

ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL

PAC MINUTES

Monday, June 5th, 2023

Attendance via Zoom: Mr. Pare, Ms. Lim, Ashely Sandquist, Gloria McKale, Janice Chiem, Melanie Sing, Margo Hrennikoff, Arlene Elliott, Cindy, Ella, Amy Tong, Sally Felkai, Anna Maria da Palma, Mark C, Viviengomes, Terry C, Arthur Lin, Maureen, call-in user 1, Johanna, Connie's iphone 14, Richard Edwards, Nota Spencer, Stacie Schmechel, Nicole, Sabna's iphone, Stig, Maria, Valiaspiliotopoulous, Jacqui Zsiak, Janice L, Cherie Kai, Brenda

Regrets: Daniel Yang, Donna Rae-Yeung, Stace Dayment

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Update on super blocks: survey went out to staff and students to evaluate super blocks. 2/3 of the staff opposed to super blocks (prefer 4 blocks a day), however students were slightly in favour of them. So, the school will continue with super blocks next year but only 5 per semester.
- Eagle For a Day: grade 7 students came to Alpha for orientation, and it was a huge success, it was a lot of fun for the students.
- Pride month: posters and flag will be going up in the school.
- May 18th: Grade 6 French Immersion students came to Alpha for a day so they can see if they would continue to with French Immersion at Alpha.
- One of the mini school students was featured in SFU for his Independent Directed Studies (IDS). It's a year long passion project. All the projects were presented on May 26th.
- AP exams were taken in May, there were over 160 exams written this year.
- The Track and Field Provincial Championship will be having this weekend.
- The district will be putting a focus on students' voice. Recent grads are encouraged to participate in a forum on how to make the school better.

VICE-PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- This will be Ms. Lim's last PAC meeting at Alpha. She will be going to Byrne Creek Secondary School in September.
- The school leaving ceremony at SFU was a great success, the rental gown return was successful as well.
- Grad dinner/dance is coming up and since the hotel's lobby is small and the hotel driveway is not as attractive, the school will be asking the students to meet at Jack Poole Plaza (Olympic Torch) at around 5:30pm for a group photo before heading to the hotel. School will be sending an email on that.
- Yearbook will be distributed to grade 12 students the day before the grad dinner/dance.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- No transactions this month
- General account available balance for PAC use: \$20,640
- Gaming account available balance for PAC use: \$9,029
- PAC email account has been set up to receive e-transfers. So far, we already have a donation of \$295 for the Staff Appreciation Lunch.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- nil

VICE-CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- nil

CLASS REP REPORTS

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

- CPF – there is a CPF summer camp for elementary school kids (6-10 years old). They are looking for camp leaders (grade 10-12). It's going to be the week of August 14-21 (2 weeks) at Chris Rummel Community Centre. Students will be able to get 30 volunteer hours, a letter of recommendation and certification will be sent. There is also a BBQ in the summer for all CPF families.

DPAC

- There was an AGM in May with reception and guest speaker on mental health. Meeting also talked about the budget and future speakers.

FUNDRAISING

- Cindy will pass on any information to Janice (bottle drive related account information).

GRAD PARENT COMMITTEE:

- Dry grad is coming up on June 22nd. The committee is ready to go.
- Students will be picked up from the hotel at 10:30-11:00pm and transport to Burnaby Hall. Buses will leave Burnaby Hall at 2:30-3:00am.
- They are still looking for 4-5 parent volunteers (not grade 12 parents). Interested parents please email Nota Spencer at notaspencer@gmail.com

COMMUNITY POLICE

- Nothing to report. No increase in activities.
- They will need to find a new student rep in September.

OTHER BUSINESS & QUESTIONS from parents

- nil

MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:45 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST

- June 13: Band & Choir Concert at MJF Theatre
- June 19-23: Provincial Assessments Week
- June 21: Grade 12 Yearbook distribution
- June 22: Grad dinner/dance at Marriott Pinnacle
- June 23: Yearbook distribution
- June 29: Last day of school; report cards available

AGM:

PAC Executive for 2023/24

Chairperson: Maria Featherston/Ashley Sandquist?? To be determined

Vice-Chair: Gloria McKale

Secretary: Jessica Jutras (based on email received from Jessica as Melanie no longer is interested)

Treasurer: Janice Chiem

Community Policing: Gloria McKale

DPAC: Donna Rae-Yeung (alternate: Vivien Gomes)

CPF: Ella Ho

ELL: open

Mini school: open

Gr. 8: open

Gr. 9: Sally Felkai

Gr. 10: Amy Tong

Gr. 11: Arlene Elliott

Gr. 12: Stace Dayment?

Grad: open

Member at Large: open

Fundraising: open

Dry Grad: open

Note:

AGM started at 6:45pm. Ashley started with the Chairperson's position, and no one was interested so Ashley will continue to be the Chairperson. This was the same for Vice-Chair, secretary, Treasurer, Community Police, and CPF positions. Ashley then went to the grade reps and Maria raised her virtual hand and mentioned that she would like to run for Chairperson. It was unexpected so the group decided to do a vote and Maria got 10 votes while Ashley got 5. At that time, it was determined that Maria would be the Chairperson as she had more votes.

However, as the secretary (Melanie) was writing up the minutes, she noticed that there's a procedural error during the election and brought it to the PAC's attention via email and would like to know how we should proceed. When a certain position has been elected and passed, one can't challenge it anymore. So what happened at the AGM was a technical error which means the election for the new Chairperson was invalid???