

ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL
PAC MINUTES
Monday, December 7th, 2020

Attendance via Zoom: Mr. Wozney, Melody Eng, Janice Chiem, Susan Fritz, Irene Li, Claude Tani, Anne-Marie Porth, Donna Rae-Yeung, Margo Hrennikoff, Arlene Elliott, Stace Dayment, Ashley Sandquist, Chris Schmechel, Xiaosu Tang, Gadis Sihombing, Gloria McKale, Kumiko Yamada, Cecil Swadling, Paoka, Nikki, Vesna Mudrovic, Johanna Kwan, Lesley Staiger, CL, Ingrid, Lucy, Olivia

Regrets: Lina Silvestre, Raquel Do

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Melody welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- November minutes – approval postponed to January’s meeting.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

- Health and Safety – To date, there have only been three cases of Covid-19 exposure in the school with no spread to others. Parents are encouraged to make sure that students have a back-up mask in their back packs and to help students develop habits of social distancing and hand washing/sanitizing.
- The Ministry is responsible for making the decision to extend the Winter break but Covid-19 protocols seem to be working well with low numbers of exposure.
- District Student Survey went out and 579 responses were received from Alpha students. Students were asked if they were able to get all courses requested and 354 students responded, yes; 225, responded, no. The majority of ‘no’ responses were from grade 8 and 9 students who had a harder time getting elective courses because of course limitations due to Covid. Using a 1-5 scale, students were asked to respond to their satisfaction level of the following items and results were:

Homework: 3.9

Pacing: 3.66

Marks: 4.65

Teams: 4.39

Longer classes: 3.29

Staggered schedules: 4.0

There was a fair representation of responses across grades but there were more responses from grade 8 and 9 students.

- Mid quarter marks will be available on December 18th via MyEd. If you notice any errors in the marks, please email the school and those will be addressed after the holidays.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The Dry Grad committee of 2020 transferred their unused funds of \$2,247 to be used for Dry Grad 2021. This money has been deposited in to the PAC General account.
- Gaming Grant - \$22,000 was transferred to a cashable GIC.
- There were no disbursements from the General or Gaming accounts in November.
- Cash Online donations of \$3,115 from last year are in the school bank account but not in the PAC account.
- Ending bank balances as of November 30th are: General - \$21,088 Gaming - \$40,248
- General account available balance for PAC use: \$18,841
- Gaming account available balance for PAC use: \$14,965
- Please see report for full details.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- The positions of Chairperson and Secretary will need to be filled for the next school year. If anyone is interested, please email the PAC executive so information sharing and transitioning can begin.

VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Nothing to report

CLASS REP REPORTS

- Grade 8 – Nothing to report.
- 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

- Last month's meeting was focused on what the DPAC should cover in terms of Wish Lists.
- Discussed how learning gaps and mental health issues surrounding pandemic learning can be addressed. The DPAC would like parent feedback. If you have any ideas to contribute to the discussion, please email Donna who will submit them to the DPAC.

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Burnaby DPAC contact: info@burnabydpac.com

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

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

FUNDRAISING

- Claude recently picked up a fundraising cheque from Cobs for \$227. Reminders for the Cobs and Encorp Recycling fundraising opportunities will go out on ListServ in the near future.

DRY GRAD

- Plans for this year's Dry Grad are uncertain as the committee is waiting to see what the District is planning for Grad events and what activities will be allowed. Facilities for traditional activities have been tentatively booked but everything is dependent on the Provincial Health Authority decisions.

COMMUNITY POLICE

- No one is attending these meetings yet. If anyone is interested in becoming the Community Policing Rep, please email the PAC executive.

OTHER BUSINESS & QUESTIONS from parents

- There was a question regarding the recent death of a former Alpha student. The school has limited information as the former student was now an adult in the community and the RCMP are not required to communicate with the school on this matter. Extra support was brought in for four days to help students and staff who knew the former student.
- A parent brought up a concern regarding a gravel path on the northeast corner of the school grounds suggesting that it was a slipping hazard. This concern needs to be brought up with the City as that particular path is City property.
- Parents of online learning students are concerned about the lack of communication from the District regarding an updated six month plan for online programs. Mr. Wozney reiterated that students who chose to take online classes each quarter can transition back to school at the start of a new quarter. Students who chose the year-long online program remain online for the school year and can come back to Alpha in September 2021.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:11pm

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST

- December 7th-11th – 'I' Reports are sent home
- December 16th – Core Competencies #1 at 10am
- December 17th – Pancakes with Santa
- December 18th – Mid-quarter 2 marks available online
- December 21st-Jan. 1st – Winter vacation, school closed
- January 4th – school reopens