

ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL
PAC MINUTES
Monday, January 4th, 2016

Attendance: Mr. Fester, Melody Eng, Terry Vincelli, Tony Wong, Lina Basso, David Gibbs, Elizabeth Cheung, Sue Morell

Regrets: Dawn Murphy, Margie Manifold, Giselle Patella, Laura Curran-Burden, Kim Ovsenek, Cathy Flores, Laura Lovison-Perkins, Lina Silvestre, Ivana Gauw

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Melody welcomed everyone to our PAC meeting. Hoped that everyone had a wonderful winter break.
- December Minutes – Motion was made by Melody to approve minutes, Lina B. seconded, all in favour - motion passed
- January Agenda - motion was made by Melody to approve agenda, Lina B. seconded, all in favour - motion passed

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Paul

- Paul received an email today from the District indicating that ListServ emails can now be sent. However, some technical difficulties will result in delays in receiving emails for the following providers: Live, Outlook and Hotmail.
- District is educating staff around about Phishing Scams and “what not to do”
- School experienced a heater mechanical failure over the weekend, which caused the copper pipes on the 2nd floor to freeze and burst resulting in a flood. Staff arrived to 2 inches of water on the 1st floor. Classes were moved temporarily and should resume tomorrow. Extra staff was brought in to clean up along with a carpet Restoration Company to dry out the carpets. Luckily, there was very little damage that was limited to the ceiling tile.
- Paul hopes to have architectural drawings and concepts by the end of this week
 - Looking at possible changes to the layout of the new wing. One idea is to add on to the existing north/south library structure to make it two storeys. This would be instead of the initial plan to build where the existing socials wing is. The 3rd floor of the existing building would become the 2nd and the 2nd floor would become the 1st floor. This is because the Ministry has strict guidelines with respect to allowable space per student.
 - After this wing is complete, school will be emptied out in blocks and tackled one at a time for the seismic portion.
 - Once a firm plan is set, Paul would like to share with the PAC and Community.
 - Seismic Phasing –
 - 1 storey tear down,
 - 2 New wing build and move in,

- 4 blocks will be vacated and tackled one at a time
- 5 more teaching positions will be added for Semester 2

TREASURER' S REPORT

- Treasurer's Report was not available prior to meeting.
- 2nd deposit was made to Science World in December for Dry grad (40% down to date)

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Melody contacted Jocelyn and Jen regarding the status of our DPAC request (sent Dec 1/15 and received email notification it had been received) re: Mari Swingle Presentation. Jocelyn to help initiate a response ASAP.

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.
- Grade 11 – Ivana
 - Ivana asked if yearbooks could still be purchased. Paul said yes and this could be done using the Cash online account. If this does not work, contact Lori Logan, Schools bookkeeper.
- Grade 12 – Nothing to report.

DPAC

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)

- No longer exists.

FUNDRAISING

- Nothing to report

DRY GRAD

- Ford Test Drive – Giselle was not able to attend meeting. Tabled until next meeting.

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

- Open House – Will be broken down by time slots and grades (i.e., incoming gr 7's – Intro to Alpha, Gr 9-11's – Course Info, Grad Requirements), and by departments (Mini-school, Discovery, AP, French Immersion), Departments will have information booths.
- David voiced his concern over Ministry adding 2 Development Days (Feb & May) to the school calendar. These days are being added so staff can talk about new curriculum and what it will look like and how to phase it in. He asked Paul to share his concerns and thoughts with his superiors.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST

- Feb 1st – Semester 2 begins
- Feb 5th – Report Cards home, Semester 1
- Feb 8th – Family Day (no classes)
- Feb 9th-18th, Course selection takes place
- Feb 15th – Parent/Teacher Conference sign-up begins
- Feb 19th – Pro-D Day (no classes)
- Feb 24th – Science Fair
- March 2nd – Collab Day
- 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

NEXT PAC EXECUTIVE MEETING:

Monday, February 1st, 2016, 6:00 PM in Room 306.