

ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL
PAC MINUTES
Monday, May 6th, 2019

Attendance: Mr. Wozney, Melody Eng, Janice Chiem, Susan Fritz, Angela Dasovic, Lina Silvestre, Sherry Zhao, Donna Rae-Yeung, Margo Hrennikoff, Lina Basso, Claude Tani, Sally Felkai, Cindy Zheng, Louise Hazemi, Dalena Blaesler

Regrets: Anne-Marie Porth, Raquel Do

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Melody welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- April minutes - Motion was made by Melody to approve minutes, Sherry seconded, all in favour – motion passed.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Building update: Unitech is gone but landscaping continues.
- Alpha is no longer using the nickname, the Aztecs, though a bird logo will still be used. The choosing a new school nickname is in progress following an inclusive process with student, staff and parent input.
- The draft of the 2019/20 school calendar is about 95% complete. Additions to the calendar are still being made but the final draft could be up on the website by the end of June. If you see any issues with the information on the draft calendar, please email Mimi Lim and cc Mr. Wozney.
- Career Life Connections (CLC) 11&12, which is a new requirement for graduation, will be scheduled during some Collaboration time next year. As well, each semester, half a day will be scheduled for CLC instruction the Wednesday before Collab starts and the Wednesday after Collab ends so that one full day of CLC is completed each semester.
- Staff is in the process of figuring out how to add Flex time to the school schedule. Each semester is 20 weeks. Flex time will occur in the last 12 to 16 weeks of each semester and will be the extension of one block per week on a Tuesday or Thursday. One example of what Flex time might look like, is taking 15 minutes from each period of the day and adding it to one period on a rotating basis. For example, one hour would be added to the first period on week 1, one hour would be added to the second period of week 2, one hour to the third period of week 3, and so on. During this extended block, students will be able to choose which subject(s) they require some extra time or help. They will bring required materials to work on projects, study for tests, and seek help from appropriate teachers. This is not taking instructional time away but adding flexible time in the week where students are being allowed to make decisions on what they need. This schedule adjustment may not be in place until the second semester next year. Staff is working on the idea methodically to ensure a successful implementation.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Bottle deposits of \$58 and a small \$5 donation were deposited in to the General account
- Dry Grad Raffle ticket sales of \$890 and a small donation of \$6.70 were deposited in to the Gaming account. The total proceeds of raffle ticket sales is \$11,230.
- Cash online donations to date: \$2,975.
- There were no disbursements from the General account in April.
- There were disbursements from the Gaming account totaling \$1700 for Dry Grad raffle prizes.
- General account available balance for PAC use: \$12,474
- Gaming account available balance for PAC use: \$9,788

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- The position of ELL rep is still open.
- Melody asked Mr. Wozney if there was any update regarding the school field. Mr. Wozney hasn't heard anything. The School District and City are still figuring it out.

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 – Nothing to report.
- ELL – Nothing to report.
- Mini school – Nothing to report.

DPAC

- There was discussion of the annual budget overview for the District. The three year budget projection shows shortfalls for each year. There was no impact on this school year as the shortfall was covered by reserve funds. However, the surplus will not cover the shortfalls of \$3.6M and \$5.8M for the next two years. The District is awaiting the new funding formula from the Province to see if the budget will be negatively or positively impacted. Please see the attached minutes from the April DPAC meeting for more information.

- There is an increase in enrollment for international students and students with special needs.
- The District is looking at site options for out of school care expansion. Emails will be sent out to interested parents as they become available.

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Burnaby DPAC contact: info@burnabydpac.com

Burnaby DPAC website: <http://www.burnabydpac.com>

Burnaby DPAC Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/BurnabyDPAC>

FUNDRAISING

- There was discussion about where to put the fundraising information for SPUD, Cobs and Encore Recycling on the school website. Mr. Wozney will talk to Mike Wong.
- There was also the suggestion to put out reminders of the fundraisers on ListServ every few months.

DRY GRAD

- The Dry Grad committee is in the final stages of planning for the event.
- They are looking for qualified First Aid volunteers.

COMMUNITY POLICE

- There has been a decrease in mailbox theft.
- Break and Enters are below the three year average.
- A suspect has been identified for the theft of donation boxes in the Heights.
- Coffee With Cops, May 12th-19th. On May 16th, they will be at the Whole Foods in the Solo District from 1-3pm.

OTHER BUSINESS & QUESTIONS from parents

- Voluntary online cash donations letter: for the next school year, Louise would like to modify the letter to include examples of items that this year's money was used for so that parents know what the money is going towards and also to offer automatic tax receipts.
- Mr. Wozney was asked about the possibility of having a fundraising market next year where local vendors could be invited to participate, the school band could play, graduating students could serve hors d'oeuvres and make it a fair type atmosphere. Mr. Wozney would have to run the idea by the Board.

- The Staff Appreciation lunch will be held on Thursday, June 20th. Raquel and Margo would like to see more parents involved, not just the PAC parents. They would like to put out feelers to see what parents would be willing to provide as far as donating food dishes. They are also looking for volunteers to do food prep and help with clean up. They will put requests out on ListServ.
- The next meeting will include the AGM after the regular PAC meeting, from 6:45-7pm. If you would like to keep your positions on PAC next year or are interested in other positions, please email Melody and Susan.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:00pm

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST

- May 13th – Mental Health Awareness week
- May 15th – Gauss Math contest
- May 16th – Measles catch up day
- May 17th – Pro-D Day, school closed
- May 20th – Victoria Day, school closed
- May 23rd – IDAHAT breakfast, 8am at Burnaby Central
- May 24th – School Leaving rehearsal at 12:30pm
- May 26th – School Leaving ceremony, 2pm at Bill Copeland Arena