

**ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
**PAC MINUTES**  
**Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Attendance:** Mr. Brandt, Melody Eng, Terry Vincelli, Laura Lovison-Perkins, Tony Wong, Angela Dasovic, Lina Basso, Laura Curran-Burden, Giselle Patella, Elizabeth Cheung, Lina & Joe Silvestre, Sherry Zhao, Dan Funaro, Liliana, Susan, and a few more new faces (we apologize, we didn't get your names)

**Regrets:** Ivana Gauw

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

- Melody welcomed everyone to the meeting. And introduced our Administration staff, Mr. Brandt, Mr. Genge, Dr. Frank followed by round the table introductions.
- June Minutes – motion was made by Melody to approve minutes, Terry seconded, all in favour - motion passed.
- September Agenda - motion was made by Melody to approve the agenda, Terry seconded, all in favour – motion passed.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Kevin**

- Kevin welcomed everyone.
- Gave us a snapshot of his background. In 1993, Kevin started his student teaching here at Alpha. It's kind of like coming home. He also was a Principal at Burnaby North, Taylor Park, worked at the Burnaby School District and he took a year off to do some online consulting prior to landing his position at Alpha. He has been in the Burnaby school district since 2005? He is happy to be at Alpha; great tone, and good sense of community.
  - Kevin introduced Mr. Morrey Genge who welcomed as a VP to Alpha. He comes from Moscrop Secondary. He, like Kevin is very happy to be at Alpha. He's only heard great things. He's had a great introduction to the school and students so far.
  - Also introduced was Dr. Monica Frank who is starting her 3<sup>rd</sup> at Alpha. She has an extensive background in counselling and psychology. She is very excited about the seismic mitigation, which will result in a total transformation of the school.
- Extensive work took place throughout the summer; much of which can't be seen (wiring and ducting, etc. in the walls)
- Most things went according to plan.
- New cafeteria provider; cafeteria should be up and running in the next couple of weeks.
- Demolition for the Socials wing is scheduled to start on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and will take approximately 3 days to complete.
- Waiting on wireless installation to be completed.
- District has had extensive experience in building/maintenance and upgrade.
- Large gym should be re-opened in 1 ½ - 2 weeks time.

- Working hard at sorting out student numbers and staffing. Numbers have been coming in at target. Alpha sits at approximately 1100 students.

### **TREASURER' S REPORT**

- Treasurer's Report was emailed in advance of meeting.
- We will start the school year with approximately \$17,000 in the account.
- Waiting on the gaming grant that will be allocated to the Teacher's Wishlist.
- See Dry Grad surpluses under Dry Grad
- Tony made a motion that signing authority for the 2016/17 school year be Melody Eng, Tony Wong, Terry Vincelli & Janice Chiem. Motion by Tony, seconded by Giselle, all in favour motion made. Vancity will require a copy of the minutes.

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- Melody shared the open PAC positions with us: Gr. 8 Rep, ELL Rep, Vice Chairperson, Fundraising & Dry Grad Rep. Dan Funaro and Sherry Zhao stepped up and will share the grade 8 rep position.

### **VICE-CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- Nothing to report.

### **CLASS REP REPORTS**

- Grade 8 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 9 – Laura C-B asked about agenda items; wondering when student bulletins will be made available and online. Also, when would the Alpha2Go app updated?
  - ❖ Kevin said 4 teachers are currently being trained on the App. Mr. Genge will be the go-to for the App. Students are being encouraged to download it, as it will provide a more interactive experience. Monica will make sure the bulletins, school calendar, collab days schedule will be updated on the school's website.
- Grade 10 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 11 – Giselle asked what the student population was and if there were going to be collab days?
  - Kevin said Alpha has approximately 1100 students to date and yes collab days will resume in October.
- Grade 12 – Nothing to report.

## **DPAC**

- No DPAC meeting scheduled for September. First meeting will be Oct 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

Burnaby DPAC Contact: [info@burnabydpac.com](mailto:info@burnabydpac.com)

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

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

## **SPC (School Planning Council)**

- SPC is no longer. However, looking at new model with input from PAC exec and parents??

## **FUNDRAISING**

- SPC cards will be sold online or contact Tony Wong.
- Other fundraisers will be Purdy's Chocolates at Christmas and ongoing Return It Bottle Recycling at Kitchener location.

## **DRY GRAD**

- Treasurer gets involved with Dry Grad to manage finances. And attends the Dry Grad meetings.
- 2 venues have been booked tentatively (Harbour Boat Cruise & The Metro in New Westminster). Grade 12 students will be surveyed to see which venue draws most interest.
- Tony updated PAC and shared the surpluses from previous Dry Grads
  - Dry Grad accumulate surpluses from Previous years – \$6,245.83 need to decide what to do, possible put in scholarships or other program
  - 2015 Dry Grad – \$3,866.04 monies allocated for 2 cement picnic tables (handicap assessable) be purchased and placed once seismic upgrade is complete.
  - 2016 Dry Grad – \$6,339.58 still deciding on how it's to be spent.

## **COMMUNITY POLICE**

- Angela, Tony & Elizabeth attended the June meeting.
- Volunteer cyclists program is postponed. Will possibly resume in the Spring.
- Next meeting will be at the end of September.
- 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 asked if a Resource Head has been hired to replace Lorraine Ford.
  - Kevin said that the Burnaby School District is interviewing for this position and he hopes they have it filled in the next couple weeks.
- Elizabeth asked if emails and ListServ are up and running.
  - Kevin said that everything should be up and running. If you are not receiving emails or you hear that other parents are not receiving them. They can contact the office and to make sure their email(s) are added.

**MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:47 pm**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST**

- September 15<sup>th</sup> – School Photo day
- September 21<sup>st</sup> – Meet the Teacher Evening, 6:00 – 7:30pm
- September 22<sup>nd</sup> – Grade 8 Retreat
- September 23<sup>rd</sup> – Pro-D Day (no classes) & Demolition of Socials Wing
- September 26<sup>th</sup> – Cops for Cancer
- September 29<sup>th</sup> – Terry Fox Run
- September 30<sup>th</sup> – Curriculum Implementation Day (no classes)

## **NEXT PAC EXECUTIVE MEETING:**

**Monday, October 3rd, 6:00 PM in the Conference Room near the Counsellors area**