

ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL
PAC MINUTES
Monday, February 3rd, 2020

Attendance: Mr. Wozney, Melody Eng, Janice Chiem, Susan Fritz, Angela Dasovic, Irene Li, Stace Dayment, Donna Rae-Yeung, Claude Tani, Lina Basso, Gloria McKale, Fatuma Ote

Regrets: Anne-Marie Porth, Raquel Do, Margo Hrennikoff, Lina Silvestre

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Melody welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- January minutes – postponed approval to the March meeting.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Assessment week – as this was the first time having an Assessment week, things were hectic but successful. Mr. Wozney was proud to see students in class catching up on work for the semester and staff supporting the students in their learning. The gym was open daily for student use, as well.
- Enrichment – the school is moving away from labelling courses 'Honours' but is allowing students to be enriched in any subject of their choosing. These enriched learning activities will not be graded or marked but will allow students to broaden the exploration of their interests. Formalized tracking of enriched learning in a way that is not onerous on students, is being explored. Students in grades 10 to 12 have an online portfolio space called 'My Blueprint' that they can use as a tool to archive their enrichment activities. Grade 8 and 9 students may start using 'My Blueprint', as well. These portfolios of evidenced learning will be useful when applying to post-secondary schools.
- Flex time – this has had a successful start and the expansion of Flex time will continue as students are making good use of it. The staff likes the system of rotating blocks and students will be allowed to sign up to spend the time in other classes during Flex time if they so choose.
- Timetable – the building of next year's timetable has begun. Students have started the course selection process and parents are asked to check their students' choices for next year by the end of February.
- Open House – will be taking place this Thursday, February 6th, starting at 5:45pm. It is expected that Alpha will be at capacity next year with more than 250 incoming grade 8 students.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- In January, there were no deposits or disbursements from the General and Gaming accounts.

- General account available balance for PAC use: \$18,943
- Gaming account available balance for PAC use: \$8,647
- 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 – There was a question to clarify the altered bell schedules for Collab days and the Core Competency prep day.
- 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

- Last month's topic was regarding assessments with the new curriculum compared to the traditional assessments with standardized testing. There is a slide show to come regarding this information and Donna will share the link for this when it is available.

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FUNDRAISING

- SPUD has ended their fundraising program and the last opportunity to order from their fundraising program was at the end of January.

DRY GRAD

- The Vancouver Theatre Sports fundraising event at Granville Island is taking place on February 16th. Ticket sales have been slow. The last day to buy tickets for this event is on February 14th.

COMMUNITY POLICE

- There has been an increase in vehicle break and enters, mostly because cars are being left unlocked.

OTHER BUSINESS & QUESTIONS from parents

- Westridge Elementary Trivia Night is taking place Friday, March 6th and is a fundraiser for a Grade 7 trip. Tickets are \$25 and include pizza and snacks. This is a 19+ event. Tickets can be purchased from Stace or by contacting the Westridge office.
- Stace and Bill Brassington met with Dave Ellenwood, Director of Parks and Rec, regarding the school field in order to clarify the ownership and responsibility of the land. Alpha is the only high school in Burnaby without a useable field. This discussion is ongoing.
- PAC will have a table set up at the Open House and the Dry Grad committee will be selling tickets for Theatre Sports.
- Report cards were accessible online today.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:43pm

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST

- February 5th – Collab day
- February 6th – Indigenous Parents Dinner, 5pm; Alpha Open House, 5:45pm
- February 12th – Collab day
- February 17th – Family Day, school closed
- February 19th – Collab day; Star Search, 6pm in the Drama room
- February 24th – Sign up opens online for Parent/Teacher conferences
- February 26th – Collab day
- February 27th – Pink shirt day
- February 28th – District Pro-D, school closed

