

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

Attendance: Mr. Wozney, Melody Eng, Janice Chiem, Susan Fritz, Angela Dasovic, Donna Rae-Yeung, Lina Basso, Stace Dayment, Raquel Do, Claude Tani, Irene Li, Gloria McKale, Bill Brassington, Sally Felkai, Stacie Schmechel, Chris Schmechel, Yuen Wong

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

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Melody welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.
- Peter Cech, Trustee Liaison for schools, made a brief presentation regarding the Burnaby Board of Education Strategic plan for 2019-2024 and handed out informational literature. There was also a brief discussion regarding the ongoing conversation with the City about the school field. There are no updates but Mr. Cech assured parents that the topic was being brought up and discussed regularly with the Board and City staff.
- October minutes – Motion was made by Melody to approve minutes, Angela seconded, all in favour – motion passed.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- The Compass Study took place on October 29th. This is a national study by universities to track data regarding high school student issues such as mental health, vaping and drug use, etc. The data is compared across the country and the information comes back to the Healthy Schools committee.
- 'I' Reports were sent out prior to first term Report Cards to alert students and parents that the student is not meeting minimum learning outcomes in their class(es).
- Flex time – the first Flex Time class will take place on November 14th. The first two Flex Time periods will be school wide lessons.
- Report cards will be available online through the MyEd parent portal as of October 19th. You can request a printed copy of the report card through the office, if necessary.
- Identity committee – the school is slowly in the process of removing the name of the Aztecs. The most popular choice for the name change so far is the Eagles. Once a decision is officially made regarding the new name, there will be some kind of recognition presentation. The artist who painted the Aztec mural in the gym will be brought back to repaint the name. The school colours and bird logo will remain the same.
- November 19th, a ceremony will be held in the afternoon to honour and bless the story board that is now mounted on the wall outside of the main office. Squamish elders, Latash, the creator of the story board, school trustees and senior staff will be present for the ceremony.
- Remembrance Day ceremonies will be held November 8th, in the large gym.

- Wednesday, December 4th, the Music Department's Winter concert will be held at 7pm at the Michael J Fox theatre.
- Literacy and Numeracy assessments will be replacing Provincial exams. There will be no Literacy assessments for this year's grade 12 students. Grade 11 students this year, who will graduate in 2021, will be taking the assessments in their grade 12 year.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- SPC cards – a total of 70 cards were sold (20 online and 50 by Melody) for a total profit of \$245.
- Last year's Gaming grant was larger than this year due to excess funds that were distributed above the base grant of \$20/student. Each school last year received 20% more than the regular base grant.
- In October, \$20,000 from this year's Gaming grant was deposited in to a short term investment.
- Approximately \$1600 was disbursed from the General account, including an additional \$400 deposit toward the Dry Grad venue and a \$1000 bursary from the 2019 Dry Grad to help needy students this year get a suit or dress for graduation.
- General account available balance for PAC use: \$12,843
- Gaming account available balance for PAC use: \$8,234
- Please see report for full details.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- The positions of Vice Chair and ELL rep are still open. If anyone is interested, please let us know.
- Claude would like to step down as Fundraising rep but will stay on until someone else replaces him. If anyone is interested, please let us know.
- Canadian Parents for French (CPF) are looking for a parent rep for the school. Sally Felkai has volunteered.

VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Nothing to report

CLASS REP REPORTS

- Grade 8 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 9 – Parents are concerned about repetitive Collab presentations when grade 8 and 9 presentations are combined. Mr. Wozney feels there are enough changes to subject content to make it beneficial for students to attend presentations two years in a row.
- Grade 10 – Nothing to report.

- Grade 11 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 12 – Question regarding CLC assignments and what grade 12 students should be doing as their CLC assignments were completed in grade 11. Grade 12 students should be focussing on Capstone assignments. Their CLC time is less structured and can be done from home during CLC time. However, students should remember that these assignments will be graded and are not a simple pass/fail mark so attention should be made to them.
- ELL – Nothing to report.
- Mini school – Nothing to report.

DPAC

- October's meeting topic was Finance 101.

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

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

FUNDRAISING

- Purdys online orders close on November 25th. The fundraising goal will be increased. The sort day for Purdys orders will be December 4th. Anyone who is able to help out, please email Claude.
- Other ongoing fundraising efforts include, Cobs at Kensington Square, Encorp Recycling and SPUD home delivery.

DRY GRAD

- Information regarding a gift card fundraiser will be sent out on ListServ. A variety of gift cards will be listed, face value is paid and the Dry Grad committee gets a portion back from each gift card purchased.

COMMUNITY POLICE

- Nothing to report.

OTHER BUSINESS & QUESTIONS from parents

- The next Burnaby Parks and Rec meeting will be held at 6pm on Tuesday, November 12th, at Burnaby City Hall.
- Sound Wave Handbell choir is performing at 7pm on December 10th at the Gordon Presbyterian Church on Edmonds. Find more information on their blog.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:53pm

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST

- November 6th – Collab Day
- November 8th – National Indigenous Veteran’s Day; Remembrance Day assemblies during second period
- November 11th – Remembrance Day, school closed
- November 13th – Collab Day
- November 14th – AMC 8 Math contest; Flex Time day, altered bell schedule
- November 19th – Term 1 report cards available on the MyEd parent portal
- November 20th – Collab Day; CSIMC Math contest
- November 21st – Flex Time day, altered bell schedule
- November 22nd – Pro-D, school closed
- November 27th – Collab day
- November 28th – Flex Time day, altered bell schedule