked so when a thief has your garage door opener and your address, they can enter the garage, close the door and have access to your home through the unlocked door.
- 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

- Due to time constraints, new business items will be discussed at the next meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:01pm

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST

- November 5-16th – Beaver Computing Challenge
- November 7th – Collaboration Day
- November 8th – Indigenous Veterans Day, Grade 11 Literacy Assessments
- November 9th – Remembrance Day Assembly
- November 12th – Remembrance Day, school closed
- November 13th – Louis Riel Day
- November 14th – Collaboration Day
- November 16th – Food Truck Friday
- November 20th – Term 1 Report Cards available online
- November 21st – Collaboration Day
- November 22nd – Disney themed Spirit Day, Post-Secondary information night, 6pm
- November 23rd – Pro-D, school closed
- November 28th – Collaboration Day