

ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL
PAC MINUTES
Monday, September 11th, 2023
at the Alpha Library

Attendance (in-person): Mr. Pare, Gloria McKale, Janice Chiem, Melanie Sing, Donna Yeung, Arlene Elliott, Ella Ho, Amy Tong, Sally Felkai, Maria Featherston, Steve Featherston, Donna Sachinidis, Bia Karamessinis, Marcy McCabe, Tracy Tran, Johanna Kwan, Rosa Lepore, Greg Morris, Shereene Yukawa, Mylinh Huynh, Chloe Perron, Debbie Mah, Thy Phan, Victor Sanchez, Debra Phillipson, Kimberly Richards, Samantha Johnson, Nathaly Rodriguez Julca, Sandeep Grewal, Stacie Schmechel, Jacqui Zsiak, Nash Cisneros, Peter Vokoun, Amei Louie, Howard Louie, Analiza Penaflores, Hassan Makhoul, Davor Tolja, Paul Cheung, Mike Wilkins-Ho, Melanie Wilkins-Ho, Charles Choi, Ali Khoobyari, Karen Leong, Krista Chung, Ehsan Soury, Sheeba Faqih, Mark Chu, Patricia Cullen

Regrets: Ashley Sandquist, Stace Dayment

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Gloria welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- June minutes – Donna Y. made a motion to approve minutes, Maria seconded, all in favour – motion passed.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Mr. Pare gave a presentation on the new K-12 Student Reporting Policy:
 - The format of the traditional report card and how it is being communicated is shifting.
 - Students will be engaged in the process, timely communication, and learning is continuous.
 - Key points on the new reporting policy: meaningful communication, focus on proficiency, student self-assessment, and formative assessment.
 - This change is only for K-9. Grades 10-12 will still have letter grade and percentage range on the report card.
- Core Competency Weeks:
 - Sept 25-29: Overview of the core competencies
 - Oct 16-20: Personal and social core competencies
 - Jan 8-12: Thinking core competencies
 - Mar 4-8: Communicate core competencies
 - Core competency chats: May 22 and 23
 - Core competency is a graduation requirement

- School is full – a total of 1250 students. Finding staff (teachers, EA, TTOC) is a challenge. This year, the school is unable to find another Technology Education teacher, so the woodworking class has been cancelled.
- Two portables should be arriving at the school shortly. The library and resource centre are also being used as classrooms as the school does not have enough space. This is an issue in other school districts as well.
- Drop-in basketball for grade 8s: It will be a couple of hours after school to keep students busy.
- Grade 8 Retreat is going to be at the school. There will be pizzas and a dance (5:30-7:30)

VICE-PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Nil

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Janice explained the financials to all parents.
- General account available balance for PAC use: \$20,815
- Gaming account available balance for PAC use: \$13,280
- We have a budget of about \$1200 for the Staff Appreciation Lunch for this school year.
- Majority of the funds from Gaming Grant goes to Teachers Wish List to support the school. Money from this grant can no longer be used towards scholarships. The Gaming Branch has disallowed it. Extra funds could go towards Dry Grad.
- Please contact Janice if you want a copy of the financial report.
- PAC is looking for a new Treasurer for 2024-2025, as this will be Janice's last year with the school. Interested parents can shadow Janice for a smooth transition. If interested, please send an email to the PAC mailbox.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- nil

VICE-CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- nil

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

- Nil, as the first meeting will be held later in September.
- Based on the size of the school, we can have one DPAC rep and two DPAC alternates.

FUNDRAISING

- N/A

GRAD PARENT COMMITTEE:

- Planning of Dry Grad is already underway. Venue has been booked – The Metro on Wednesday, June 26, 2024

COMMUNITY POLICE

- Nothing to report. The first meeting will be in two weeks.
- Need to find a new student rep in September. If your child is interested, please see Mr. Pare.

OTHER BUSINESS & QUESTIONS from parents

- Donations: Louise mentioned that the “Optional PAC donation” option is no longer on Cash Online. She will work with Ben to send an email out to parents.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:20 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST

- Sept 5 – First day of school
- Sept 12 – School Photo Day
- Sept 13 – Terry Fox Run
- Sept 14 – Grade 8 Retreat
- Sept 20 – Meet the Teacher
- Sept 22 – Pro D Day, school closed

AGM:

PAC Executive for 2023/24

Ella Ho motioned to revisit the voting from the last AGM in June 2023 due to an administrative error. All in favour, motion passed.

Chairperson: Maria Featherston (self-nominated; seconded by Donna Sachinidis)

Vice-Chair: Gloria McKale (self-nominated; seconded by Sally Felkai)

Secretary: Jessica Jutras (self-nominated via email; seconded by Christa)

Treasurer: Janice Chiem (self-nominated; all in favor)

DPAC: Donna Rae-Yeung (self-nominated; seconded by Melanie)

DPAC Alternate: Ashley Sandquist (self-nominated; seconded by Jacqui)

DPAC Alternate: Jacqui Zsiak (self-nominated; seconded by Marcy)

Community Policing: Chloe Perron

CPF: Ella Ho

ELL: vacant

Mini school: Karen Leong

Gr. 8: Donna Sachinidis

Gr. 9: Sally Felkai and Johanna Kwan

Gr. 10: Amy Tong

Gr. 11: Arlene Elliott

Gr. 12: Stace Dayment

Fundraising: vacant

Dry Grad: Donna Sachinidis