

Pinetree Secondary
Minutes of PAC General Meeting
Held April 13th, 2021 @ 7:00pm
Virtual Zoom meeting

At 7:00pm via a virtual zoom meeting, 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 – Linda Qin
- Secretary – Ivana Dadak
- DPAC Reps— Maria Ledezma

Attendees:

- Jennifer
- HaoCheng
- Helen
- Leila Nemati
- Jerry
- Michelle
- Jaleh Esmaeeli
- Fen Zhang

Approval of Previous minutes

The Minutes of the Parent Advisory Council Meeting held on January. 12th, 2021 were reviewed by the present Council members and parents. It was moved by Pooneh Kraushar and Seconded by a parent to approve the minutes as circulated.

Meeting minutes:

- Treasurer Report:
 - Gaming account - \$11 815.46
 - Revenue - \$29 820
 - Income from GIC - \$168.78
 - Total available funds - \$41 804.24 general account
 - Total reimbursement - \$23 7621.34
- Multi lingual parents are inquiring about multi lingual support for parents. SWIS workers is a support group that can help. Their mandate is to help new immigrant families (permanent residents) to navigate the education system. Many languages are offered for support. Farsi, Russian, Mandarin and other. For international students, youth SWIS workers are also available to help.
- DPAC – Family smart resources. Good resources for support for youth with mental health and substance abuse concerns. <https://familysmart.ca/>
- April 27 – DPAC presentation
- Next DPAC meeting April 28 – speakers are scheduled to talk about trade programs and alternative tech. Email Pooneh for information and invitation.

- PAC has filed for the gaming grant. We should hear in September about the amount.
- Going to the DPAC meetings is highly recommended for the new immigrants in the school community.
- PAC president Pooneh – will be stepping down. Will be looking for a new parent to fill the role of PAC president. Please email Pooneh for more information or if you are interested in the role.
- Next PAC meeting Tuesday May 11, 2021.

Principal's message:

- We're coming to the end of quarter 3. April 26 is the start of Quarter 4.
- Q4 will go quickly. Most students will finish their studies on June 25. June 29 students will not be required to come into the school to pick up their report cards.
- Staff is working through course selection and facing some challenges. Some courses cannot be offered due to not enough interest. Staff is working through the schedules with the counselors. Students will be given a preview of their schedule/courses in June. At this point, changes can be made.
- Assuming that we will be back to the semester system next year. But things can still change. No plan for young people to get immunized.
- Student enrollment is down. Declining international enrolment. As a result, there will be a reduction in staff. This may affect course selection and the amount of electives can be offered, etc.
- Late school start was a great advantage to the students. This will continue into next year. 95% of students will start at 9:05. Maybe some honors classes will be given earlier in the morning.
- COVID update – school has done well so far. Students are adhering the rules for the most part. Mask mandate has not been significant since students were already wearing their masks most of the time.
- Summer school will be offered this year. Information will be sent out later this week or next.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:36 pm.

Minutes prepared by Ivana Dadak
April 13th, 2021