

ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL
PAC MINUTES
Monday, April 12, 2021

Attendance via Zoom: Mr. Wozney, Melody Eng, Susan Fritz, Janice Chiem, Donna Rae-Yeung, Irene Li, Anne-Marie Porth, Arlene Elliott, Stace Dayment, Raquel Do, Melanie Sing, Ashley Sandquist, (J) Stacie Schmechel, Lina Silvestre, Anna Marie da Palma, Maricel dela Cruz, Johanna, Heidi Fehlauer, Carmela Correa, Arthur, Ella Ho, Jane McQuillen, mylpad, PMah, Ingrid's iphone, Funkyfresh Cecil Swadling, Giulia, Xiaosu Tang, Donna Scigliano, Miryam, Terri's iphone, Rhonda Manson, Stacie's iphone, notaspencer, Edward, Lee, Kristen Valente

Regrets: Claude Tani, Cindy Cheta, Margo Hrennikoff, Paola Fairey

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Course selection is 98-99% completed and school is starting to look at timetable building. Students should see the counsellors for any changes.
- The Alpha Parent Survey will be sent out to parents and students at the end of the month/beginning of Q4. The questions will be the same as the last survey, please encourage everyone to complete it.
- 'Cross the Stage' Grad event is happening but the school is still waiting on the Provincial Health Authority to decide on the number of people allowed to gather. The date is set to be June 28. More information is coming.
Virtual Grad will be put on in conjunction with Artona, a date has not been confirmed yet but we should know by mid May.
- Fraser Health sent out a letter to parents on April 11 related to a positive COVID case. Some student and staff are in self-isolation. Parents should encourage students to go outdoor during breaks and students (grades 10-12) should leave the school if they do not have an onsite afternoon class.
- All eight secondary schools in Burnaby will be in a semester system for 2021/2022. It is easier to switch from a semester system to a quarter system if needed. The structure of the timetables (for both systems) is in the drafting stage and has not been finalized yet.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- There was little happening as fundraising activities are on hold.
- Application for Gaming Grant has been submitted.

- Currently the signing officers are Melody, Susan, and Janice but apparently Treasurer should not be a signing officer so for the next school year, we will have to find a replacement for Janice.
- Gaming fund can be used for scholarships but it is recommended that PAC writes the cheque to the recipient instead of writing the cheque to the school.
- Ending bank balances as of March 31st 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
- Please see report for full details.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Volunteer for PAC Chairperson for 2021/2022: Ashley Sandquist
- Volunteer for PAC Secretary for 2021/2022: Melanie Sing
- These positions will be voted on at the AGM.
- Also looking for a Vice-Chairperson 2021/2022

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.
- Mini school – Nothing to report.
- Online school – Nothing to report.

DPAC

- Nothing to report (there was no DPAC meeting in March).

FUNDRAISING

- Nothing to report.

GRAD PARENT COMMITTEE

- Nothing to report.

COMMUNITY POLICE

- They may be looking for a student volunteer for the next school year.

OTHER BUSINESS & QUESTIONS from parents

- A parent would like to know if the new speed limit for school zones is applied to Burnaby only or all school districts. The new speed limit applies to Burnaby at the moment and it is now from 7am to 10pm during school days.
- A parent asked if vaping was an ongoing issue in the student washrooms. Mr. Wozney replied that while vaping is not permitted on school property, it does still occur on occasion. There are health and safety protocols that apply to the school washrooms. A maximum of three students are permitted in the washrooms at one time. The boys' washrooms are regularly checked by the male administrators and Wendel. Ms. Lim is the only administrator who checks the girls' washrooms. For privacy reasons, the stalls will not be checked if occupied so if vaping occurs in the stalls, not much can be done. However, vaping is not permitted on school property and if students are caught, their vaping device will be confiscated and parents/guardians will be notified.
- A question was asked regarding the possible cancellation of Beta Mini school for grades 10-12. The mini school will continue with an IDS option for students in grades 10-12.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:31pm

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST

- April 20th – Core Competencies #3
- April 22nd – 23rd – Quarter turn around days
- April 26th – Pro-D, school closed
- April 27th – First day of Quarter 4
- April 30th – Q3 report cards available through MyEd

