

SAIL High School PAC Meeting Minutes
Online meeting via Zoom Call (info below)
Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
Zoom Call

Present: 9 People on the Zoom call among them Rex Hayes, Lalita Vinnakota, Rafia Ahmed, Karin Tischler, Charmly Smith, Vahit Sametoglu, Qing Ping Li

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

- Welcome
- Numbers and Staffing update

Q4 started in all high schools, there was a spike in online registrations as there is shift to online learning. 170 courses were signed up in two days. Expected to plateau by the end of first week of Q4.

Staffing: SAIL has been given 1.40 FTE to help with increase in demand. 1.0 FTE is equivalent to one full time teacher. Two full time teachers cannot be given due to senior management considering finances and how much staffing can be allocated. Current student to teacher ratio is 330 students per teacher. A survey was sent out to staff with options to either choose more students under 1.40 FTE or have support. Staff opted for support.

No more staffing will be hired from now on until August. Starting May, SAIL will be looking for teachers for summer school.

- Next year:

Question: Budget for Surrey School District and how it will impact next year?

Answer: Since its not possible to project numbers of students returning to school in September due to online school, its difficult for school district to give staffing allotment that meets the requirements in September. Have no idea about September. Vast majority of students would finish in June or keep in pace with homeschool, a huge drop in registration is expected. In case more staffing is needed in September, a metric will be submitted to school district and they will allot more staff.

Many academy teachers in STEAM want to leave:

- Liam Burdett is a term teacher, will have to leave and apply again.
- ADST teacher, Mr. Orwell Kowalyshyn moving out of ADST
- Maria Forero wants to go to DL.
- Lisa Domeier has accepted a new job as a librarian at another school.
- Devin Gaumont wants to stay in STEAM but drop socials and do only French.

Question: Will there be any cut in the program?

Answer: There is no inclination that it will affect SAIL.

- **Report Cards go Live on Friday April 23rd.** - Parents will be able to log in on MyEdBC to access their child's report card.

- **STEAM/ STEAM X intake update –**

STEAM X intake has been completed – decision has been made after a very long, thought out process that has been fine tuned.

STEAM intake is entirely based on lottery. Preference is given to students living in Surrey. STEAM lottery will be done next week, PAC chair will be present at the lottery. Brookside Elementary students have direct admission into STEAM. Class size will be 30 students each for STEAM and STEAM X.

- **June 23rd Virtual Celebration of Learning**

It is a combination of Grad Ceremony and Celebration of Learning. Graduating Compass students have been given the option of either going back to their homeschool or doing it with SAIL. Virtual Celebration of learning includes Second year STEAM X students and Grade 10 STEAM student. Online second year STEAM X students will also be part of it. Ceremony will start at 6 or 7 pm and would most likely be Live.

- **Questions**

A. Science Fair - Why STEAM students were not offered the opportunity?

Answer: STEAM teachers were unfortunately not prepared to take this on because of increased workload due to Distributed Learning caseload and because of the pandemic. If we were not in the pandemic, this would not have happened this way.

Question. Will STEAM be part of Science Fair next year?

Answer: Outside of pandemic, STEAM and STEAM X will all qualify for Science Fair. This year it was difficult to manage stress levels of teachers due to DL caseloads.

Question. If Pandemic continues and there is still explosion in DL learning, are parents getting the message that next year will be as it was this year?

Answer: Projecting into the future that is unknown is not possible. Two new teachers will be hired in STEAM, and Science Fair will be outlined in their job description. Even if pandemic continues, they will be held accountable to do this. Academy teachers have far less DL students than straight DL teachers.

Question: If Pandemic continues, and teachers are not able to support, will students who are willing to take part in Science Fair on their own allowed to do so?

Answer: Definitely, students who are willing to take part on their own can do so.

Q: Why was this not an option this year then?

Answer: Focus was to manage teachers' stress levels. Although students are the priority, management must consider teachers' stress levels too.

B. SAIL Live- With rising numbers of COVID- 19 cases, parents are wondering if SAIL Live will be an option again for STEAM and STEAM X?

Answer: According to Dr. Jordan Tinney, Superintendent of surrey school district, we should be prepared for blended learning in September. Don't know what will happen in September. Principal will advocate for SAIL Live if need be. SAIL Live will not start again this year.

- **Treasurer:**

- Apply for PAC fund again for next year- between April 1st and June 30th.
- Requirements – email addresses, 2-4 person responsible for this- their personal information
- Charmly and Qing ping will meet to work on this.

- Entire SAIL Academy- Principal, teachers, staff, parents, and students are proud of the students that took part in the Science Fair. It is a big achievement for the school that two of our students will be going to finals at Canadian Nationals and many have won Individual Awards. Congratulations to all the students that have won!!

2021 BC/ Yukon Virtual Science Fair

Advancing to the Canadian National Fair- Virtual

1. Nathan Yeung "Hyperfocus: A New Kind of Timer"
2. Patrick Cioata "A Solution to the World's Plastic Problem"

Individual Award Winners

1. Nathan Yeung- BC Game Developers Award: for "Hyper focus: A New Kind of Timer"
2. Patrick Cioata- W.E. Coetes Award: for "A Solution to the World's Plastic Problem"
3. Charlie Zhang- BC Hydro Award: for "The Peltier Water Bottle"
4. Caden Sato- Sanofi Biogenius Award: for "Multiplayer LAN Game"
5. Joven Gill- Sanofi Biogenius Award: for "Earth Friendly Mask"
6. Aqsa Agro- SCWIST Award: for Anti-fog Glasses Clip"

5. Adjournment – Done