

ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL
PAC MINUTES
Monday, May 3rd, 2021

Attendance via Zoom: Mr. Wozney, Melody Eng, Susan Fritz, Janice Chiem, Irene Li, Anne-Marie Porth, Arlene Elliott, Stace Dayment, Raquel Do, Melanie Sing, Claude Tani, Margo Hrennikoff, Gloria McKale, Ashley Sandquist, Lina Silvestre, Anna Marie da Palma, Maricel dela Cruz, Johanna, Heidi, Ella Ho, mylpad, Ingrid's iphone, Terri Russell, Stacie's iphone, Kristen Valente, Stig Tollefsen, Connie Leung, Yumuen Perez Vertti, Angela Yeh, Kumiko Yamada, Rana Rahmani, Suman Jiwani, Mario Livich, CFox, Lesley, Nikki

Regrets: Donna Rae-Yeung, Cindy Cheta, Paola Fairey

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Parents are asked to talk to their students about eating lunch outside as much as possible on nice days. When students are outside, everyone is safer and it makes it easier for the school to be cleaned during the lunch break. When the weather isn't nice, students can still utilize the outside covered spaces or remain indoors.
- A copy of the list of school fees for the upcoming school year was shared on screen. Fees will remain similar to previous years and have been set. The PAC was asked to pass a motion to accept the fees for the school year 2021/22. Anne-Marie seconded, all in favor – motion was passed.
- A draft of the school calendar for 2021/22 was shared on screen. Next year's school calendar is based on the semester system and can be adjusted as needed. The staff has been asked to book dates for regular events like concerts and Parent/Teacher interviews. Events can more easily be cancelled, if necessary, than added in to the calendar at a later date. If the school year has to start on a Quarter system, that decision will like be made at the District level in August. Grade 9 students who missed their regular immunizations this year will be immunized with next year's grade 9 students. A motion was made to adopt the draft of the school calendar with the knowledge that it may be subject to change. Stace seconded, all in favor – motion was passed.
- Following orders put forth by the Provincial Health Authority, parents and guardians will not be allowed to attend the 'Walk Across the Stage' event for the graduating students. There will be a letter coming out from the District to announce this decision made by the Province. There will be discussions for a contingency plan that could include live streaming the event. More details to come.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- In April, one payment in the amount of \$2394 was made from the Gaming account to pay for an item from the Teacher's Wish List.
- There is approximately \$3000 available for Dry Grad 2021. The \$900 deposit paid to the Metro for this year's Dry Grad event will be held by the Metro for next year's Dry Grad.
- Ending bank balances as of April 30th are: General - \$21,611 Gaming - \$36,794
- General account available balance for PAC use: \$19,364
- Gaming account available balance for PAC use: \$9,980
- Please see report for full details.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Upcoming PAC positions will be voted on at the AGM which will take place immediately after the PAC meeting in June.

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 but would like to know when would be a good time to start recruiting parents to help with next year's graduation events. Anne-Marie will touch base with Raquel to share information and resources.
- Grade 12 – Nothing to report.
- Mini school – Nothing to report.
- Online school – Nothing to report.

DPAC

- The District is facing a more than \$12 million operational budget shortfall and the impact will be felt across the District, including cuts staffing numbers.
- Mr. Wozney was asked why there was such a shortfall and a big reason is the loss of international students due to the Covid pandemic.

FUNDRAISING

- Nothing to report.

GRAD PARENT COMMITTEE

- Nothing to report.

COMMUNITY POLICE

- Todd Polich, the Anti Graffiti Coordinator for the City of Burnaby, spoke about the Youth Education programs that he runs, as well as the Youth Art program where participants paint murals instead of graffiti as another form of expression.
- Car break-ins, homelessness and catalytic converter theft have been on the increase in the area.

OTHER BUSINESS & QUESTIONS from parents

- Challenges for planning the year end Staff Appreciation were discussed in relation to Covid protocols and ideas were brainstormed for how to proceed with the event.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:54pm

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST

- May 4th – AP Calculus exam
- May 5th – AP English Literature & Composition exam, AP Physics 1 exam
- May 7th – AP Chemistry exam, AP Physics 2 exam
- May 10th – AP French Language and Culture exam
- May 11th – AP Psychology exam
- May 14th – AP Biology exam, AP Environmental Science exam
- May 21st – Pro D Day, school closed
- May 24th – Victoria Day, school closed
- May 27th – Mid Quarter 4 marks available online on MyEd

