

ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL

PAC MINUTES

Monday, May 1st, 2023

Attendance via Zoom: Mr. Pare, Ms. Lim, Ashely Sandquist, Gloria McKale, Janice Chiem, Melanie Sing, Margo Hrennikoff, Arlene Elliott, Stace, Cindy, Ella, Donna Rae-Yeung, Sally Felkai, Anna Maria da Palma, Mark C, Viviengomls, Terry C, Arthur Lin, Maureen, call-in user 1, Samsung SM-A515F, Johanna, Connie, Tammie M, guest, Kumiko YY, Brenda Chau, Sheeba, Mario, HJ Kim, Kristen Valente, Grace Austin, rma, Stig, Maria, Serafettin

Regrets: Daniel Yang, Amy Tong

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- The school fees for next year would be like this year's, only a couple of changes due to inflation (such as Grad Dinner Dance will be \$140, Dry Grad \$100, Robotics Club \$150). The proposal has been sent to the board office already.
- School calendar for the next school year has been sent to the district for approval.
- Next week there will be a survey to see how staff and students feel about super blocks.
- Two goals of Alpha:
 - Foundations of Learning: focus on assessments. Pro-D Day was focused on this: writing report cards, making sure they are more descriptive and reflect curriculum.
 - Foundations for Learning: about support and instructions. For example: May Pro-D Day will focus on anti-racism. School finds ways to connect with kids, have open conversations in the classroom.
- Robotics team ranked 4th overall in their division.
- Paddle project: students crafted out the paddle and are now doing painting. They are working with local Indigenous artist.
- "On Broadway" Dance and Theatre Performance: held on April 28 at Michael J. Fox Theater, there were about 300 people. It was a great way for the staff to connect with the kids.

VICE-PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- They went to SFU to look at the facilities.
- Students can start picking up two tickets at the foyer this week. Next week can buy up to four tickets and the following week can buy as many tickets as you want. Each ticket is \$5 each.
- Grad ceremony rehearsal will be on May 25th at 1pm. The grad gowns will be handed out and the gowns must be returned at the end of the ceremony.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- No transactions this month
- Gaming Grant for the next school year has been submitted.
- General account available balance for PAC use: \$20,640
- Gaming account available balance for PAC use: \$9,029

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 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 12 – Grad event now has sold 129 tickets; they have reached their goal and the event will not be cancelled.
- Mini school – N/A
- ELL – N/A
- CPF – there is a CPF summer camp for elementary school kids. They are looking for camp leaders (grade 10-12). It's going to be the week of August 14-21 (2 weeks). The camp leaders need to be able to speak French. Students will be able to get 30 volunteer hours, a letter of recommendation and certification will be sent. Poster will be sent later this month.

DPAC

- nil

FUNDRAISING

- Online auction made about \$2600.

GRAD PARENT COMMITTEE:

- Two people came forward for next year's Dry Grad committee: Raquel Do and Donna Sachinidis

COMMUNITY POLICE

- Same issues as before: youth in the area causing issues in the SOLO district.
- Paintball guns were fired in the Metrotown food court.
- Burnaby North: bear spray released everyday of the week even inside school. Bear spray is considered a weapon, if a student released bear spray inside the school, they can potentially be charged with assault and asked to move school. School will get kids to a safe area and respond to those who needs help. Whether it is a lock down, shelter in place or evacuation would depend on when and where the spray occurred.

OTHER BUSINESS & QUESTIONS from parents

- nil

MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:55 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST

- May 2: Term 3 report cards available online
- May 19: Pro-D Day, school closed.
- May 22: Victoria Day, school closed.

