

Pinetree Secondary
Minutes of PAC General Meeting
Held November 5, 2019 @ 7:00pm
School Library

At 7:00pm at the Pinetree Secondary school library the Parents Advisory Council meeting was called to order by the President of the PAC, Pooneh Kraushar. Quorum requirements were met and the meeting was permitted to proceed.

Pinetree staff present:

- Principal – Jeremy Clarke

Executives Present:

- President – Pooneh Kraushar
- Treasurer – Betty Chan
- Secretary – Ivana Dadak
- DPAC Reps— Maria Ledezma

Present Parents:

1. Syrus Ko
2. May Li
3. Rong Li
4. Shirley Xin
5. Stefan Lammers

Approval of Previous minutes

The Minutes of the Parent Advisory Council Meeting held on Oct. 15, 2019 were reviewed by the present Council members and parents. It was moved by Pooneh Kraushar and Seconded by Maria Ledezma to approve the minutes as circulated.

Principal Update:

- Midterm reports went out in October.
- First formal report goes out second week of November (November13th)
- Parent teacher evening – Nov.21. Early dismissal @ 1:30 pm.
- First after grad meeting took place before Halloween. Approximately 30 parents turned out
 - Nov 26 second meeting.
- First drama performance this month
- December – various basketball events taking place in December
- Renovations taking place in the gym during the Christmas break.

Meeting Minutes:

- Questions from concerned parents - Issues with plagiarism
- Fund raiser concerns around inappropriate fund raising from Pinetree students.
- Vaping discussion.
- Concerns around students being able to buy drivers licenses.
- Fund raising letter to support the school bus to be written for Feb.
- Brochure of BCTF presentation speaker opportunities for parents – bullying, social media

PAC Gaming Fund distribution notes:

- PAC can never pay for text books. PAC funds are most appropriate for extra circular activities, field trips, clubs. School equipment and any updates to the school premises are not permitted.
- After grad money needed before Christmas
- Historically, funds have not been distributed evenly among departments
- Commencements funds cover the cost of rental of the theater for the 2020 graduation class.
- PAC passes allow students in need to participate in graduation ceremonies and events.
- Grade 9 and 10 girls basketball need support to purchase uniforms/jerseys (15 players)
- Phys ED, Music / band and drama needs support from the PAC for transportation of students to different events / locations.
- Teachers need to spend their allocated funds on the PAC agreed upon activities.
- PAC resources requested for stress, anxiety and depression counselling

Treasurer report

- Treasurer has recommended that PAC funds to be invested in a GIC. To be voted on in the next PAC meeting.
- Voting in favor of investing the PAC funds.
 - \$10 000 in a 30-day unlocked GIC
 - The rest in a 60-day unlocked GIC

D-PAC report

- Vaping resource on DS43 website
- Burk Mountain School -green environmentally sustainable school
- Restorative practice- Nov 15th CERA Winslow AVE center 11:30-3:30 and 4:00-6:00
- -Team building activities are very important , not throw away days.
- PISA scholastic performance on mathematic science, and reading.
 - What would be the better way to test?
- What presentation do our parents want?
- Mental Health First Aid night- Wed Nov 13th 6:45-8:15 Gleneagle Secondary

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, December 3, 2019 @ 7pm

Meeting adjourned @ 9:12 pm.

Minutes prepared by Ivana Dadak
November 5, 2019