

**ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
**PAC MINUTES**  
**Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Attendance:** Mr. Wozney, Melody Eng, Janice Chiem, Susan Fritz, Sherry Zhao, Angela Dasovic, Lina Basso, Donna Rae-Yeung, Margo Hrennikoff, Sally Felkai, Vesna Mudrovic, Sue C-Morrell, Nora Sahatciu,

**Regrets:** Claude Tani, Raquel Do, Lina Silvestre, Anne-Marie Porth

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

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

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

- The start-up after the holiday break has been smooth. January is a busy month wrapping up Semester 1, starting Semester 2 and preparing for course selection.
- Course selection will be starting soon. It is the driver for next year's timetable as the timetabling decisions and staffing are built around students' course choices.
  - Honours programs will be transitioning to 'Enriched' programs, as in other schools.
  - Students in enriched programs will be integrated in regular classes. Research shows that all students learn better in classes of differing abilities. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning environment or progress, please contact the classroom teacher directly.
- The school's Open House takes place on February 7<sup>th</sup>. While this evening is mostly for new and incoming Grade 7 students and families, there is pertinent information for all grade levels.
- There is an increase in the number of international students coming to the school and staff is being added for the second semester accordingly.
- The last day of Semester 1 is on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. January 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> are Tutorial days which are still instructional days. The classrooms are open and teachers available for students who need to finish work and clear up 'I' reports. The Numeracy Assessment will also take place at this time.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

- Nothing new to report for December as no deposits or payments were made.
- Online donations sit at \$2920.00 and will be put towards the Teachers Wish List.

- After subtracting funds already committed, available balances to the PAC are: General \$11, 218 and Gaming \$9, 729.
- Please see report for full details.

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- The position of ELL rep is still open.

### **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 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 12 – Dry Grad raffle tickets are being distributed to students. Tickets are \$5 each.
- ELL – Nothing to report.
- Mini school – Nothing to report.

### **DPAC**

- There was no meeting in the month of December.
- Some DPAC members have moved to the Board and they are looking for new reps for next year. Meetings are held the third Monday of each month, if 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**

- Purdys online chocolate sales: net profit for the PAC of \$781.
- Cobs Bread and Encorp Recycling: accounts have been set up at the Kensington Cobs and Encorp Recycling at Kensington and Kitchener under Ecole Alpha Secondary.
- SPUD: we will be receiving a cheque for \$68.

## **DRY GRAD**

- Raffle tickets are ready to be purchased at the cost of \$5 each.

## **COMMUNITY POLICE**

- The RCMP Liaison for Alpha provided a copy of the Cannabis Control and Licensing Act Violation Ticket Information that includes fine amounts for minors with cannabis.
- In regards to drug deals around the stairs from Parker leading down to Westlawn, Donna asked the captain of the neighbourhood Block Watch to forward an email to Angela. 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**

- Lina asked if teachers are notified when parents email the school to report their student absent or should parents cc teachers in the email. Tim replied that teachers will see the excused absence when they look in the attendance system but that it is always helpful to cc the teachers.

## **MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:56pm**

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

- January 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> – Numeracy Assessments
- January 22<sup>nd</sup> – Last day of Semester 1
- January 23<sup>rd</sup> – Tutorial Day, Gr. 7 tours and Info sessions, Industry Training Info Evening, 6:30pm at Burnaby Central
- January 24<sup>th</sup> – Tutorial Day, English 12 Provincial exam, Gr. 7 tours and Info sessions
- January 25<sup>th</sup> – Tutorial Day, Comm 12 Provincial exam, FRAL 12 provincial exam, Gr. 7 tours and Info sessions
- January 28<sup>th</sup> – Curriculum Implementation Day
- January 29<sup>th</sup> – First day of Semester 2
- January 30<sup>th</sup> – Gr. 9 Competency Chats

