

September 24, 2020

Dear parents and or Guardians,

On behalf of the Parent Advisory Council board I am very happy to welcome your children and you to Surrey Academy of Innovative Learning (SAIL) High School for the 2020/ 2021 school year!

My name is Karin Tischler and I am your Parent Advisory Council (PAC) president. I have been part of the SAIL High School community for 4 years with my two boys and have been serving as the president for the past two years.

During these unprecedented times it is our hope that we as the PAC board can support you and your child/ren in this new school year! Everything related to school this year will vary broadly, and it is our goal to ensure that everyone feels included, seen and heard.

You might be wondering “What does the PAC do?” We are your fellow parents representing all the parents of our school. We are the link between the parents, teachers and administrators. Our parent community can only be as well represented and supported as the effort put into the voluntary PAC board. In other words: *We need you!*

We will be holding our first PAC meeting which will include the PAC board elections in September. Due to COVID 19, we have not yet been able to set a date, time or method of how this meeting will proceed but we will notify you as soon as we can. If you are interested in getting involved with the PAC, please check out the [PAC section of the SAIL website](#) to learn more about the different board positions that we will need to fill. You will also be able to find our latest meeting minutes posted in this section.

In order to qualify and receive thousands of dollars in grant money via the BC Gaming Grant, our PAC board needs to consist of a minimum of three executive members - the President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer. If we cannot find enough volunteers to fill these roles, the school will not qualify for these funds and the PAC will also have to be shut down! So please, if you are able to spare some time to attend monthly PAC meetings and would like to get involved, let us know via sailpacsurrey@gmail.com.

Also, in order to facilitate communication between parents, the PAC has been considering the creation of a WhatsApp group as well as an email distribution list. If you are interested in participating in either or both of these options please email us your phone number and/ or your email address via sailpacsurrey@gmail.com.

We wish your children and you the very best start of the school year!

Regards,

Karin Tischler
SAIL High School PAC president

