



PINETREE Secondary  
Minutes of PAC General meeting

Held on 17th September @ 7 p.m.

Pinetree Secondary School Library (in-person)

The Parents Advisory Council meeting was called to order by Mary Zhang, the President of the PAC, at 7 p.m. Quorum requirements were met, and the meeting was permitted to proceed.

**Pinetree Staff present**

Principal - Ms. Janine Close

**Executives Present**

PAC Chairperson: Mary Zhang;

Treasure: Susan Wei;

Secretary: Rubina Dharsee

**Executive Absent**

DPAC representative: Hui Wang

**Other parent attendees**

Alice Yang, John Tsai, Sanaz Dehghan, Lucia T, Connie Pangilinar, May Duan, Grace Cai, Yvonne Ding, Mickie H.

**Approval of Agenda and Previous minutes**

The minutes of the parent Advisory Council Meeting held on May 28, 2024, were reviewed by the present Council members and parents. Rubina Dharsee moved, seconded by Mary Zhang, to approve the minutes and meeting agenda as circulated.

Welcome of new-joined parents and introduction

**Principal's message:**

1) Enrolment increased from 1518 to 1600 for the new school year. Very few late cross catchments were accepted this year as the school has received the biggest growth

Last year we had 368 grade 12 students and this year we have 465.

2) Staffing changes were noted, with a few staff members moving. All staffing transitions have now been completed.

A new counsellor will replace Ms. Ririe in September 2025; in the meantime, we will have two retired counsellors share the role and replace her.

3) A New Vice Principal has transferred from Charles Best to Pinetree: Ms. Michelle Ciolfitto

4) Student photos were taken on September 3, 2024

5) Grade 9 students are required to remain on school premises during school hours (until mid October)

6) On September 12, the school held a fire drill and the Terry Fox Run on the same day, all donations from the event went towards cancer research.

The class that collected the most got pizza.

7) The school's Wi-Fi network has been unreliable, and the issue is currently being addressed.

8) The school currently has 40 functioning laptops, 100 laptops have stopped working and are being replaced by the school district

9) Pinetree school sign has been replaced, and some landscaping has been completed around the area

10) New parking lines have been completed, although the process took longer than expected due to a paint shortage.

### **Future activities and events:**

September 18, 2024 - Spirit Day was held on

September 20 is a Professional Development Day,

September 26, 2024: Meet the Teacher event will be held on from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. (teacher gives an overview of what will be covered during the semester and many teachers will connect career/life skills/post secondary opportunities to their content).

September 30: Observance of Truth and Reconciliation: No School

October 1: Wear orange or an orange ribbon in recognition of Truth and Reconciliation Day. There was a school-wide assembly.

### **Other discussions**

Ms. Moorehouse's (career and post secondary facilitator) information is posted on the Career page on the Pinetree website

Someone from Trades will be coming in to talk to the students at Meet the Teacher

Pinetree currently has 211 International students

Priority for course changes is given to grade 12 students

Lots of work and formula goes into course selection for the students

School is waiting for an update on the gaming grant, and it should be received by the first week of October and teachers will be informed accordingly.

### **PAC message**

- Susan Wei; Treasure report on financial updates - September 17 2024

Next PAC meeting ( October 22 2024 at 7 p.m.): Scheduled for updates, discussions, and planning for the school community.

### **Adjourn**

Minutes prepared by Rubina Dharsee