

**ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
**PAC MINUTES**  
**Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

**Attendance:** Mr. Brandt, Mr. Genge, Dr. Frank, Mr. Wong, Ms. Norris, Melody Eng, Terry Vincelli, Laura Lovison-Perkins, Janice Chiem, Giselle Patella, Elizabeth Cheung, Dan Funaro, Angela Dasovic, Donna Boardman, Robin Holburn, Susan Fritz, Sherry Zhao

**Regrets:** Tony Wong, Lina Basso, Lina Silvestre, Ivana Gauw, And Jillian Chateauneuf

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

- Melody welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mr. Wong and Ms. Norris were guest speakers.
- Mr. Wong, Social Studies Department Head and Ms. Norris, English Department head both presented on:
  - New reporting system for grade 8 & 9 students. Moving away from the percentages. Allows better assessments of individual competencies. Will include an evaluation (Insufficient, Developing, Meeting, Extending), Course skills and Course content will be included in the Socials report as contact varies from teacher to teacher and class to class
  - The English Department reporting system will be very similar to the Socials reporting, it will include the Evaluation, and Course skills. However, Course content may or may not be included. At the discretion of the teacher.
  - Both reporting systems were developed at the same time
  - Feels this will be a better way to give feedback as to how the student is doing.
  - Moving away from the paper report cards
  - Creates consistency across the departments and classes.
- May 1<sup>st</sup> Agenda - motion was made by Melody to approve the agenda, Dan seconded, all in favour – motion passed.
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> Minutes – motion was made by Melody to approve minutes, Dan seconded, all in favour - motion passed.
- Open positions still remain on PAC. If anyone is interested, please let Melody know.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Kevin**

- Construction update:
  - Lots of construction happening.
  - Footings have been formed and structure is taking place.
  - New Dust extraction system installed in Tech Ed Department.
  - New windows fitted for entire school. This was not in original budget but additional funding came through.
- 10 rounds of postings for staff at this time.
- Challenging Department Heads running Collab
  - Wants to see very specific activities booked for collab days, making it more of a structured, productive time.
  - Possible ideas: have Jesse Miller, come and talk to students about images that kids are sharing on social media and the repercussions of doing this, Course selection for grade 10s, ICBC presentation

- Elizabeth mentioned that there is no assessment for the older students
- Giselle asked about having it in the middle of the day. Kevin said it would not be safe for students. Too hard to monitor students leaving the property.
- Kevin needs to ask the question... does the time the teachers spend collaboratively result in benefit to the students? Very subjective and difficult to measure the success of the program.
- Dan asked if maybe the White Hatter could be brought in again but Kevin said no because it involved 2 – 2hour sessions (not enough time)
- It was asked if attendance is taken for grades 11 & 12 during Collab blocks. Kevin replied “no”.

#### **VICE-PRINCIPAL’S REPORT – Monica**

- Report cards along with Course Verifications for the 2017/18 school year were attached and sent home on Thursday (April 26<sup>th</sup>). They were due back to the counsellor’s today. Very few were returned.
- Terry asked if a ListServ went home to parents. Answer was no. Terry asked if one could be sent home letting parents know as not all students; remember to give them to the parents. Monica said they would make a note of this. There have been some recent changes in staff in the office. Working through the transition.
- This will be last paper report card and parents and students will be able to access future report cards via the Parental portal. A ListServ went home today to parents regarding this.
- Teachers will be able to set up accessibility to ports in many different ways (i.e., reports, assignments, class info, etc.).
- Should eventually become a resource rich communications system.
- Grade 8 & 9 students will report assessment on their core competencies. Students will have a locker they can self assess in.
- Ms. J. Duff has been hired as the new office Manager replacing Sherry Steinhauser who has taken a position at Burnaby Central. We have an interim computer operator until the end of school year. Mariska is due back in July.

#### **VICE-PRINCIPAL’S REPORT – Morray**

- Has been busy working on the 2017/18 school calendar.
- Working on year-end stuff.
- Elizabeth asked about seating for the Grad/Dinner dance. Students will sit in their formed groups. They can submit this prior to event. Parents are invited to put their own tables together as well. Both grads and parents will be in the same banquet room.

#### **TREASURER’S REPORT**

- Treasurer’s Report was emailed in advance of meeting. See report for financial details.
- Janice spoke on behalf of Tony in his absence. Janice shared her version of the Treasurer’s report.
- \$20,000 cheque was made out to Alpha for the Mural project on behalf of the PAC. Tony had asked what the total cost of mural was. Kevin said approximately, \$28,000.
- 2 bank accounts were closed (had 6 total, too many).

#### **CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT**

- Melody shared the open PAC positions with us: ELL Rep, Vice Chairperson & Fundraising.

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

- Nothing to report.

