

ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL

PAC MINUTES

Monday, February 7, 2022

Attendance via Zoom: Mr. Wozney, Ashley Sandquist, Melanie Sing, Janice Chiem, Donna Rae-Yeung, Arlene Elliott, Stace Dayment, Gloria McKale, Raquel Do, Anna Maria da Palma, Colin, Ella Ho, Maria, Matthew Frew, Chi, Stephen Hui, Johanna Kwan, Fabio Alex, Kumiko Yamada, Bamdad Teimoory, Johnny Nwachukun, Heidi Fehlauer, Donna, Connie Leung, DM, Sonia Frew, Lucy Zhang, Sally Felkai, Irene Li, eFan, Arthur Lin, Amy Tong,

Regrets: Margo Hrennikoff, Cindy Cheta

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Provincial assessments for grade 10 and 12 have been cancelled by the Ministry and the school does not know what the Ministry is going to do as it is a graduation requirement for grade 12 students.
- Semester two has started. If there are any issues with your child's schedule, please contact your child's counsellor.
- Mr. Wozney would like to remind parents to ask their child to come in for flex time. Flex time starts at 8:40am and students are asked to go to their locker and then proceed to the classroom and not stay in the common area.
- Alpha had a virtual open house on February 3 and 120 people joined the initial presentation of the open house.
- Student enrollment is projected to go up again next year so the school does not know how many out of catchment students can be accepted. Mr. Wozney said out of catchment/out of district application is a district process and the schools do not get involved in the process. It is subject to spaces available and will be grouped by priority category. The out of district transfer application is due at the end of February.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Nothing to report as there was no activity in January.
- 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
- Please email Melanie Sing for a copy of the full financial report.

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

- The last DPAC meeting was around health and safety guidelines which parents received via email.
- Mr. Wozney also mentioned that he has not seen a significant absence by staff or students.

FUNDRAISING

- Nothing to report

GRAD PARENT COMMITTEE:

- Purdy's fundraising was well received.
- As of today's provincial health guidelines, indoor gathering is not possible but will see what happens in June.

COMMUNITY POLICE

- New Burnaby smoking regulation bylaw that came into effect as of January 1, 2022.
- Bylaw restricts smoking cigarettes, tobacco, cannabis, e-cigarettes and vape products in public parks, city-owned or controlled outdoor public spaces, and certain business premises.
- Fines can range from \$200-500.

OTHER BUSINESS & QUESTIONS from parents

- A parent asked if French immersion is full for the next school year. Mr. Wozney said the school is expected to have two grade 8 French immersion classes next year and that it means there will be more than 30 students.
- A parent asked if there are any details regarding vaccination status of staff. Mr. Wozney said he does not have any details. Staff have not yet been asked to submit their vaccination status.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:25pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST

- Feb 4: Term 2 and Semester 1 report cards available
- Feb 16: Canadian Computing Competition (CCC) math contests
- Feb 18: Core Competencies Session 2
- Feb 21: Family Day – no school
- Feb 22: Parent/Teacher conference online sign up opens
- Feb 23: Pascal, Cayley, Fermat math contests
- Feb 24: Star Search
- Feb 25: Pro D Day - no school

PHO announced last month that employers could collect staff vax status. Was it to help forecast likelihood of functional closure? Does Tim have these details and what can he share?