

**SAIL High School PAC Meeting Minutes Online meeting via Zoom
Call (info below) Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
Zoom Call**

Present: 5 People on the Zoom call – Rex Hayes, Lisa Henderson, Geeta Podicheti, Latha Kodali, Courtney Hertz

1. Call to order & introduction - Done

2. Approval of agenda - Done

3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting – The meeting minutes for the previous meeting has been posted on the website and anyone having any questions can in touch with the PAC

4. Principal's Update –

- Rex asked to have the PAC members introduce their children and all those who attended did so.
- Rex mentioned that we are busy but not as busy as last year. There are 60 kids in STEAM and STEAMX and we have 4901 students and 6960 courses in total. He added that he petitioned a request to the school district for more clerical staff
- Report cards – Have been sent out and they went well. When Rex inquired about how easy was it to access the report cards, those attended said that the instructions were simple and straight forward. The report cards don't stay long on the portal and once the window closes, the report card can't be accessed and anyone who required it needs to reach the Staff for the same
- Rex added that a satisfaction survey goes out for online students about the report cards and the results will soon be reviewed
- Student Led conferences are starting this week. All parents should receive the instructions shortly. Students are accountable to show parents their work and parents may reach out to the kids and have a chat if they don't hear about it by next week. Teachers will send out a survey in regards to that as well.
- Rex mentioned that the school has decided to not do In-house conferences to keep focused on the students who need more support
- Rex said that he will pass on the message to the teachers that not many parents are aware of the Student led conferences yet
- Rex then provided a quick update on academies some of which included the following
 - Teachers are extremely proud of students and the team did a great job in organizing Diwali and Halloween events. Teachers are singing praises of the kids and agree that they have a strong group.
 - STEAM – Started their projects in Sustainability Village, Maps etc.
 - STEAMX – Philosophy and STEM
 - Coming soon – School district fair winner eventually go to Nationals
 - Museum of anthropology field trip on Dec 2
 - Mind craft game
 - First all-French presentation coming up

5. Question & Answer session:

- Lisa inquired if there is a Counselor at school and Rex confirmed that they do have Mr. Sturn who is an Education Guidance counselor for STEAM and STEAMX students. However, 95% of his role is Education program counseling as we have only 60 students. He is also available for social and emotional counseling as well.
- Geeta asked about the issues with the Moodle app that her daughter and few other students were facing. She mentioned that she asked her daughter to take snip shots of the submitted pages and have a separate copy saved on the PC. Rex agreed that there were issues with the app but to a minimal extent and can easily be resolved.
- If anyone has repeated issues in this regard, they should send an email to the teacher or to Rex. Meanwhile, it is suggested that students always save a copy of their work on a separate platform, like Word etc, and paste the info on the app once ready
- Rex assured that SAIL is piloting a new online platform soon which most of the province might start using as well by next year and hence the issues with Moodle are temporary
- Lisa asked if there were any pictures of the kids being taken on field trips or other events for which the parents have access to. Rex said that they do take the pictures but don't post them for various reasons including privacy and authorization from parents
- Geeta asked if the siblings of STEAM or STEAMX students are given preference to join the program and Rex said that the only preference given is if the sibling is already enrolled in Brookside elementary. Anyone else has to come through the stream
- We all then discussed more about how SAIL programs stream children which the public system doesn't and that this is more of a political issue and discussion
- Lisa brought to notice that she was not able to get a hold of Oingping, the treasurer, to go to the bank to create signing authority. Rex asked Lisa to reach out to him tomorrow to see what can be done and come up with a strategy and pointed that Oingping might probably be out of country. Rex and Lisa then came up with an idea that he would give a letter to Oingping's son and have it pass it on to his mom

6. Financial Report – None

7. Other Business – None

8. Adjourn - Done