



SAIL High School PAC Meeting Minutes
Surrey District Education Building
Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Karin Tischler, Gurjit Pattar, Harry Pattar, Kyle Exner, Meredith Laird, Rex Hayes, Onkar Bahia, Rahul Lakhote, Vahit Sametoglu, Sarvpreet Saini

1. Call to order & introduction by Karin
2. Approval of agenda
3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting
4. Principal's report

Proposed to move meeting to DEC Room 2171 from now on

- a. Through the Eyes of a SAIL teacher – Mr. Onkar Bahia
 - Very different environment from other high schools
 - Teaches 200 DL students, Compass Students, some Adult Students, 12 STEAMX students in MATH10/11/12 and PreCalculus
 - SAIL is thinking about offering more Math classes to STEAM students.
 - Advocated for a blended model for Distance Learning so that there is face to face time offered for Math students. Also trying to incorporate the new curriculum such as collaborating in groupwork
 - Days for teachers vary. Some teachers are with students for almost the entire day. Some teachers see some students less regularly but have more DL students. DL teachers need to communicate with students and parents, provide assessment, prepare lessons, meet with parents, provide tutorials.
 - To help support their students in Math, parents can encourage students to try different strategies, communicate their thinking, show persistence when trying challenging problems and develop some study skills so that they are taking responsibility for their learning.
 - Mr. Bahia feels this school is an amazing opportunity for students and staff
 - He also feels SAIL needs an educational facility and more teachers who want to teach in a progressive, innovative way.
- b. Halloween Pumpkin Carving and Dress Up
 - A fun experience for all the students. Many students dressed up. Great community building exercise.
- c. Parent Portal and on line Report Cards (Nov 22)
 - Email and app update sent out to parents.
 - Parents will receive userids and passwords
 - Report cards will be loaded onto portal by Nov 22.

- Report cards will expire on portal so parents are encouraged to save it as a PDF or take a screenshot
- d. Food Drive and Craft Sale
 - December 4/5 9:30 – 2:30
- e. SAIL Open House and DEC PAC Meeting Time
 - Open House is on Tuesday Dec 11th at 6:00 pm. There will be opportunities for attendees to observe different projects that students have been working on.
 - Information about Open House will be communicated to all parents as well as Multi Age Cluster Classrooms (MACC) and Elementary Sail parents.
 - Student volunteers will be fed
 - Proposal to move PAC meeting to the end of the Open House on Tuesday Dec 11th. Passed. Time to be determined.

ACTION: Mr. Hayes will be informing PAC of the start time of the PAC meeting

- f. Next Steps for SAIL
 - STEAMX is accepting applications for Grade 10, 11, 12
 - Mr. Hayes met today with Director Neder Dhillon and Assistant Superintendent Mr. Holland to address the issues of the waitlist and extending the STEAM program. They have stated that they are working to make changes.

5. President's report

- Meredith, Kyle and Karin attended first District PAC meeting
- Next one will be on Wednesday Nov 28th at 7pm and Meredith will be able to attend and report back.
- Regarding extending STEAM to grade 10 and beyond it was suggested a meeting with Andrew Holland may be beneficial to try to expand SAIL
- Can ask that SAIL be added to the monthly DPAC meeting agenda. Specific issue could be that STEAM be extended to Grade 12.
ACTION: Karin to email DPAC asking that an item be placed on agenda for STEAM. Specifically explain what SAIL program is, STEAM currently runs Grade 8 and 9 and we would like it to be extended until Grade 12.
- Important points raised at DPAC meeting:
 1. Lot of information and help available
 2. Good to create a written manual for future PAC executives
 3. Should have at least 2 people have access to Facebook account
- How many students are graduating from Grade 12? There will be a graduation ceremony. How can PAC contribute?
- 4. Treasurer's report
 - Karin, Kyle and Vahit attended bank to get signing authority
 - Currently \$81 in the account.

- Need fundraising ideas. **ACTION:** Meredith and Karin will draft a message to ask for donations to be sent out with the flyers for the SAIL Open House.
- Discussion about what gaming grant money can be used towards. I.e. scholarships, resources...
- BCCPAC costs \$75 to register. Proposal to register for BCCPAC passed.
- 2 bank accounts General Account has \$81.34. Linda Somers will be contacted to see how to avoid fees. Gaming Account has \$10, 577.97. Kayaking field trip will be paid by cheque.

5. Past President – Meredith Laird – various updates

- Meredith donated a pack of “Kindness” cards
- BC 211 to access social services in a variety of languages.

6. Motion to adjust by-laws to state that in-person meetings may include teleconferencing or videoconferencing, at the discretion of the chair.

Moved to next meeting. Requires a change to by-laws via an AGM

ACTION: Karin to add item to next meeting agenda

8. Any other business - None

9. Adjournment

Next Meeting December 11, 2018

Directly after the Open House - Time Approx. 7:30

at District Education Centre.