

## ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL

### PAC MINUTES

Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Attendance:** Mr. Wozney, Melody Eng, Janice Chiem, Susan Fritz, Irene Li, Anne-Marie Porth, Donna Rae-Young, Margo Hrennikoff, Stace Dayment, Lina Silvestre

**Regrets:** Claude Tani, Raquel Do

### WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Melody welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Approval of June minutes postponed to October's meeting.
- Discussed who was willing to continue with current positions and what positions were available to fill at the October meeting.

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- September overview:
  - Students have been grouped according to grades with grades 8 and 9 coming for full days and grades 10, 11 and 12, coming mornings and alternating afternoons depending on their class groupings.
  - Start, break and end times have been staggered.
  - Testing the use of directional arrows to keep people moving and appropriately distanced.
  - Masks to be used outside of Learning Groups in common areas or any time social distancing cannot be maintained.
  - Students can eat lunch outside in covered areas, in the hallways maintaining distance, or in the 'X' marked spaces in the gym. Information on Cafeteria use to come.
  - Students must use their O365 email accounts for all school purposes.
  - Every course is being run through Teams in case a student has to quarantine or there is another school closure. With Teams, students and teachers can continue to have access to the courses and communicate with each other.
  - During the online portions of classes, students must check in with their teachers daily for attendance purposes or they will be marked absent.
  - Students can make appointments with their teachers during Wednesday afternoon flex time if they have questions or need extra support.
- Distributed Learning aka Burnaby Online – traditionally, online learning has followed a linear timetable with students having 18 months to complete courses. Schools are now following a quarter system which poses a problem for students who want to start the school year online but might want to come back to school later in the year. The District decided to offer a quarterly system online this year as an alternate option. The only issue is that the quarterly schedule students have for their online learning may not

match the quarterly course offerings at their school when they decide to go back. Families are being made aware that students may have to repeat a course that they have already finished online if that is the only schedule option when they return to their school. Schedules cannot be changed.

- Grad fees – Regular graduation fees are not being collected at this time. If the District decides that graduation ceremonies can run normally, then fees will be collected. If not, alternate plans to recognize graduating students will be made.
- Photo Days – Artona will be at the school on Thursday and Friday morning for school photos. Artona is also booking sessions for Grad photos November 4<sup>th</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup> at their Vancouver studio.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- The operating grant for \$295 from the School District was received in June.
- Short term investments of \$15,400 were cashed out in June.
- Disbursements from the General account in June totaled \$1592.
- General account available balance for PAC use: \$18,268
- Gaming account available balance for PAC use: \$8,244
- Please see report for full details.

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- Discussed how to proceed with upcoming PAC meetings. Melody would prefer to avoid Zoom meetings. Discussed the idea of holding meetings in the large gym with a maximum number of participants capped at 50 to maintain Covid protocols of social distancing. Also, all participants would be required to sign in for contact tracing purposes.

### **VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- Nothing to report

### **CLASS REP REPORTS**

- Grade 8 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 9 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 10 – Parents were wondering where students could eat lunch. Answer was given with the Principal's report.
- Grade 11 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 12 – Nothing to report.
- ELL – Nothing to report.
- Mini school – Nothing to report.

## **DPAC**

- Nothing to report

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## **FUNDRAISING**

- Nothing to report

## **DRY GRAD**

- Nothing to report.

## **COMMUNITY POLICE**

- Nothing to report.

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

- No other business was discussed.

## **MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:18pm**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST**

- September 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> – School photo days
- September 25<sup>th</sup> – Pro-D, school closed
- September 30<sup>th</sup> – Orange Shirt Day

