

ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL
PAC MINUTES
Monday, March 1st, 2021

Attendance via Zoom: Mr. Wozney, Melody Eng, Susan Fritz, Irene Li, Claude Tani, Anne-Marie Porth, Arlene Elliott, Stace Dayment, Margo Hrennikoff, Raquel Do, Gloria McKale, Paola Fairey, Ashley Sandquist, Bill Brassington, (J) Stacie Schmechel, Maricel dela Cruz, Johanna Kwan, Heidi Fehlauer, Anna Marie da Palma, Carmela Correa, Rosetta Santorelli, Andrew, Gary, Maggie, Arthur, Cindy Is Happy to See You, NFL Gamarrrrs

Regrets: Donna Rae-Yeung, Melanie Sing, Janice Chiem, Lina Silvestre

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Melody welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- January minutes – motion was made by Melody to approve minutes, Stace seconded, all in favor – motion passed.
- February minutes – motion was made by Melody to approve minutes, Stace seconded, all in favor – motion passed.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Alpha's address has changed due to confusion with the old address being on Parker Street but the main entrance being on Alpha. The address has been corrected and is now: 930 Alpha Avenue, Burnaby, BC, V5C 3E2
- Planning for the 'Cross the Stage' Grad event is ongoing. This year's event will be held in the main gym. The District is waiting on the Provincial Health Authority to decide on the number of people allowed to gather so it can be determined how many groups can be cycled through with parents.
- Cross District and Out of District application deadlines have passed as of last Friday, February 26th. There were a number of applications for both the French Immersion and English programs. The school is expected to be at capacity again for September and the District will process the applications to determine if any can be accepted for the upcoming school year.
- Course selection is finished and the online system to choose courses is now closed. Any changes must be done through the counsellors. Please log in to MyEd with your student's password to see the courses they selected.
- Practice fire drills continue with modification. Due to social distancing measures, different grades practice exiting the building at different times so the whole school doesn't exit at the same time but knows the protocol in the event of an emergency. If there were a real emergency, the alarm would ring and the entire school would exit the building together.
- Quarter 3 'I' reports will come out this week. If your student has an 'I' report, you will receive a Student Action Plan to resolve the mark for the course.

- There will be no Parent/Teacher conferences next week and no early dismissals that are normally attributed to the conferences.
- Quarter 3 Report Cards will be published on MyEd on March 12th. If there are any issues with Report Cards, they will be dealt with after Spring Break.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- There were no changes from last month's report.
- Ending bank balances as of February 28th are: General - \$21,611 Gaming - \$39,189
- General account available balance for PAC use: \$19,364
- Gaming account available balance for PAC use: \$9,981
- The available balances take in to account funds committed to the Teachers Wish List, scholarships, and Dry Grad.
- Please see report for full details.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- There has been some interest from people coming forward to take on the Chair and Secretary positions for next year. These positions will be voted on in the AGM in June.

VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Nothing to report

CLASS REP REPORTS

- Grade 8 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 9 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 10 – Students and parents are wondering if there will be staggered start times again next school year? This is being considered as there has been positive feedback for staggered start times from this year. However, there is concern that flex time before and after school is not being utilized sufficiently by students and the staff would like to see this time being used more by students who need extra help.
- Grade 11 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 12 – Nothing to report.
- Mini school – Nothing to report.
- Online school – There are continued questions about plans for the online program next year. Has there been any news? Decisions will be late in coming and will be affected by the progression of the Covid situation. Will teachers be vaccinated early? Teachers will not be vaccinated early and this is a Health Authority process that the District has no control over.

DPAC

- There was a presentation on general anti-racism programs with strategies and supports available in the district. There was also the mention of the use of language and incorporating appropriate historical context in to school lessons.

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FUNDRAISING

- Nothing to report.

GRAD PARENT COMMITTEE

- There was a brief meeting today to seek staff volunteers for the 'Walk Across the Stage' event and planning will progress after Spring Break.

COMMUNITY POLICE

- A new chair was voted in and a schedule was set for meetings for the remainder of the year. Meetings will be the last Thursday of the month. If you have any questions for the Community Police office, please email Gloria who will take them to the meeting and report back.
- There is a report of increased graffiti in the area including graffiti on businesses, homes and garage doors. While some of this may be due to people passing through the area, it is believed that there are also local individuals contributing to the defacement of property.
- There was discussion of having increased community involvement which might include youth representation. There have been students of Alpha involved in the Community Policing program in the past and Gloria will advise if youth representation wanted again.

OTHER BUSINESS & QUESTIONS from parents

- No other business or questions.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:33pm

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST

- March 10th – Core Competencies #2, 10am
- March 12th – Mid-Quarter 3 marks available online through MyEd
- March 15th-26th – Spring Break, school closed
- March 29th – School reopens
- April 2nd – Good Friday, school closed
- April 5th – Easter Monday, school closed