

## ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL

### PAC MINUTES

Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

**Attendance via Zoom:** Mr. Pare, Ms. Lim, Ashely Sandquist, Gloria McKale, Janice Chiem, Melanie Sing, Margo Hrennikoff, Arlene, Stace, Cindy, Ella, Sally Felkai, Anna Maria da Palma, Raquel Do, Nicole, Arthur Lin, Richard Edwards, Mark C, Brenda, bia porto, Stig, Janice L, Terry C, iphone (168), Maureen, Nota Spencer, Debra, Maria, Heidi Fehlauer, Eric Wang, Rhonda Manson, Harj P, Maiya, Jenny, Maria Corazon

**Regrets:** Daniel Yang, Donna Rae-Yeung, Amy Tong

### WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

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

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Robotics team advanced to the World Championship; 6 students qualified to go to Dallas, Texas in April. CBC and Langara newspaper will be interviewing them. The cost is about \$3500 per student, and they are soliciting donations and grants from local community to help them with the costs.
- Alpha school competed in the UBC Physics Olympics, and the team placed 15<sup>th</sup> out of 64 teams. This is the best finish for Alpha.
- Indigenous students will now have a bigger space for use as school staff gave up some of the space to create a bigger area for the 45 students.
- School received positive feedback about the hybrid parent-teacher interview, school is likely going to continue with this model.
- School will be reassessing the use of super blocks. A survey will be sent to the staff and students in May.

### VICE-PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- School leaving ceremony will be held on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Grade 12 students are expected to be there at 5:15pm. The rehearsal and gown pick up is on May 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm.
- Student learning survey was sent to the students this week. The survey is to see how satisfied the students are with the services provided by the school and parents will also get to participate in the survey as well.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- General account available balance for PAC use: \$23,390
- Gaming account available balance for PAC use: \$9,029
- Cash online donation: \$7,520
- Travel cost for the Robotics Team to attend the World Championship is subject to the gaming branch's approval as it is out of the province.
- There's a request from the Drama teacher to purchase a guard rail for the stage. It costs \$800 to rent the rail per year and the cost to purchase is \$2,750. Margo made motion to approve the purchase of guard rail and Arlene seconded. No objections, motion approved.

## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- Looking to fill the PAC secretary position for next school year. Please email the PAC Executive mailbox if interested. AGM will be in June, more positions available.

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

- nil

## **CLASS REP REPORTS**

- Grade 8 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 9 – N/A
- Grade 10 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 11 – Parent said there were ambulance and fire truck at the school this afternoon and would like to know if there's anything we should be concerned about. Mr. Pare said 911 call was made twice as there were kids with medical issues.
- Grade 12 – Parents would like to know why the school dance was cancelled as the students were looking forward to it. Mr. Pare said it was cancelled because the students would like to hire the DJ company called Vibe and the base cost for two hours was about \$5000 and there's also a security cost of about \$1000 so the total is at least \$6500. The students could not sell enough tickets to cover the costs, so it was cancelled.
- Mini school – N/A
- ELL – N/A
- CPF – Nothing to report except bilingual dogwood pins were given to Mr. Pare.

## **DPAC**

- There will be a consultation for all DPAC representatives on April 11<sup>th</sup>. If parents have any questions related to the budget, please send them to Donna and she can bring them forward at the consultation meeting.

## **FUNDRAISING**

- nil

## **GRAD PARENT COMMITTEE:**

- Dry grad meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Glenburn fundraiser was last week (Mar 27-Apr 2), the online auction should be the last fundraiser.
- Dinner/dance and dry grad tickets are on sale already. Please note that the students cannot attend dry grad without going to dinner/dance. This is a safety reason as they would like to know what the students have been doing before attending the dry grad. The dry grad is from 11pm to 3am. There will be a bus picking up the students at 3am back to the school.

## **COMMUNITY POLICE**

- Overall incidents remain the same since February, still individual theft around Hastings area.
- Homelessness and youth issues around Madison/SOLO district. They anticipate there will be an increase in youth activities around the Brentwood area when the weather is warmer.

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

- Staff Appreciation Lunch: it will be on June 29. Raquel will be assisting with the lunch and Ms. Lim will email Raquel on the number of staff. Budget is \$600. Anyone who wants to help and be included in the WhatsApp chat group can send an email to the PAC Executive mailbox.
- A grade 8 parent raised concerns and shared ideas on the recent school survey.

**MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:25 p.m.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST**

- April 7: Good Friday, school closed.
- April 9: Easter Monday, school closed.
- April 19: last day of Term 3
- April 20: first day of Term 4
- April 24: Pro-D Day, school closed.
- April 25 – 28: Provincial Assessment Week