

ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL
PAC MINUTES
Monday, March 7th, 2016

Attendance: Mr. Fester, Melody Eng, Terry Vincelli, Laura Lovison-Perkins, Tony Wong, Laura Curran-Burden, Cathy Flores, Angela Dasovic

Regrets: Dawn Murphy, Margie Manifold, Giselle Patella, Kim Ovsenek, Lina Silvestre, Lina Basso, David Gibbs, Elizabeth Cheung, Ivana Gauw

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Melody welcomed everyone to our PAC meeting.
- February Minutes – Motion was made by Melody to approve minutes, Tony seconded, all in favour - motion passed
- March Agenda - motion was made by Melody to approve agenda, Tony seconded, all in favour - motion passed

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Paul

- In the middle of course selection; course verification sent home with all students today.
- 2016/17 enrolment will be roughly the same size as this year
 - Approximately 190-200 grade 8 students and an overall student population of 1040-1050
- School boundaries are open so dealing with cross-boundary requests now
 - Approximately 15 students have applied to Burnaby North, 7 Burnaby North students have applied to Alpha
 - Priority system is still in place; although school boundaries are open, this does not mean necessarily students will be accepted.
- Looks like we will have enough students to run 2 cohorts for French Immersion for September.
- Paul shared the school plans/updates for Seismic upgrade with the PAC.
 - Lots of planning around where to put classrooms in existing space when construction starts
 - Architects are getting close to having plans done. Hopeful that construction set to start in June/July.
 - Paul hopes to have a community information night in the future.
- Paul purchased 3 copies of Mari Swingle's Book for Alpha. Copies are in the library and the office.

TREASURER' S REPORT

- Treasurer's Report was emailed in advance of meeting.
- Not much movement other than money going out for Dry Grad deposits (PAC has advanced Dry Grad Committee, \$5,574.31 to date)
- Purdy's Fundraiser has closed and orders will be delivered and sorted on March 11th by Terry & Laura

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
 - Asked about bus rentals for school fields and if teachers can apply for PAC funds or use school funds. Paul said very high costs associated with bus rentals vs. public transportation. Where absolutely necessary, bus transportation is arranged. Teachers can ask Paul if there are funds available. They don't usually go to PAC for funds. Or parents can be asked to contribute/subsidize.
 - Asked why Report cards are not sent home in sealed envelopes to avoid confidential information getting in the wrong hands. Paul said they have never been at the high school level. It comes down to manpower, time and costs.
- Grade 10 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 11 – Nothing to report.
 - Elizabeth asked if teachers have been asked to consider putting out advanced homework to be done on Collab days for senior students. Paul has asked teachers to please consider this for their students but it is at the discretion of each teacher whether they do this or not. Paul is not able to mandate this. Paul will get back to Elizabeth on this.
- Grade 12 – Nothing to report.

DPAC

- Melody will forward email to be shared with PAC regarding questions DPAC would love to get PAC input from regarding 2016/17 SD41 operating budget.

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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)

- Paul would like to meet with SPC group.

FUNDRAISING

- Music/Band group heading to New York had their Pub Night at the Admiral.
- There was a discussion around bank accounts for the various school fundraisers (school accts (by departments) vs. PAC accounts).

DRY GRAD

- Ford Test Drive – has been booked for April 8th. Monies raised will go towards Dry Grad Fundraiser. Details to follow.
- Dry Grad Committee to hold a Pub Night sometime in April.

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

- Giselle put an email out to PAC asking if we could discuss bringing in a presenter who could talk to students and parents regarding drug abuse, etc.
 - Paul will speak with contacts at the District (Sue Dorey, Brenda Laface, Suzanne Hardy) regarding availability to do a talk for April or May. They recently did a talk on drug use/abuse talk at Burnaby North and it was well received.

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, May 2nd, 2016, 6:00 PM in Room 306.