

ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL
PAC MINUTES
Monday, March 4th, 2019

Attendance: Mr. Wozney, Melody Eng, Janice Chiem, Susan Fritz, Angela Dasovic, Claude Tani, Margo Hrennikoff, Lina Silvestre, Lina Basso, Sherry Zhao, Sally Felkai, Connie Leung, Donna Sachinidis, Cindy Zheng

Regrets: Donna Rae-Yeung, Anne-Marie Porth, Raquel Do

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Last week's Pink Shirt Day was a success.
- Grade 9 Core Competency Chats are done and Grade 10 Core Competency Chats will happen right before Spring Break.
- School goals were reviewed with the Director of Instruction from the School Board. The school goals are being revamped and will be published on the school website. Nothing will be removed from the current school goals but numeracy learning and literacy will be added along with healthy schools which promotes mental and physical health.
- Admin is looking into providing sessions where parents can sign up to have time to discuss specific issues or concerns pertaining to the school. More information to come.
- Deadline for course verification is Monday, March 11th. Log in to MyEd to see what courses your students have chosen for the next school year. The team building next year's timetable wants to know numbers to be able to decide which courses to run, cancel or combine. Course changes will still be possible after March 11th as the timetable will be adjusted and tweaked until May. If you did not receive the email regarding course verification, please email Jacqueline Duff or the school's Systems Op.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Dry Grad raffle sales in the amount of \$2730 were deposited in to the Gaming account.
- Dry Grad Pub Night fundraiser netted \$4240 which was deposited in to a Vancity account separate from the PAC accounts.
- Online donations are at \$2975.
- Balances available to the PAC are: General \$13 704 and Gaming \$9 731
- 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 – Some students in the Music Department are preparing for the European music appreciation tour during Spring Break.
- Grade 11 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 12 – Nothing to report.
- ELL – Nothing to report.
- Mini school – Nothing to report.

DPAC

- Nothing to report.

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FUNDRAISING

- There was concern about where to put the fundraising information on the school website. Mr. Wozney will talk to the person responsible for putting information on the website.

DRY GRAD

- This is the last week to collect Dry Grad raffle ticket booklets. So far, 44 booklets have been returned and about 80 are still outstanding.
- A table will be set up in the Student Commons during Parent/Teacher conferences to sell raffle tickets.

- There was a question regarding insurance for the Dry Grad venue. The venue requires a copy of the policy. Mr. Wozney will look in to it.

COMMUNITY POLICE

- Regarding a previous question about suspicious drug activity on the stairs across the street on Parker, the RCMP says to report anything suspicious.
- There has been a problem with mail theft in apartment buildings, especially in the area of Loughheed, Gilmore, Willingdon and Hastings.

OTHER BUSINESS & QUESTIONS from parents

- Margo met with Mr. Wozney to discuss concerns regarding the use of technology at school and the amount of screen time students have.
- Concerns included: the assumption of teachers that all students have a device they can bring to school and use.
 - The pressure for parents to provide those devices and the fact that some families can't afford them.
 - The increase of screen time throughout the day and how to put limitations on it.
 - Balancing screen time with social engagement, imagination, and physical activity.
- Margot would like to see ongoing dialogue and work done in the schools to help kids navigate and find that balance.
- Mr. Wozney's perspective: the education system is changing with the mandate and emphasis being on the use of technology.
 - The school is mirroring what students will find in colleges, universities and future work places.
 - Schools are rarely buying text books anymore because they are expensive and become outdated so quickly.
 - It is an adjustment and learning process for teachers, too, as this is the first year the school has full wifi and the staff is navigating the new technology as it comes. We have to teach students when and how to use technology responsibly.
 - The school has laptop and iPad carts for use in the classrooms, with more coming. He will remind teachers not to assume that all students have a device to use and to make devices available to those who need it.
 - Students at lunch are still social and active.
- Discussion will be ongoing.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:57pm

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST

- March 6th – Collaboration Day, Diversity Dance at Byrne Creek, 6pm

- March 8th – Parent/Teacher conference online signup closes
- March 13th – Collaboration Day
- March 14th – Early dismissal at 12:30pm, Parent/Teacher conferences start at 2pm
- March 15th – Early dismissal at 1:50pm
- March 18th-29th – Spring Break, school closed
- April 1st – School reopens
- April 3rd – Euclid Math contest
- April 5th – BCSSMC Math Prelims