

ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL
PAC MINUTES
Monday, January 9th, 2017

Attendance: Mr. Brandt, Mr. Genge, Dr. Frank, Mr. Tsang, Melody Eng, Terry Vincelli, Laura Lovison-Perkins, Tony Wong, Janice Chiem, Angela Dasovic, Susan Fritz

Regrets: Giselle Patella, Dan Funaro, Lina Basso, Elizabeth Cheung, Sherry Zhao, Lina Silvestre, Ivana Gauw, Jillian Chateauneuf

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Melody welcomed everyone to the meeting including guest speaker:
- Mr. Allen Tsang, PE Department Head for Alpha.
 - He presented the new reporting rubric that will be used for all grade 8 & 9 students.
 - Explained why the new reporting was being introduced.
 - Currently no grade percentages are in place for grade 8 & 9 students; will provide more details.
 - Students will be quite involved with the process. It will allow for more written feedback between the PE teacher and student.
 - Alpha outline for goals – 1/ Physical Literacy
 - 2/ Health Literacy
 - 3/ Personal & Social Responsibility
 - Hoping to implement for Semester 2 – 2017
 - Angela asked about Grade 10 – they have percentages (10-12)
 - Tony asked about consistency between schools – not yet
- November Minutes – motion was made by Melody to approve minutes, Tony seconded, all in favour - motion passed.
- December Minutes – no minutes as meeting was cancelled.
- January Agenda - motion was made by Melody to approve the agenda, Tony 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 welcomed everyone.
- Construction update:
 - Snow presented challenges with build (keeping students inside)
 - Construction is ahead of schedule in some areas: new gym floor has been installed and footing have been laid, however, the parking lot has not moved forward due to poor weather.

- We have a busy month ahead to Semester end, January 23rd. “I” week and Provincial exams take place from January 24th – 26th. See school website for schedule of activities, classroom exams and tutorial opportunities.
- Semester Two starts January 30th.
- Internet Safety Presentation – Alpha parents and parents from our feeder schools have been invited to attend a presentation that focuses on Internet Safety on Wednesday, February 1st 6:30pm to 8:30pm in Alpha’s Large Gym. Personal Protection Systems Inc. will facilitate “The White Hatter,” Internet /Social Media Safety and Digital Literacy Education 101 For Parents. Alpha students will be attending a similar presentation created for a teen audience during the school day. This presentation has received excellent reviews from parents, students and staff who found it very informative and engaging.
- Alpha Open House, from 6:00-8:00 pm Wednesday, January 25th. Features department displays, course selection information, and program specific presentations. Department Displays are from 6:00-8:00 pm. The evening begins with a presentation for parents of students entering grade 8 in September from 6:00-6:30 pm. A Course Selection information presentation for parents of students currently in grades 8-11 is from 6:30-7:00 pm.
- Burnaby School District looking to open up a parent portal on MyEd. Many technical aspects to opening this up to parents; still working on glitches and confidentiality issues.

TREASURER’ S REPORT

- Treasurer’s Report was emailed in advance of meeting. See report for financial details.
- Mr. Brandt, Tony & Melody sat down to distribute gaming funds to Teacher’s Wishlist.
- Melody motioned to approve gaming funds distribution, Tony seconded, all in favour, motion passed.
- Tony discussed funds that have accumulated over the years and asked the PAC on how best to use the funds. Some ideas were tossed around: scholarships, mural, new school sign. Think it over and we can discuss at February meeting.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

- Melody shared the open PAC positions with us: ELL Rep, Vice Chairperson & Fundraising.
- Asked what the school policy is on drugs and DIP (chewing Tabaco), smoking VAPs
 - Kevin hasn’t noticed it as a problem but would watch for it. Seems to be a decrease in the number of kids that smoke.
- Asked about Collab time. Are students being supervised? Some students feel that there are discrepancies and some classes are not being offered the same experiences as others.
 - Kevin said yes they are being supervised. His expectation is that there would be consistency amongst the classes. He said they would look into this. Deb Rizzo handles the Peer tutors.

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 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 12 – Nothing to report.

DPAC

- Nothing to report at this time.

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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 Chocolates set for Easter.

DRY GRAD

- Nothing to report.

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

- Nothing to report.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:04 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST

- January 12th – Earthquake Drill
- January 23rd – Last Day of Classes Semester 1

- January 24-27th Provincial Exams, Tutorial & I Days
- January 25th - Alpha Open House 6-8pm
- January 30th - Semester 2 starts
- February 1st – Collab Day
- February 3rd – Term 2, Report Cards issued
- February 3rd – Grad Portfolios are due
- February 6th – PAC meeting
- February 6th – 16th – Course Selection for 2017/18 school year
- February 8th – Collab Day
- February 13th – Family Day (no classes)
- February 15th – Collab Day
- February 17th – Pro D-Day (no classes)
- February 22nd – Collab Day
- February 23rd – Parent/Teacher Conference Sign-up begins
- February 23rd – Alpha Science Fair

NEXT PAC EXECUTIVE MEETING:

Monday, February 6th, 6:00 PM in the Conference Room near the Counsellors area