

ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL
PAC MINUTES
Monday, October 5th, 2015

Attendance: Mr. Fester, Elizabeth Cheung, Melody Eng, Dawn Murphy, David Gibbs, Lina Basso, Dave Lo, Wendy & Ryan Seto, Ruth Heyde, Rena Georgeopoulos

Regrets: Terry Vincelli, Laura Lovison-Perkins, Tony Wong, Margie Manifold, Giselle Patella, Ivana Gauw, Laura Curran-Burden, Kim Ovsenek, Cathy Flores,

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Melody welcomed everyone to our PAC meeting at 6:03pm. Introductions were made.
- September Minutes - motion was made by Melody to approve minutes, seconded by Elizabeth, all in favour - motion passed

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Paul

- Grade 8 on-site Retreat took place on Thursday, September 24th. Very popular, especially the dog-tags that were distributed (Grade 11 & 12 mentors did not get any!)
- Quick demo of Alpha2Go app for student scheduling. Paid for via Student Activity Fee. Android/I-Phone/Web-based platform. This will cut down on paper usage. Seems there is a high percentage of student buy-in. Still have 200 paper agenda's (ordered 400)
- Current student population is 1050, using 1100 as seismic upgrading/planning. Theoretic start date of Spring 2016 but still have to finalize RFP (Request for Proposal).
- Parent questioned how to know if they are getting all that they should be getting via ListServ email distribution. Parent can double check with office or the last 2 weeks of ListServ mailing can be posted on school's website. Paul to check.
- Also, comment that Web Access to Student Bulletin is no longer one-click access. Paul to check.
- Parent/Teacher Conference Night coming up.
- 1st Collaborative Day will be on Oct 7th

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Report was emailed to PAC members prior to our meeting for our review. Tony was unable to make meeting.
- Comment was to have better separation of Gaming Account and Regular Account transactions.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Melody shared that Dawn Murphy, a grade 8 parent, former Lochdale PAC & DPAC member is willing to take on the Alpha PAC Vice-Chairperson position. Motioned by Melody, seconded by Elizabeth, passed.

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

- Curriculum changes from K - 9. Next year rollout for Gr. 10 – 12. See gov't website for more information.
- Discussion at meeting re: School Records. Who/What owns that data. Issue came up as an audit showed a hard drive containing student information was missing.
- Migration of BCCSIS to MyEdSIS for student information.
- There is a special Education Advising Committee forming. See Jen Menzie.
- Upcoming PIE (Parent information Event) will be on the DPAC website. Hope to encourage more Burnaby parents to attend.

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 meetings scheduled. Will discuss class size and compositions but such information are not easily available on current system.

FUNDRAISING

- SPC cards are still being sold.
- Purdy Sales will happen in time for Christmas and Easter.
- Lina reminded everyone about the upcoming PUB NIGHT FUNDRAISER:
 - Saturday, November 14th @ the Admiral Pub, starts at 7pm, \$20 per ticket (included burger, fries, one beer or wine), hopes to make \$10 profit per ticket. There will be a 50/50, Toonie Toss, Prize Board, etc.
 - Looking for donations, if you can help with this, please contact Lina for soliciting donation letter.

DRY GRAD

- Question was raised whether Dry Grad surpluses can be put into General account or are they restricted use?

COMMUNITY POLICE

- Re: Hold-up at a Willingdon Street business, it was committed by young offenders, and therefore they cannot be identified.
- Whenever you have a concern, or you see something that's not right, please report it to the community office or call 911 (always report, staffing is based around this).

OTHER BUSINESS

- Re: Grad Photos. Can absent students be photo-shopped into the class photos? Paul to inquire with the photographer.
- What's the status of the Grad Cruise? It is expected a committee will make the decision.
- There was talk of Artona not being very accommodating/nice while setting up appointments for Grad photos and that an Alpha parent was going to go to another location on Hastings. Paul was going to let the Artona management know about this.
- PAC speaker possibilities tabled until next meeting
- RE: Parent rep needed for Parents for French, contact Karen Dalla-Tina. David Gibbs tried to contact but was unsuccessful.
- Parent asked about school recycling programme. Paul responded that there is one, including a club (E-Club). Audit of waste was done and high compliance. Note: Encorp is running a contest. See website.
- All Candidates Meeting with some Alpha students taking place on October 6th.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST

- November 4th – Collaborative Day
- November 10th – Term 1 ends
 - Remembrance Day Assembly
- November 11th – Remembrance Day (no classes)
- November 12th – Term 2 starts
- November 14th – PAC Pub Night Fundraiser (adults only)

- November 19th – Math Contest-Canadian (Senior & Intermediate)
- November 23rd – Report Cards home
- November 24th - Post Secondary Day, 8:30 – 10:30am
- November 25th - English 10 Mock Exam
- November 26th - English 12 Mock Exam
- November 27th – Pro D Day (no classes)

NEXT PAC EXECUTIVE MEETING:

Monday, November 2nd, 2015, 6:00 PM in Room 306.