

ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL
PAC MINUTES
Monday, February 1st, 2016

Attendance: Mr. Fester, Melody Eng, Terry Vincelli, Laura Lovison-Perkins, Tony Wong, Laura Curran-Burden, David Gibbs, Elizabeth Cheung, Ivana Gauw, Cathy Flores

Regrets: Dawn Murphy, Margie Manifold, Giselle Patella, Kim Ovsenek, Lina Silvestre, Lina Basso

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Melody welcomed everyone to our PAC meeting.
- January Minutes – Motion was made by Terry to approve minutes, Melody seconded, all in favour - motion passed
- February Agenda - motion was made by Laura C-B to approve agenda, David seconded, all in favour - motion passed

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Paul

- Auto-dialler has not been calling parents to advise them their child has been late or absent for classes. This has been an ongoing problem with MyEd. Auto-dialler should be up and working soon. Parents will receive an automated phone call from the school advising that their child has been late or missed a class(s). A ListServ will go home to parents letting them know this is starting up again.
- 6 new teachers have been hired for Semester 2 (Tech Ed, part-time math, new Home EC, English language learner, Support for grade 9, French)
- Projection for next year is fewer grade 8's (40-50 less than last year)
- Current student population sits at 1061, projection for coming year is 1041
- Information Night took place last week and was well attended, approximately 500+
- Paul shared the school plans for Seismic upgrade with the PAC. He hopes to have a community information night in the future.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Treasurer's Report was emailed in advance of meeting.
- Not much has changed since January.
- Gaming Grant was \$18,420.00.
- Amount available to PAC is \$24,782.15
- Slowly drawing down balance because fundraising doesn't cover scholarships.
- Purdy's Fundraising Campaign will be coming out shortly.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Nothing to report.

VICE-CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Nothing to report.

CLASS REP REPORTS

- Grade 8 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 9 – Laura Curran-Burden
 - Was going to ask about auto-dialler but Paul addressed in the Principal's Report
 - Asked about course selection, what and how does work. Paul spoke briefly about what it looks like and that all the information is online.
- Grade 10 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 11 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 12 – Nothing to report.

DPAC

- Presentation about At Risk Youth – very interesting group discussions.
- Parent Info Evening, Feb 11th – Gordon Neufeld, already sold out

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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)

- Wants to change literacy goal
- School plan review.
- If anyone wants to participate in school visits, please **contact:**
Joanne Whalvin
Tel. 604-296-6900 ext. 661009
joanne.whalvin@sd41.bc.ca

FUNDRAISING

- Nothing to report

DRY GRAD

- Ford Test Drive – Giselle contacted Terry after the meeting to confirm that a date has been booked for April 8th. Monies raised will go towards Dry Grad Fundraiser.

COMMUNITY POLICE

- Elizabeth was not able to attend the last meeting.
- Spike in home and auto thefts were up over Christmas but are down now.
- People in South Burnaby are getting robbed (electronic devices)
- 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

- Mari Swingle Presentation – info went out to Alpha parents as well as feeder schools.
 - Information went out via ListServ and school website as well to feeder schools.
 - Tony to put out link so parents can sign up so we can gauge potential attendance.
 - Directional signs to be made up depending on where presentation to take place (library, sm. Gym, dance studio, the garage).
- Donation request – David shared that music/band students are heading to New York and were hoping the PAC could donate funds to partial/cover rentals costs of drapery. In the end, the fundraiser was moved from Alpha to the Admiral Pub.
- Ms. Fretier and Ms. Rai are looking for individual(s) who can speak French to be a judge on February 24th.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST

- March 7th – PAC meeting
- March 7th - Parent/Teacher Conference sign-up ends
- March 10th – Parent/Teacher Conferences, early dismissal 12:30pm
- March 11th – Parent/Teacher Conferences, early dismissal 1:50pm
- March 14th – 24th – Spring Break
- March 25th – Good Friday (no classes)
- March 28th – Easter Monday (no classes)
- March 30th – Collab Day
- April 4th – PAC meeting
- April 6th – Collab Day
- April 7th – Grad Transition Interviews, 9am – 3pm
- April 13th – Collab Day & Euclid Math Contest
- April 15th – Term 3 ends
- April 18th – Term 4 begins
- April 18th & 19th - Grade 8 & 9 Literacy Assessments
- April 18th – 22nd – Literacy Week
- April 25th & 26th – District Pro-D Days (no classes)
- April 27th – Report Cards home
- April 29th – Shakespeare's Birthday Celebration

NEXT PAC EXECUTIVE MEETING:

Monday, March 7th, 2016, 6:00 PM in Room 306.