

## ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL

### PAC MINUTES

Monday, September 13, 2021

**Attendance via Zoom:** Mr. Wozney, Liliane De Oliveira, Ashley Sandquist, Melanie Sing, Janice Chiem, Donna Rae-Yeung, Arlene Elliott, Stace Dayment, Raquel Do, Cindy Cheta, Gloria McKale, Alex Alvarova, Yiling, Amal Indi, An Y., Ange Buikema, Carol, Debbie, Ella Ho, Roberta Bevilacqua, Johanna Kwan, Loong Chan, Nikki, Stephen Hui, WdL, Darlene Allanson, Sevda Naghiyeva, Rachel Chin, Doug Thorpe-Dorward, CGAAL, iphone, Kristen Valente, Maricel Dela Cruz, Milke, Tracey Mayede-Lok, Xiaosu Tang, Kumiko Yamada, Kamal Guram, Simone Fragoso, Edward, Alma Jessica Mendicuti, C. Guadagno, Christine, Connie Leung, Aida, Amy Tong, Anna Maria da Palma, Huu Nguyen, Mark Neufeld, Pooneh, Sally Felkai, Susan, Jun, Dilani, Sonya SzeTo Montgomery, Debra Philipson, Behnaz Arshadi, Lovella, Mana, Bonnie Chan, John

**Regrets:** Margo Hrennikoff

### WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Ashely welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Approval of June minutes was postponed to the October meeting.

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Mr. Wozney introduced the new Vice-Principal Ms. Liliane De Oliveira. Ms. De Oliveira is responsible for students with last names A-L and the Indigenous students.
- The course completion rate for 2019-2020 was 98.5% and 2020-2021 was 98%. This is the percentage of course completion in all courses attempted.
- There was good feedback for longer class time. This year all schools are following this schedule: Wednesdays, P1 and P3; Thursdays, P2 and P4
- Semester system also has received positive feedback (4 courses at a time).
- Flex time is a time that is intended for learning, although not mandatory but students are highly encouraged to be at school. Students have the responsibility to their own learning, they can choose how to use that time, i.e., having time to work on projects, seeking extra help from teachers, getting homework done, etc. Students can sign up for flex time online.
- Healthy and Safety:
  - There are four main entrances and students are to use the one that is closest to their P1 class.
  - All students must wear masks.
  - Hand sanitizers are available by the doors.
  - Stay apart as much as possible; there are arrows on the ground.

- Students should not crowd in the washrooms.
- Students are encouraged to go out during lunch.
- Grade 8 Retreat: it will be done partially in the gym and partially outside.
- Grade 9 Retreat: there is a grade 9 retreat this year because the students did not get to have a retreat last year due to the pandemic. It will be BBQ on both days.
- There is a waiting list for enrollment. The school is currently full (about 1200 students), and every classroom is being used every period.
- September 30<sup>th</sup> is the Truth & Reconciliation Day (no school), and the school will recognize the day on the 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be a few events happening.
- There will be no in person meet the teachers night this year, but parents are encouraged to email the teachers at anytime.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- \$1000 was received from Parkland Corp in June but the cheque bounced and had a stop payment. It was likely a cheque issued in error.
- General account available balance for PAC use: \$18,430
- Gaming account available balance for PAC use: \$17,543
- Funds available for Dry Grad 2022:
  - \$561 from Liquor Distribution Board
  - \$900 from The Metro Hall (from Dry Grad 2020)
  - \$1000 from Dry Grad 2019 bursary
- Janice explained that the Dry Grad committee uses the PAC accounts for deposits and cheque writing. Grant usually comes at the end of the school year so the money will go towards the next grad year.
- 2022 budget will be drafted in October.
- Please see report for full details.

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- Alpha PAC is rejoining BCCPAC as a member.
- The positions of Grade 8 rep, Mini school rep, and ELL rep are still open. If anyone is interested, please email the PAC executive mailbox.

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

- Nothing to report.

## **CLASS REP REPORTS**

- Grade 8 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 9 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 10 – Parents would like to know if there is different pick-up time for each grade?  
No, because the number of minutes per session is dictated by the Ministry.
- Grade 11 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 12 – First Dry Grad meeting will be held tonight after PAC meeting.
- Mini school – Nothing to report.
- ELL – Nothing to report.

## **DPAC**

- Nothing to report as meetings have not yet convened.
- Donna Yeung is the DPAC rep but would be happy to co-chair if anyone is interested in sharing the position. Sally Felkai stepped in as the co-DPAC rep.

## **FUNDRAISING**

- Cindy would like each grade rep to contact her regarding fundraising. Her contact information is [freedomtobewell.qivana@gmail.com](mailto:freedomtobewell.qivana@gmail.com) or 604-873-4767, please contact her directly.

## **GRAD PARENT COMMITTEE**

- The first Dry Grad meeting is being held after the PAC meeting tonight.

## **COMMUNITY POLICE**

- There hasn't been a meeting since June 2021. The first meeting is next week.
- They are interested in getting a student position but would like to know how to recruit the students or provide information about the position to the students. Mr. Wozney replied that they can contact him.

## **OTHER BUSINESS & QUESTIONS from parents**

- There were some questions regarding flex time: students can go to any teacher but are encouraged to go to P1 on Mondays, P2 on Tuesdays, P3 on Wednesdays, and P4 on

Thursdays. They should book a room even if they are just studying and not seeking help from the teachers. This is to teach students to make use of their own time. School is not saying it is not mandatory.

- Library is not opened yet.
- Upcoming Pro-D days: September 24<sup>th</sup> and October 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- A parent asked if extracurricular activities will be happening this year. Mr. Wozney said they are slowly working on getting clubs and teams back again. There will be an upcoming announcement for Club Day.
- A parents asked about the enrollment waiting list. Mr. Wozney said the waitlist contains students from all over the district and there are students for both English and French programs.

**MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:53pm.**

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

- Sept 8 – First day of school
- Sept 14 – Grade 8 Retreat
- Sept 15 – School Photo Day
- Sept 16 – Grade 9 Retreat
- Sept 24 – Pro D Day, school closed
- Sept 28 – Terry Fox Run
- Sept 30 – Truth & Reconciliation Day, school closed