## **CLASS REP REPORTS**

- Grade 8 – Sherry mentioned that many students are switching out of the Mini-school program.
- Grade 9 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 10 – Playland fieldtrip next week for science classes.
- Grade 11 – Nothing to report.
- Grade 12 – Elizabeth suggested that it would be helpful to students and parents if a presentation or info night could take place to help navigate the post secondary options. Making sure students have the right courses for the intended programs. She asked Kevin if there were any statistics on how many students make it into the programs they apply for, second choice. Kevin said that ministry does put out a report showing that Richmond has the most success followed by Burnaby (over the course of a 5 year period)

## **DPAC**

- Melody was unable to attend the meeting. DPAC minutes will be attached to email for your review. Please feel free to check out the links below for information.

## **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)**

- Nothing to report.

## **FUNDRAISING**

- Purdy's Easter Chocolates Fundraiser did not generate enough sales to receive any money. However, Purdy's in the end sent us a cheque for \$72.45. That was very thoughtful.
- Melody has the ball rolling for the SPC cards fundraiser. Stay tuned for more details.

## **DRY GRAD**

- Dry Grad Raffle took place at our PAC meeting. Donna Boardman from the Dry Grad Committee had Kevin draw the 3 winners. They are as follows:  
3<sup>rd</sup> place – Burnaby Escape – Janice Chiem  
2<sup>nd</sup> place – Vancouver Escape – Bayna Burden  
1<sup>st</sup> place – \$1500 cash award - Molly Stuart

## COMMUNITY POLICE

- Bike Patrols are starting up this month. Seven officers will be on bike patrol all throughout Burnaby. Rain or shine from dawn to dusk, 7 months throughout the year (May – December)
- If you have a detached garage you may want to consider having an alarm installed. They are being targeted.
- Burnaby Neighbourhood House is having a scavenger hunt fundraiser on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, starting at Brentwood Mall and is throughout Burnaby.
- Looking for Volunteers who are 18+ who can be stationed at the various barricades at Hats off Day, June 3rd. If interested, contact the Burnaby Neighbourhood House.
- 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

- Terry and Laura let the PAC know they raised \$600 through bottle returns. Tony to advise Ms. McChesney. PAC was asked if they'd like to top up scholarship to \$1000 from \$600. They decided not to as \$3000 had already been allocated.
- Giselle asked about the criteria regarding the scholarship for Brett. Kevin said a few teachers met are working on this. Kevin did not attend this meeting.
- Staff Appreciation Luncheon – Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Prep will take place on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and morning of.
- Congratulations to the grade 8 students who participated and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 2017 Math Challengers Regional contest last month. Good work!
- Alpha Physics Olympic Team, won bronze at the Faraday Lab out at UBC. This was Alpha's first time to compete, well done.

### AMENDMENT to minutes (Elizabeth):

Her main point about the Post-Secondary education-planning meeting is that it comes too late. It was presented in Oct/Nov to the Grade 12 parents. Students have already completed over 50% of their course requirements. Her suggestion is that it be presented to Grade 10 parents at the latest and ideally to grade 8 parents to give them time to research and plan properly.

For Collab Days, unless grade 11 and 12 students are involved in "Leadership" activities with the lower grades, they (the majority) DO NOT get any benefits from it and no analysis/evaluation is done for them.

**MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:15pm**

## UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST

- June 7<sup>th</sup> – Spring Concert, Alpha Presents: The Super Sunny (almost) Summer Songs Concert, 7pm at Caribou Salvation Army Temple, tickets \$5. Tickets sold in advance (ADDED)
- June 13<sup>th</sup> – Jazz Night, 7pm in the Alpha Drama Studio, tickets \$10 (ADDED)
- June 15<sup>th</sup> – Alpha Dance presents "Dance Extravaganza, 7:15pm in the small gym. Doors open at 6:45pm. Pre-sale tickets are \$5 (available at lunch and on-line), \$7 at the door. (ADDED)
- June 20<sup>th</sup> – Last day of classes for Semester 2
- June 21<sup>st</sup> – June 27<sup>th</sup> – Tutorial & I Days
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Marks due
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Prep for Staff Luncheon

- June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Grade 12 English Provincial Exam, 9-11am
- June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Staff Appreciation Luncheon 11:30-1pm in Library
- June 26<sup>th</sup> – Com 12 Provincial Exam, 9-11am
- June 27<sup>th</sup> – French Language 12 Provincial Exam (DATE CORRECTED)
- June 29<sup>th</sup> – Last day of Instruction, Grad Dinner/Dance – 6pm, Final Report Card issued
- June 30<sup>th</sup> – Administration Day

**NEXT PAC EXECUTIVE MEETING:**

**Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:00 PM in the LIBRARY followed by 7:15pm AGM**