

SAIL High School PAC Meeting Minutes
Online meeting via Zoom Call (info below)
Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: 13 People on the Zoom call among them Rex Hayes, Marina Enns, Karin Tischler, Lalita Vinnakota, VahitSametglu, Qingping Li and Rafia Ahmed

1. Call to order & introduction- Done
2. Approval of agenda- Done
3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting- Done
4. Welcome our Vice Principal- Ms. Marina Enns

Vice- Principal's Report

- Good start of the school year- Students and teachers have adapted well at school.
- Orange shirt day- Aboriginal Support Worker was present on that day to speak about Indigenous injustice that happened. It captivated students and had a significant impact.
- Scholarship and Post-Secondary Session- Information regarding University Applications and scholarships was provided. Scholarship and Volunteering Information is available on SAIL website. Appreciative of present University graduates who were present for an interview. Next year SAIL graduates will be recruited.
- Safety Drill - Shake off BC -earthquake drill went well.
- Student- Led Conferences – will be different this year due to the COVID-19. First one happening on November 03,2020. Updates to come soon.
- Halloween activities – Students will be visiting Corn maze on Oct 27 and 28. Pumpkin Carving and Costume Contest are other activities that will happen.
- Remembrance Day- Ms. Chua and Mr. Burdett are planning for this day

6. Principal's report

- Safety Drill- performing safety drills at this time is challenging due to COVID-19 situation. Keeping social distancing during drills has been a challenge. However, the school is doing the best they can. Parents are encouraged to reach out to Mr. Hayes if they have any concerns regarding this.
- Student- Led Conferences – Apart from scheduled student- led conferences, parents are welcome to reach out to teachers via email with their questions and concerns.

- SAIL Live – STEAM-X has been successful at engaging students from home, thanks to the generosity of the teachers. It may not be able to continue after December, in which case parents will be informed. Both online as well as in-person had the opportunity to talk about COVID-19 exposure together through SAIL Live.
- SAIL Staffing update – Hiring more teachers and clerks due to increased workload and demand. 2 new teachers- Physics and Senior English teacher have been hired.
- COVID-19 exposure update- SAIL Secondary has same information that was shared with Parents and Students. School is following directions from local health authority.

7. President's report

- Appreciative for accommodating students who come early by allocating three different entry/ arrival times of 8:30 am, 8:45am or
- 8: 55am.
- Appreciative of teachers for talking to students to ease their anxiety during COVID-19 exposure at DEC/ REC.
- The PAC currently does not have money to pay for registration with BCCPAC, the provincial representation of PACs - \$75. If an annual BCCPAC AGM 2021 happens in person, it will cost an additional \$75. This organization is crucial (and even more so in covid19 times) to represent and advocate for us the parents, for example with the ministry of education. The PAC bank accounts are also being charged a monthly fee and we currently do not have money to pay for it.
- The PAC recommends sending an email to parents requesting a \$5 donation.

8. Treasurer's Report

- Available Gaming account money is \$ 17, 415.27
- New funding gaming grant - \$8400
- Last year's check for paying for some of the teachers' wish list items from the gaming account hasn't been cashed in by the school. To be followed up.
- President, Vice- President and Treasurer will visit BMO to sign on SAIL PAC account.

9. Other business

- STEAM 11/ 12 online cohort – Karin Tischler- a possibility for a cohort experience for Compass 11 and 12 along with STEAM/ STEAM X students in grade 11 and 12 was discussed. Mr. Hayes will provide more information regarding this.
- Concern over in- person Midterm and Final exams for Online students was raised. Mr. Hayes will work with concerned teachers to find a solution.
- Mr. Hayes will allocate funding list on January 19, 2020 PAC meeting.

10. Questions

- Funding for Corn maze field trip- Expenses have been divided between school and students. School is paying for the bus and students will be paying for entrance fees and pumpkin.

11. Adjournment Done