

**ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
**PAC MINUTES**  
**Monday, December 7th, 2015**

**Attendance:** Mr. Fester, Melody Eng, Terry Vincelli, Laura Lovison-Perkins, Tony Wong, Lina Basso, Lina Silvestre, Angela, Wendy Seto, Ivana Gauw, David Gibbs, Elizabeth Cheung

**Regrets:** Dawn Murphy, Margie Manifold, Giselle Patella, Laura Curran-Burden, Kim Ovsenek, Cathy Flores

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

- Melody welcomed everyone to our PAC meeting.
- November Minutes – Typo corrected, Terry read amendment. Motion was made by Melody to approve minutes, all in favour - motion passed
- December Agenda - motion was made by Melody to approve agenda, all in favour - motion passed

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Paul**

- Report cards were sent out; distribution had to be postponed but one day. Lots of issues have been brought to the attention of the Province.
- MyEd had been offline temporarily so that Richmond, Vancouver and Surrey could be transitioned in.
- BCesis will be phased out by September 2016.
- Hopeful that things will be a little smoother after all the kinks are worked out.
- Despite some issues, it's a powerful system that will allow for more flexibility.
- Most issues (transcript verification) will be fixed before school is back in January.
- Consultation firm for the new build/renovation has been chosen – Think Space.
  - They've worked on many schools so are very familiar with these sorts of projects
  - Paul met with them earlier this week and there is a very tight timeline
  - Socials wing and one story will be torn down.
  - 2-3 storey building will hold approximately 26 classrooms.
  - Build will hopefully start in July 2016.
  - School should be a construction zone by September 2016.
  - After this wing is complete, school will be emptied out in blocks and tackled one at a time for the seismic portion; this to start in approximately 2 years.
  - Paul explained the different possibilities of build/upgrade.
  - Melody asked if there might be an atrium and the answer is "no".
- District has been hit by a lots of phishing scams). Everyone in the district has been advised not to use ListServ and be careful with emails.

## **TREASURER' S REPORT**

- Treasurer's Report was emailed in advance of meeting for our review.
- Gaming Grant Application was approved and Alpha to receive \$18,000+
- Last years Teachers Wish Lists have been paid out.
- \$47,000 in the bank.
- Wanted to maintain at least a \$2000 buffer for scholarships with fundraising (Bottle returns, Purdy's, SPC cards) but to date fundraising has been lax.

## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- Nothing to report.

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

- Nothing to report.

## **CLASS REP REPORTS**

- Grade 8 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 9 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 10 – Nothing to report
  - Amended November minutes - Elizabeth suggested that teachers assign homework ahead of the week, so students can better manage their time, schedules. This could help Collaboration time be more effective.
- Grade 11 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 12 – Nothing to report.

## **DPAC**

- Dean Goodman spoke about SPC type content. Hoping that teachers will still have discussions even though SPC is no longer.

## **PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR DPAC FACEBOOK PAGE FOR DPAC, SD41 AND COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Burnaby DPAC Contact: [info@burnabydpac.com](mailto:info@burnabydpac.com)

Burnaby DPAC Website: <http://www.burnabydpac.com/>

Burnaby DPAC Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/BurnabyDPAC>

## **SPC (School Planning Council)**

- No longer exists.

## **FUNDRAISING**

- Lina mentioned PUB Night was well attended (sold out), was a good night. Event raised approximately \$2200.
- Tony returned unsold SPC cards along with a cheque for cards sold.
- Purdy chocolates are here and ready to be sorted after our meeting. Sales were less this year. We couldn't get last minute messages out to parents about deadlines (technical difficulties).

## **DRY GRAD**

- Meeting to take place following our PAC meeting.

## **COMMUNITY POLICE**

- Many cars had their windows smashed out over the course of an early morning. This happened in more than a few neighbourhoods in the last couple of weeks. No one has been caught at this point.
- Auto thefts are up.
- Tony mentioned that International students have been targets for cell phone and cash thefts.
- Elizabeth asked Paul if there were any students interested in attending the Community Policing Meetings. Hours may be counted towards career prep time. Meetings take place in the day so would have to miss some school.
- If you have any concerns, or you see something that's not right or suspicious, please report it to the community office or call 911 (always report, staffing is based around this).

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Lina Silvestre has booked Mari Swingle for February 9<sup>th</sup> to present at Alpha. Terry and Lina submitted an application – December 1<sup>st</sup> to see if DPAC would be interested in participating with us. Waiting to hear back.
- Lina Basso mentioned that the Senior Alpha Boys Soccer team placed sixth overall at the Provincials.
- Elizabeth shared that the Robotics club was going to be at Gladstone Secondary School in Vancouver on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Go check it out.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST**

- November 4<sup>th</sup> – Collaborative Day
- November 10<sup>th</sup> – Term 1 ends  
- Remembrance Day Assembly
- November 11<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Day (no classes)
- November 12<sup>th</sup> – Term 2 starts
- November 14<sup>th</sup> – PAC Pub Night Fundraiser (adults only)
- November 19<sup>th</sup> – Math Contest-Canadian (Senior & Intermediate)
- November 23<sup>rd</sup> – Report Cards home

- November 24<sup>th</sup> - Post Secondary Day, 8:30 – 10:30am
- November 25<sup>th</sup> - English 10 Mock Exam
- November 26<sup>th</sup> - English 12 Mock Exam
- November 27<sup>th</sup> – Pro D Day (no classes)

**NEXT PAC EXECUTIVE MEETING:**

**Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 6:00 PM in Room 306.**