

ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL
PAC MINUTES
Monday, April 3rd, 2017

Attendance: Mr. Brandt, Mr. Genge, Dr. Frank, Melody Eng, Terry Vincelli, Laura Lovison-Perkins, Tony Wong, Janice Chiem, Giselle Patella, Elizabeth Cheung, Dan Funaro, Angela Dasovic, Jillian Chateauneuf

Regrets: Lina Basso, Lina Silvestre, Ivana Gauw, Sherry Zhao

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- April 3rd Agenda - motion was made by Melody to approve the agenda, Dan & Elizabeth seconded, all in favour – motion passed.
- March 6th Minutes – motion was made by Melody to approve minutes, Dan seconded, all in favour - motion passed.
- Open positions still remain on PAC. If anyone is interested, please let Melody know.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Kevin

Kevin had Morray and Monica discuss latest draft of 2017/18 Calendar and new reporting process:

- 6th draft was circulated for the PAC for review and clarification.
- Put on Staff site tomorrow.
- 83 days in the 1st semester 88 In the 2nd semester, both are fairly balanced
- Other Term Report card will allow 1st time access to MyEd family portal
- 1st view will be grades as they've posted then a week or so later, a PDF version with the exception of this years Grade 12 class. They will receive a paper copy.
- April 2017 will be the last time report cards will be in printed format.
- Parents will be able to access info and change their profiles (contact info etc.)
- Dan asked what happens in a case where families don't live under the same roof and both want to be updated or have access. Was told that the two parties would have to come up with one sign-in/password. System is not set up to have multiple contacts
- Change/l-week/exam time only to 3 days. June exams have also been condensed.
- Giselle asked Morray how Spring Breaks are determined? Metro consortium (made up of a group of superintendents) determine break times. Want to make all district dates the same.
- Morray is also looking to speak with Jillian to get information to post on website regarding grade 12 & Dry Grad. Tony said he would pass on Jillian's email to him.
- Terry asked about the 2018 Leaving ceremonies being held on a Saturday and Monica explained that the District does a rotation amongst the schools with days/times to keep it fair amongst the Burnaby graduation classes. So no set days from year to year.
- Kevin took the PAC to the gym to reveal the new mural. Along the way, Giselle said it was shame to see our field not being utilized. Kevin mentioned that the school property is owned by the City of Burnaby and there are talks about possibly re-vamping it.
- Construction update:
 - Construction has seen delays due to the poor weather we had over the winter.
 - Holes have been dug so they can start pouring the forms.
 - Office wing has been colder but heating issue has been resolved.

- Big thing right now is course selection. Verifications will be sent home with students with April report cards.
- Under the new agreement, Alpha hopes to acquire more staffing which we hope will create more teaching time. The language in the agreement states that classes will need to be capped at 26 for all classes including Home Ec, Tech Ed, Music & Choir and this may create challenges. Students may go without and may have to select other electives, as they can't meet the numbers. Band & Choir teachers are petitioning for an exemption to this. Academic classes can have up to 30 students in an individual class, but district class size average will be 25 or under.

TREASURER' S REPORT

- Treasurer's Report was emailed in advance of meeting. See report for financial details.
- Not a whole lot of PAC transactions, some interest earned.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Melody shared the open PAC positions with us: ELL Rep, Vice Chairperson & Fundraising.

VICE-CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Nothing to report.

CLASS REP REPORTS

- Grade 8 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 9 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 10 – Angela has some concerns about Collab time not being fully enforced. Kevin spoke on this topic. Kevin said this is a complex issue. The program is 2 years young at Alpha and they are still working at making it right. It's hard to quantify results. Works needs to be done with peer mentor students implementing activities (this could improve the not so consistent complaints amongst the grades). Monica gave an example where the teachers have benefited from this by creating a question feedback/evaluation to help teacher/student communication.
- Grade 11 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 12 – Nothing to report.

DPAC

- Melody was unable to attend the meeting. Please feel free to check out the links below for information.

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

Burnaby DPAC Contact: info@burnabydpac.com

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

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

SPC (School Planning Council)

- Nothing to report.

FUNDRAISING

- Purdy's Easter Chocolates Fundraiser did not generate enough sales so no monies will be received for this fundraiser. Tony suggested that we stick to the Christmas one as it is more popular. He leaves this with next year's PAC to decide whether to continue.
- SPC cards fundraiser generates a small amount of money and students/parents seem to be interested. Sign-up starts in April, advertise in May-June and cards are available in August.
- We will need someone to step in to the fundraising role for 2017/18 as Tony will graduate from the PAC in June.

DRY GRAD

- Raffle tickets are currently being sold \$5 each. Student selling 1 book of 20 tickets at \$5 each gains admission to Dry Grad. Draw date will take place at our next PAC meeting on May 1st.

COMMUNITY POLICE

- Nothing to report.
- 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

- All six Alpha's student debaters placed at their recent lower mainland 3-day regional tournament this past weekend with a team moving onto the National debate tournament. We wish them the best of luck!
- Congratulations to the grade 8 students who participated and placed 2nd in the 2017 Math Challengers Regional contest last month. Good work!
- Alpha Physics Olympic Team, won bronze at the Faraday Lab out at UBC. This was Alpha's first time to compete, well done.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:00pm

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST

- May 1st – 8am AP Chemistry, 12pm AP Psychology
- May 5th – AP Art Portfolio due
- May 8th – 8am AP Biology
- May 9th – Gr 8 & 9 Literacy Assessments, 8am AP Calculus, 12pm AP French
- May 15th – Earthquake Drill
- May 18th – English Mock Exam
- May 19th – Pro-D Day (**no classes**)
- May 22nd – Victoria Day (**no classes**)
- May 26th – Gr. 12 Early Dismissal, 12pm Grad Rehearsal, 7pm School Leaving Ceremony (Bill Copeland)

NEXT PAC EXECUTIVE MEETING:

Monday, May 1st, 2017 at 6:00 PM in the Conference Room near the Counsellors area