

## ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL

### PAC MINUTES

Monday, June 7, 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, Anna Marie da Palma, Arthur Lin, Lesley, Margo Hrennikoff, Gloria McKale, Ingrid's iPhone, Nicole Levis, Kumiko Yamada, Kristen Valente, iPhone, Nikki, Ella Ho, Chi, Yunuen Perez Vertti, Cindy Cheta, Joseph Chin, Gadis Setiaputri, CFox, Claude Tani, Heidi, Stig Tollefsen, Frances, Lina Silvestre

**Regrets:** Paola Fairey

### WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

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

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Thank you to everyone for the support this year especially the outgoing PAC executives.
- Semester system is planned for September and should have face to face teaching on full-time basis but not expecting to have things completely back to normal, i.e., large group events like grade assemblies and dances will not be permitted right away.
- Grad: the event has changed drastically since last month's PAC meeting as a result of the update on the Provincial Health guidelines. Students can now have a family group of 4 attend the 'walk across the stage' event. The event will take place on June 28<sup>th</sup> and each grad will be assigned a time slot (3-5 min per family) between 9am and 3:15pm. Parents are asked to please make sure their given time slot would work as it is difficult to accommodate schedule changes due to the number of grads. Finalized schedule will be sent by June 14<sup>th</sup> at the latest. Families will also be required to fill out a form for contact tracing purposes.
- Virtual Grad Ceremony: online access to the pre-recorded ceremony will be available on June 21.
- Thank you to Margo Hrennikoff for organizing the Staff Appreciation.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

- A cheque was drafted to pay for gift cards purchased for Staff Appreciation. Used \$500 left over funds from last year's Staff Appreciation plus \$500 budgeted for this year to have a total budget of @ \$1000.

- Will be cashing out short term investment to pay for Teacher's Wish List.
- Dry Grad funds were recently received from Parkland and the Liquor Distribution Board. Whatever funds not used for Grad 2021 will be passed on to the Dry Grad Committee 2022.
- Ending bank balances as of March 31<sup>st</sup> are: General - \$20,600 Gaming - \$36,800
- General account available balance for PAC use: \$18,350
- Gaming account available balance for PAC use: \$10,000
- Please see report for full details.

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- Special thank you to Janice, Susan, Tim, and the administrative staff for all the support.
- Thank you to everyone who participated in the PAC.

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

- Nothing to report.

### **CLASS REP REPORTS**

- Grade 8 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 9 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 10 – will Zoom be used for next year's PAC meetings? DPAC made a decision not to fund a District Zoom license for next year due to budgeting and do not anticipate a need for virtual meetings. Argument was made that more parents are engaging online than in person meetings. Can PAC fund a license for ongoing Zoom meetings next year? To be discussed.
- Grade 11 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 12 – Nothing to report.
- Mini school – Nothing to report.
- Online school – Nothing to report.

### **DPAC**

- Budget shortfall has significant effect on staffing across the district. Tim added that Alpha had 6-8 layoffs and some temporary contracts are ending. School will be hiring back some people as the budget is finalized.
- Parents: please fill out the district survey on anti-racism.

## FUNDRAISING

- Ideas for next year (and feedback):
- can we put out a survey to parents/students to see how and if they can contribute (*Mr. Wozney is hesitant about the idea due to parents being survey fatigue but it might be possible at the end of August when welcoming parents*).
- cookie dough sales (*this is a Gr. 12 fundraiser and should be left to them*)
- raffle tickets to purchase 4x/year (*requires a gaming licence and is a tremendous amount of work and red tape*)
- Incredible Business Solutions: buy gift cards from them online and 10% will be given back to the Fundraising committee (*to be discussed*)
- Cindy asked if class reps would have class contact information and it was confirmed that class reps do not have the information due to privacy.
- Cindy is looking for other volunteers to help with fundraising next year. Her contact information is [freedomtobewell.givana@gmail.com](mailto:freedomtobewell.givana@gmail.com) or 604-873-4767, please contact her directly. Arlene Elliott volunteered to help.
- Mr. Wozney mentioned that for fundraising activities, they will have to be approved by the PAC first as it is a PAC initiative and then check with him.

## GRAD PARENT COMMITTEE

- There is \$1846 available for use (funds from Liquor Distribution Board and Parkland).
- An idea suggested was to use the money to purchase a legacy gift for the school from Class 2021.
- They may engage the Grad Council for ideas of a gift.
- Grade 12 parents who are interested to discuss ideas can contact Anne Marie directly.

## COMMUNITY POLICE

- There is an increase in homelessness in the Brentwood area and a concern about gang activity. As a result, there is an increasing in police patrols around the Burnaby North area.
- Portables were broken in to at Confederation Park Elementary, but the suspect was apprehended.
- There is an Increase in youth loitering as a result of the pandemic.

## OTHER BUSINESS & QUESTIONS from parents

- Staff Appreciation: there are a lot of messages for the staff and those will be going up outside the library on Friday. \$10 gift cards will be given to each staff on behalf of the PAC and will be put in their letter trays to minimize contact. An email will go out to staff on behalf of PAC to thank them.

- Canadian Parents for French: will be looking for a new Rep for September. Any interested parent with a child in French Immersion can contact Susan directly for more information.
- A parent asked how many grads are there this year, Mr. Wozney said there are about 220 students.
- A parent asked how many students are expected for the next school year. Mr. Wozney said the school will be at full capacity, expecting 1150-1175 students.
- A parent asked how many students will be entering French Immersion next year. Mr. Wozney replied that there will be 39 students (2 cohorts next year).

**MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:07pm.**

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

- June 22 – Grade 12 Luncheon; Yearbook distribution
- June 22 – 23 – Literacy Assessments
- June 24 – Last day of class; last day of Quarter 4
- June 25, 28, 29 – Quarter turnaround day
- June 29 – Last day of school; Q4 report cards available online