

**ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
**PAC MINUTES**  
**Monday, September 14, 2015**

**Attendance:** Mr. Fester, Laura Lovison-Perkins, Elisabeth Cheung, Terry Vincelli, Giselle Patella, Melody Eng, Ivana Gauw, David Gibbs, Laura Curran-Burden, very well attended by new parents to Alpha (too many to name, thank you for attending).

**Regrets:** Kim Ovsenek, Cathy Flores, Tony Wong, Margie Manifold

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

- Melody welcomed everyone to our first PAC meeting of the year. In addition to returning PAC members, nice to see lots of new faces and parents to Alpha. Introductions were made.
- September Agenda - motion was made by Terry to approve the agenda, seconded by Pat, all in favour - motion passed
- June 2015 Minutes - motion was made by Terry to approve minutes, seconded by Lina, all in favour - motion passed

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Paul**

- Current enrolment sits at 1050 students to date. Approximately 250 are grade 8 students (80-90 more than last year). There are more grade 8 than grade 12 students. We have approximately 112 exchange students (about the same as last year)
- We have a new database called MyEd BC that was just rolled out.
- Alpha new mini-school program has started.
- A new Ace It robotics program also started with approximately 25 students enrolled
- School is very full
- Public announcement will take place on Wednesday detailing the \$27 million dollar Seismic Upgrade/Partial Rebuild and Partial New Build slated for Alpha. Timeline to TBD – Maybe spring but safe to say about a year away before we see construction.
- Grade 8 Retreat set for Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be a motivational speaker and 5 topics are:
  - **Information** - Study Skills
  - **Creativity** - Art or Drama
  - **Physical Activity** - Activity at Confederation Park
  - **Who's Who** - Who to go to with what.....FAQ
  - **Inspiration** - Guest Speaker TBA
- Alpha is moving towards paperless agenda. Agendas will still be distributed to Grade 8 students. Alpha2Go app (free download) for android and iPhone coming soon. Stay tuned.
- Meet the teachers set for September 23<sup>rd</sup>

- Pro D Day, September 25<sup>th</sup>, no classes
- School photos, September 29<sup>th</sup>
- 1<sup>st</sup> Collaborative Day will be on Oct 7<sup>th</sup>

### **TREASURER' S REPORT**

- Report was emailed to PAC members prior to our meeting for our review. Tony was unable to make meeting.
- Some of the new parents questioned monies the PAC has and what they are used for.

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- Acknowledged Tony by saying this:  
*The Alpha PAC would like to recognize and congratulate Tony Wong on being named of the recipients of this years' Local Hero Award.*

*Tony truly deserves this award for his countless volunteer work over the years at Sperling Elementary, École Alpha Secondary and the Community Policing Office, #1.*

*The ceremony will be held on October 5<sup>th</sup> at Burnaby City Hall.*

*Congratulations, Tony!*

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

- Nothing to report.

### **CLASS REP REPORTS**

- Grade 8 – Lina Basso – see details under fundraising
- Grade 9 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 10 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 11 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 12 – Giselle Patella – when are grad photos schedule for at Artona (Oct 29-31<sup>st</sup>). See other details under fundraising (Ford Test Drive)

### **DPAC**

- No report.
- Meeting dates set for Sept 28<sup>th</sup>, Oct 26<sup>th</sup>, Nov 30<sup>th</sup> and Dec 27<sup>th</sup>, all at 7pm at Burnaby Central Secondary.
- Oct 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm, Burnaby Central will host a 101/Treasurer Workshop for those who are interested.
- You can find more information by visiting, [www.burnabydpac.com](http://www.burnabydpac.com)

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

- Nothing to report at this time.

## **FUNDRAISING**

- SPC cards are here. Cards will be available for purchase at tonight's PAC meeting, grade 8 parent meeting, and Meet the Teacher night on Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Purdy Sales will happen in time for Christmas and Easter.
- Giselle will move the FORD Test Drive fundraiser to Spring 2016.
- Lina Basso booked the Admiral Pub for Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> for our PAC Pub Night Fundraiser. Time TBA; \$20 per ticket. Will hold a 50/50, Prize board, Toonie Toss, etc.

## **DRY GRAD**

Melody spoke in Tony's absence:

- 2014/15 Dry Grad had a surplus of approximately \$3000. They plan to purchase a concrete picnic table with plaque for the courtyard.
- We have approximately \$7000 surplus from previous grads of 2007. Tony thought we could propose to purchase another table for courtyard. In light of Pauls' news about possible seismic upgrade, PAC decided to table this until we can discuss further as a group and look at other ways money could be better allocated.
- 2016 Dry Grad Committee should be formed as soon as possible and it should be emphasized that all fundraising be wrapped up by March 2016 so parents can plan their budget. A note is being drafted to go home via list serve to grade 12 parents.

## **COMMUNITY POLICE**

- Nothing to report as no meetings took place over the summer months.
- Whenever you have a concern, or you see something that's not right, please report it to the community office or call 911 (always report, staffing is based around this).

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- PAC speaker possibilities tabled until next meeting
- Parent rep needed for Parents for French, contact Karen Dalla-Tina
- Parent concerned spoke to students skateboarding without helmets. Paul said they could revisit safety with students.

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

- October 7<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Collaborative Day
  - Grade 12 presentations
  - Grade 12 Group photo
  - Grade 12 Parent Night
  - BC Shake Out (Earthquake Drill)

- October 8<sup>th</sup> - Parent Teacher Sign up starts
- October 12<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving (no classes)
- October 13<sup>th</sup> – UBC visit
- October 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> – Parent Teacher Conferences, early dismissal both days
- October 23<sup>rd</sup> – Pro-D Day (no classes)
- October 28<sup>th</sup> – School photo retakes
- October 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> - Grad Photo Sessions

**NEXT PAC EXECUTIVE MEETING:**

**Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 6:00 PM in Room 306.**