

ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL
PAC MINUTES
Monday, March 6th, 2023

Attendance via Zoom: Mr. Pare, Ms. Lim, Ms. De Oliveira, Mr. Rockwell, Ashley Sandquist, Gloria McKale, Janice Chiem, Melanie Sing, Donna Rae-Yeung, Margo Hrennikoff, Arlene phone, Stace, Amy Tong, Cindy, Ella, Anna Maria da Palma, Arthur Lin, Kumiko Yamada, Mark C, Nota Spencer, DM, Rana Rahmani, Johanna Kwan, Tammie M, Jenny

Regrets: Daniel Yang

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Alpha school competed in the UBC Physics Olympics and did well. The team placed sixth in the “Marine Ambulance” category and second in the “Aerodynamic Drag” category.
- Robotics team also competed and was advanced to the World Championship held in April at Dallas, Texas.
- Sports such as badminton, hockey, track, and field are starting up. Soccer, tennis, golf teams are being put together right now.
- Parent-Teacher interview will be held on this Thursday, and it will be in a hybrid format. Online interviews will be at 1:30-4:30 and in person will be at 5:30-7:30. There will be early dismissal on Thursday and Friday of this week.
- Update on French teachers: three teachers picked up an extra class (8 classes instead of 7) and school hired a retired teacher to teach one block.

Guest Presentation on the new assessment and communicating student learning (Ms. De Oliveira and Mr. Rockwell)

- What is student reporting: it is the assessment and communication of student learning. The way teachers and school's communication are shifting.
- The revised reporting order aligns with the curriculum shift to concept based and competency driven education. New measure creates consistency across the province.

- Learning is continuous and it is about growth. It is reflective of student proficiency and should be used as the strongest evidence of learning when deciding on a proficiency scale indicator.
- What is new:
 - proficiency scale is used for K-9
 - student self assessment and goal setting in all grades
 - timely and responsive feedback on student learning, give direction on how to move forward.
- What is the same:
 - Five communications of student learning
 - Written descriptive feedback on report cards.
 - Letter grades and percentages for grade 10-12
- it focuses on proficiency; gives students and parents a clear understanding of what students can already do and areas of growth.
- teachers still communicate home on areas needing growth.
- Students learning habits and engagement do not contribute to a student's overall mark but will be addressed separately in the descriptive feedback.
- Student led conferences can help parents better understand the curriculum and awareness of the student's ability.
- It is a snapshot of learning.
- This reporting model starts on July 1, 2023, if there are any questions, parents can email the school

VICE-PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Student learning survey will come out in April. Grade 10 class will complete it during the last week of April and grade 12 students will complete it during the first week of April. Parents are encouraged to participate as well. The school will send an email with the link shortly.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- General account available balance for PAC use: \$22,770
- Gaming account available balance for PAC use: \$13,829
- No cheques issued and no deposits made this month.
- Please email Melanie Sing for a copy of the full financial report.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Update on the school field: the field may not be feasible for anything that we have in mind. The land used to be a dump so might not be sturdy enough to build anything on it. The City is conducting tests to find out more information.
- Trivia Night had a good attendance.

VICE-CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

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CLASS REP REPORTS

- Grade 8 – N/A
- Grade 9 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 10 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 11 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 12 – Nothing to report.
- Mini school – N/A
- ELL – N/A
- CPF – Nothing to report

DPAC

- Nothing to report.

FUNDRAISING

- Just Mulch Fundraising: Amy is asking for permission to start this fundraiser again. Buyers can order and use the code provided, they will get 10% discount and the school will get 10% back. Mr. Pare said the brochure can be attached to the student bulletin.

GRAD PARENT COMMITTEE:

- A big thanks to everyone for helping on Trivia Night
- Dry Grad Committee will meet tomorrow at 6:45pm
- Committee would like to ask PAC to pay for the buses for Dry Grad. The cost is \$2236.50 for four buses from Marriott Pinnacle to Burnaby Hall. Motion was made by Gloria to approve \$2300, Stace seconded, motion passed.
- Some donation was received but the Committee have not had the chance to use them for Trivia Night so they will be doing a silent auction in April after Spring Break.

COMMUNITY POLICE

- Same ongoing concerns: increase in theft around Eileen Daily Pool area. Vehicle stolen so do not leave valuables around.
- Homeless around Madison/SOLO district. New groups coming in and are more aggressive.
- Youth incident: bear spray inside Madison Centre; break-ins at the Heights
- An increase in new individuals committing crimes: they are coming to the area via transit from Vancouver.
- Graffiti: if you see any, remember to report on the City's website as soon as possible so they do not get tagged

OTHER BUSINESS & QUESTIONS from parents

- Staff Appreciation Lunch: it will be on June 29

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:03 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST

- March 6-10: "I" report week
- March 9: Early dismissal at 11:51am; Student Learning Conference
- March 10: Early dismissal at 13:53pm
- March 13-24: Spring break
- March 27: School re-opens

