

**ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
**PAC MINUTES**  
**Monday, December 6, 2021**

**Attendance via Zoom:** Mr. Wozney, Lucky Saini, Ashley Sandquist, Melanie Sing, Janice Chiem, Donna Rae-Yeung, Arlene Elliott, Gloria McKale, Anna Maria da Palma, Stephen Hui, Ella Ho, Joyce D., Johanna Kwan, Alex Chen, S, Christopher Chen, Ederlyn Lumabi, Zoom User, Donna Sachinidis, Heidi Fehlauer, Sima A., Jane's iphone, Donna, Maria, Dave, DL, Maureen

**Regrets:** Raquel Do, Cindy Cheta, Stace Dayment, Margo Hrennikoff

### **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

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

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

- Band concert is at 6:30pm tonight (December 6<sup>th</sup>).
- Term 1 report card has gone out, if your child has an “i-report” or action plan, please make sure you communicate with the teacher to see how you can support your child.
- Bring Your Own Device (BYOD): there were a lot of questions around the topic. Mr. Wozney recognizes the need to limit screen time at home and school, but the device is used for educational purposes. The goal is to prepare students for the future (digital environment), so they have the necessary skills (e.g., Word, Excel, or other online collaborative tools) to be successful. It is not meant for students to use for social media.
- Teachers are being trained on the use of MS Teams as well. This is a learning curve for everybody.
- It is easier to monitor the use of a laptop than cell phones. Students are mostly distracted by cell phones.
- If there are questions regarding BYOD, parents can contact Mr. Wozney.

### **GUEST PRESENTATION**

- Lucky Saini, District Vice-Principal Education Technology at Burnaby School District gave an update on BYOD pilot project (grade 8 only)
- The project's direction is clear, professional development will be provided to the staff, and there will be support for the students.
- 150 parents responded to the survey and most (110 parents) would be able to provide a laptop or device for their child. 19 parents said no and 21 were not sure.

- Laptops are recommended because Chromebooks have limitations on installing local applications but will work with Office 365.
- Some parents asked about group purchase and discounts, Lucky said the district is unable to get a significant discount from partners, but they are still working on it.
- Wi-Fi concerns: they will be adding additional access points to increase density and upgrading them as well. Wi-Fi is meant for classroom use; school is not set up for games or watching YouTube videos or movies during lunch. Sites can also be throttled/disabled to allow access to appropriate sources.
- Safety of devices: students can store the device in their locker. If theft occurs, it will be treated with the same school-based investigation. It is the responsibility of the families for their personal belongings.
- Screen time in class: devices will be used when and where it benefits the students and class activity. Different courses may use them in different ways. Technology is not an event but a tool, when appropriately used, supports student's learning.
- Students will learn about digital citizenship and digital literacy competencies.
- Education Tech Team will be working with the staff at Alpha and each student will be taking a digital leadership course.
- There will be a pre-pilot and will focus on eight to ten Grade 8 teachers and their classes. Students in those classes will be invited to bring a device. Those who are unable to bring a device will have access to shared devices in the classrooms.
- Mr. Wozney will get back to the parents who asked if contents of the digital leadership course can be shared.
- If there are any questions on BYOD, parents can email Mr. Wozney ([Tim.Wozney@burnabyschools.ca](mailto:Tim.Wozney@burnabyschools.ca)) or Lucky ([lucky.saini@burnabyschools.ca](mailto:lucky.saini@burnabyschools.ca))

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- Large portion of the Gaming Grant has been invested
- No expenditure in November
- General account balance in the bank: \$23,837
- Gaming account balance in the bank: \$38,411
- General account available balance for PAC use: \$20,837
- Gaming account available balance for PAC use: \$10,408
- Teachers Wish List 2021-2022: \$25,820
- Funds available for Dry Grad: \$561 from Liquor Distribution Board (in school bank account), \$900 from Metro Hall DG2020, \$1000 from DG2019 bursary
- Please see report for full details.

## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- The positions of Vice-Chairperson, Grade 8 rep, Mini school rep, and ELL rep are still open. If anyone is interested, please email the PAC executive mailbox.

## **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
- ELL – Nothing to report

## **DPAC**

- Donna shared a link to the Treasurer information session presentation slides. It contains the dos and don'ts of a treasurer.
- <http://dpac.burnabyschools.ca/presentation-slides-from-november-15th-burnaby-dpac-general-meeting/>

## **FUNDRAISING**

- Nothing to report

## **GRAD PARENT COMMITTEE**

- Christmas plant fundraiser closes Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Net profit \$900.
- There is a Dry Grad Instagram account
- Grad dinner/dance will be held at The Metro. The venue confirmed that proof of vaccination is not required by them as it is a youth event. Committee needs to confirm with the staff there to see if they are ok to work with people that might not have double vaccination.
- Mr. Wozney mentioned that downtown hotels and SFU all require proof of vaccination.

## **COMMUNITY POLICE**

- Gloria mentioned that the neighborhood is experiencing car theft and car break-ins.

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

- A parent asked about parking at the school's pick-up zone and that there are cars parked in the non-designated areas. Mr. Wozney said traffic in front of the school (horseshoe) is often congested and staff/student parking lot is not to be used for picking up/dropping off. Email regarding this has been sent from the school to all parents.
- Sidewalks surrounding the school will be built in 2022.

**MEETING ADJOURNED at 5:51pm.**

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

- Dec 1, 2: Christmas Cabaret Evening
- Dec 6: Alpha/Moscrop Dance Show @ MJF Theatre; Alpha band/choir concert
- Dec 20 – Jan 7: Winter Break, School Closed