

**ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
**PAC MINUTES**  
**Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Attendance:** Mr. Wozney, Melody Eng, Janice Chiem, Susan Fritz, Angela Dasovic, Donna Rae-Yeung, Lina Basso, Claude Tani, Lina Silvestre, Sally Felkai, Cindy Zheng, Colin Sian, Mpho Holele, Gloria McKale, Goran Ilic, Shazia Iameo, Amir Khakban, Lesley Staiger, Valdet Sahatciu, Jiwen Wei, Phata Chan, Christine Nowak, Shelly Rheume, Stace Dayment, Marcy McCabe, Saicy Moyneur, Sandy Rogers, Kathy Hecimovic, Karina Otero, Tara Niccoli-Sperling, Fatuma Ote, Debra Phillipson, Krystyna Voadlo, Yuen Wong, Stacie Schmechel, Chris Schmechel, Pat Chiu, Diana Chiu, Ruth Heyde, Irene Li, Rebecca Lo, Sherri Boljuncic

**Regrets:** Anne-Marie Porth, Raquel Do, Margo Hrennikoff

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

- Melody welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.
- May minutes – Motion was made by Melody to approve minutes, Claude seconded, all in favour – motion passed.
- Approval of June minutes was postponed to the October meeting.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

- The start of the school year went smoothly with most students settled in their schedules.
  - There are 70 more students than expected with waiting lists for some programs.
  - Current number of students is 1167 with the largest incoming Grade 8 group to date of 241.
  - The district gave the school more staffing but the challenge is where to put them as all rooms throughout the day are mostly full.
- Collaboration days start on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and attendance is mandatory.
- The Flex time model will be piloted starting on November 14<sup>th</sup> and occur once a week. The day will consist of 5 periods. During the flex time portion of the day, students will choose how to use that time, i.e having time to work on projects, seeking extra help from teachers, getting homework done, etc. More information is to come.
- School Identity project information is up on the school website. The school moniker will no longer be the Aztecs and a committee consisting of teachers, parents and students, is discussing an appropriate name change. Latash, the Squamish elder who carved the story board for the school will be back in October for a small reconciliation ceremony.
- Alpha is doing a very good job of supporting struggling learners which has been a focus for the teachers and staff. Supporting struggling learners has positive outcomes for all learners. At the end of the last school year, students had completed 97.95% of all their courses and over 60% of students had been on the Honour Roll.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- June to August activities:
  - \$300 was deposited for direct purchases of Dry Grad admissions
  - \$353 Dry Grad donation was received from Parkland Refining
  - \$64 of bottle returns was deposited in July
  - Cash online donations of \$3400 was transferred to the PAC in July
  - \$22,000 of short term investments was redeemed from Gaming funds to pay for the Teachers Wish List
- General account available balance for PAC use: \$12,595
- Gaming account available balance for PAC use: \$8,233
- Please see report for full details.

## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- The positions of Grade 8 rep, Mini school rep and ELL rep are still open. If anyone is interested, please let us know.
- There is a public online survey asking for feedback on recreational facilities and community spaces in the northwest quadrant of Burnaby. It might be an opportunity to encourage the City to develop a usable field at Alpha that could be shared with the community. Melody asked if an email could be put out on ListServ so that families could offer their input.
- Melody asked Mr. Wozney for clarification of parking passes for students who want to park in the school's parking lot. There are a total of 67 parking spots, 55 are set aside for staff and 12 are student spots. Students can purchase a parking tag for \$20, park in student spots if available and the \$20 will be refunded at the end of the school year when the tag is returned to the office.

## **VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- Nothing to report

## **CLASS REP REPORTS**

- Grade 8 – Stace Dayment volunteered for the position.
- 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**

- Donna gave an overview of the DPAC. She is happy to co-chair if anyone is interested in sharing the Rep position. Meetings are held the third Monday of the month, 7pm at Burnaby Central. Drop-ins are also allowed.

## **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 chocolate orders will start in November.
- Reminders for SPUD, Cobs Bread and Encorp Recycling fundraising will go out on ListServ shortly.
- SPC cards are available for purchasing. They are \$10 each and proceeds from our portion will be put towards graduation scholarships.

## **DRY GRAD**

- There is a Carter GM fundraiser the afternoon of October 16<sup>th</sup>. Pay \$25 to test drive their vehicles at the school and proceeds will go towards this year's Dry Grad event. More information to come.

## **COMMUNITY POLICE**

- Angela was unable to attend the last meeting in June.
- Anyone is welcome to attend the monthly meetings, 9am the last Thursday of the month at the Community Police Office in Carleton Square on Hastings, but it does require having a criminal record check done.
- Constable Jon Killin is this year's School Liaison Officer.

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

- Jay walking on Parker Street – parents are concerned with students crossing Parker St. where there is no crosswalk. Students cross in the middle of the street to access the stairs on the other side which is also at the crest of the hill. Donna has sent a message

to City Engineering/Traffic about this issue. Parents are wondering if there is a way to patrol, at least temporarily, Parker St. for jaywalking.

**MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:02pm**

**UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST**

- September 12<sup>th</sup> – School photo day
- September 13<sup>th</sup> – Extended lunch for Welcome Back food trucks
- September 18<sup>th</sup> – Alpha Meet and Greet, 6pm Gr. 8 presentations
- September 20<sup>th</sup> – Pro-D, school closed
- September 24<sup>th</sup> – Grade 8 Retreat at an indoor beach
- September 25<sup>th</sup> – CLC 11/12 Day, altered bells (Gr. 11/12 only)
- September 26<sup>th</sup> – Terry Fox Run, period 2
- September 27<sup>th</sup> – Clubs Day
- September 30<sup>th</sup> – Orange Shirt Day, sign up opens for Parent/Teacher conferences
- October 2<sup>nd</sup> – CLC 11/12 Day, altered bells (Gr. 11/12 only), Beta Mini school info session