

ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL
PAC MINUTES
Monday, December 5th, 2022

Attendance via Zoom: Mr. Pare, Ashley Sandquist, Melanie Sing, Janice Chiem, Gloria McKale, Cindy Cheta, Amy Tong, Margo Hrennikoff, Sally Felkai, Ella Ho, Stace Dayment, Daniel Yang, Tammie M, iPhone, Nota Spencer, Jane, Mark C, Melanie W, Rhonda Manson, Shadi, Anna Maria da Palma, K, Doreen Lee, Arthur Lin, Terry C, Johanna's iPhone, CF, Paulo, Scott, Nathaly Rodriguez, 6042902445

Regrets: Arlene Elliott, Donna Rae-Yeung

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Ashley welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- November minutes – Janice made motion to approve minutes, Anna Maria seconded, all in favor – motion passed.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Christmas Cabaret (Dec 1 and 2) went very well, and the band concert will be on Dec 13 at 7pm (Michael J. Fox Theatre).
- The counsellors have been working with some students and families to provide additional support for the holiday season. School has identified 33 students and Christmas hampers were sent to help them (along with gift cards).
- January 23-27, 2023: alternate schedule week
- Course selection will start in the new year, starting with the grade 8 and 9 in January and the rest in February.
- Alpha Open House will be on Thursday, February 2nd.
- Mr. Pare is looking for feedback on the Student Learning Conference that was held in October and exploring options for the next one in March (e.g., virtual format for early afternoon appointments and in-person format for the evening appointments).

TREASURER'S REPORT

- No activity in November.
- General account available balance for PAC use: \$21,578
- Gaming account available balance for PAC use: \$15,784
- This is the last year that we can use Gaming funds for scholarships. In the past, the funds were used towards scholarships, Dry Grad, and Teachers Wish List.

- A parent asked if one can donate money to a particular school department, Mr. Pare said yes and that they should contact him for more information.
- Please email Melanie Sing for a copy of the full financial report.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- PAC minutes should not be published/sent to all parents before approval. In the future, the minutes will be shared on screen at the beginning of the meeting for parents to read.

VICE-CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- nil

CLASS REP REPORTS

- Grade 8 – Nothing to report
- Grade 9 – Nothing to report
- Grade 10 – N/A
- Grade 11 – Nothing to report
- Grade 12 – Upcoming dry grad meeting on Dec 8th.
- Mini school – Nothing to report
- ELL – n/a
- CPF – Holiday skating event at Scotia Barn on Dec 10th. \$4 for admission and free for CPF members. Refreshments will be provided.

DPAC

- n/a

FUNDRAISING

- Bottle fundraiser: when you return bottles at Return-It depot, money will be deposited to the PAC account.

GRAD PARENT COMMITTEE:

- Fundraising is going well: the goal for SPC fundraiser is \$1000 (so far, we have \$230); Purdy's fundraiser is at \$2395; 18 kits sold for Epicure

- 50/50 draw: committee needs signing authority for the paperwork and need a legal name of the signing person for the online platform. Doreen will provide more information to the PAC executives.
- Sally is working on the coffee fundraiser. This will be promoted after Christmas holiday.
- A committee member suggested a Go-Fund Me page for donations. Mr. Pare will have to check with the district as there is already a “donation” category for the Alpha Cash Online.

COMMUNITY POLICE

- Community Police Advisory Committee consists of various stakeholders: the City, businesses, community groups, and police. Meetings are from September to June (no meeting in December).
- Theft, homelessness, and graffiti are ongoing issues.
- There is an overall decrease in youth activities.
- There was an incident at the Confederation Elementary School where firework was set off in the dumpster. No damage reported.
- Please report any crime as the community police keeps track of crime trends and allocate resources based on the trends/reports. There is a link to report non-emergency crimes on the RCMP website.
- Activity in school bathroom (such as vaping, intimidating students) is still a concern. Mr. Pare said the school is aware and is working on a solution.
- Cram the Cruiser event on December 8th at Safeway Hastings and 9th at Superstore Metrotown.

OTHER BUSINESS & QUESTIONS from parents

- n/a

MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:44 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST

- Dec 1, 2 – Christmas Cabaret Evening, 7pm
- Dec 13 – Winter band concert, 7pm
- Dec 19 – Jan 2 – Winter break, school closed

