

**SAIL High School PAC Meeting Minutes**  
**Online meeting via Zoom Call (info below)**  
**Tuesday, December 08, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Zoom Call**

Present: 16 People on the Zoom call among them Rex Hayes, Lalita Vinnakota, Rafia Ahmed, Karin Tischler, Charmly Smith, Vahit Sametoglu

1. Call to order & introduction- Done
2. Approval of agenda- Done
3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting- Done
- 4.. Principal's report
  - New Staff
    - Melissa Fourchalk – New Systems Clerk
    - Kristie Donnelly- DL, LST- returning from maternity leave
    - Liam Burdett- Hired back as he was covering for Kristie
    - Avneet Gill- Science, Math- has 10 years of DL experience Compass 8 and 9 will have 2 teachers dedicated solely to them. These teachers will not handle any cross- enrolled work.
  - Acting Vice- Principal from January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021
    - Mr. Dana Sturn will be covering for Mrs. Enns who will be away for a surgery.
    - Two retired Counsellors will fill in for Mr. Dana Sturn
  - Academy activities:
    - A functioning Student Council has been set up with many students coming forward to be part of it.
    - A self-governed Band has been created.
    - A Food Bank drive is being done by both STEAM and STEAM X students.
    - Poetry Club & a Student Council for Compass students organized by grade 11 student Gurleen Bahia
    - Academy Christmas Celebration- Ginger bread contest was held as part of Christmas Celebrations.
  - New COVID-19 procedures are in effect now. Accordingly, the Principal of a school is informed about an exposure immediately to protect everyone in the building. The affected class is shut down right away, in contrast to 2-3 days lag time of previous COVID- 19 procedure. Students that are not in close contact with COVID-19 positive individual, can continue to come to school while monitoring themselves for any signs or symptoms.

Questions

- Going forward will Grade 11 and 12 Compass students have teachers dedicated only to them?  
Answer: For that, more teachers, will need to be appointed for Grade 10, 11 and 12 Compass students. Ethics of Care has to be greater than the Standard of Teaching to appoint more teachers.
- Will winter holidays be extended due to increasing COVID-19 cases in BC?

Answer: It is a rumour, there is no talk about it at provincial level.

- Can SAIL start to offer Grade 12 AP (Advance Placement) courses next year and ongoing?

Answer: The prospect of starting AP at SAIL can be endorsed but the teachers have to be willing to take it up. Principal will put this forward to the staff.

FYI- Fraser Heights Secondary offers Grade 11 and 12 AP Program. 50-60 students are selected after an entrance exam. The entrance exam is offered to Grade 10 students in February, it has both written and lab component.

#### 5. President's report

- As a expression of gratitude to all teachers and Staff at SAIL, students of STEAM, STEAM – X and Compass have prepared a 'Thank you' video. The PAC is appreciative of this effort by the students.
- PAC is appreciative of our STEAM X student Sathvik Vinnakota who has compiled and put together the 'Thank you' video presentation. This video will be presented to teachers and staff at the staff meeting on
- December 18, 2020. Everyone had a preview of the video at the meeting today
- Cheque for Gaming Grant has been signed and deposited.
- A suggestion for using gaming grant for Math contests was made and agreed upon

#### 6. Other business-

- A virtual open house will take place in the new year.
- BCCPAC registration deadline for registration is December 31, 2020. A decision to hold it for this year was made by the PAC today.

#### 7. Adjournment-Done

**The SAIL PAC wishes everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year 2021!!**