

ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL
PAC MINUTES
Monday, December 2nd, 2019

Attendance: Mr. Wozney, Melody Eng, Janice Chiem, Susan Fritz, Angela Dasovic, Donna Rae-Yeung, Lina Basso, Raquel Do, Claude Tani, Irene Li, Anne-Marie Porth, Margo Hrennikoff, Joy Norgard, Stacie Schmechel, Chris Schmechel

Regrets: Lina Silvestre, Stace Dayment

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- The Remembrance Day assemblies took place on Friday, November 8th.
- The blessing ceremony, with Chief Ian Campbell of the Squamish Nation, for the Indigenous Story Board took place on November 19th.
- CLC 11/12: this course is a requirement for graduation and students are being reminded to sign up for their 3 sessions. Space in the sessions is limited.
- The Music department's Winter Concert is this Wednesday night, December 4th, at the Michael J. Fox theatre.
- Flex time: the first sessions have taken place. Thus far, students have been given lessons regarding self-regulation and using the time appropriately and efficiently. Starting with senior students, we will be moving towards allowing students to leave their classrooms and move around the school to access the help they need. Feedback from students thus far has been positive.
- Report cards: The Ministry is looking at changing report cards to include more standards based reporting. Teachers have already begun focusing on the idea of 'strength based' anecdotal comments. Provincially, the Ministry has notified us that a standards based report card for grades K-9 will be adopted using more proficiency scales within the next two years.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Purdys: we raised \$519 from the sale of the chocolates. This amount is not reflected in the financials as we haven't received the funds yet.
- Approximately \$5,590 was disbursed from the General account to pay for the picnic benches dedicated by Dry Grad 2015 and 2017.
- There were no disbursements from the Gaming account.
- General account available balance for PAC use: \$17,415

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- Please see report for full details.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- The positions of Vice Chair and ELL rep are still open, as well as Fundraising rep. If anyone is interested, please let us know.

VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Nothing to report

CLASS REP REPORTS

- Grade 8 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 9 – Collab days: parents would like more information regarding presentation topics.
- Grade 10 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 11 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 12 – Nothing to report.
- ELL – Nothing to report.
- Mini school – Clarified the purpose of 'I' days and what happens during the week between semesters. Mr. Wozney explained that while there is no structured class time, the time is used to make up missed work, clear up 'I' reports, and Gr. 10 and 12 literacy assessments.

DPAC

- November's meeting topic was Teen Mental Health. Good information on this topic can be found at TeenMentalHealth.org.

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

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FUNDRAISING

- The winner of the draw for a \$20 Purdys gift card is Marissa.

DRY GRAD

- The pub night fundraiser at the Admiral Pub was a resounding success with \$7000 raised.
- The committee is looking in to a possible fundraising event through Vancouver Theatre Sports at Granville Island for a 90 minute all ages show.

COMMUNITY POLICE

- RCMP announced that crime in Burnaby is down.
- Coffee with Cops will be continuing in the new year. Locations to be determined.
- The City of Burnaby will be keeping the lights along Hastings Street up for the whole year. The Burnaby Merchants Association will be hosting a business window decorating contest for the holidays.

OTHER BUSINESS & QUESTIONS from parents

- Younger students involved in the school's sports teams are feeling frustration with having senior students as team coaches and common feedback is that they won't rejoin school teams next year. Parents are wondering if student coaches get any kind of training to learn how to be coaches. Mr. Wozney suggested sharing concerns with the school's Athletic Director, Mr. Chandi.
- The Alpha Debate team is offering the Alpha Drop N' Shop Babysitting service on December 5th, 9th and 19th. Drop your younger children off at Alpha from 6-9pm for them to participate in fun activities while you finish your Christmas shopping and wrapping. The cost for the first child is \$15, additional children are \$10.
- Dessert Theatre will be taking place on December 11th and 12th, in the Drama studio.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:01pm

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST

- December 4th – Music Department concert, Snowfall, 7pm at MJF Theatre
- December 5th – Flex time day, altered bell schedule
- December 10th – Breakfast with Santa at lunch
- December 11th – Dessert Theatre, 7pm in the Drama studio
- December 12th – Flex time day, altered bell schedule; Dessert Theatre, 7pm in the Drama Studio
- December 17th – Core Competencies, Session 1, altered bell schedule (Gr. 8/9/10)
- December 19th – Flex time day, altered bell schedule
- December 20th – Alpha Jingle Jam, altered bell schedule
- December 23rd-January 3rd – Winter Break, school closed
- January 6th – School re-opens

- January 9th – Flex time day, altered bell schedule