



# R. C. Palmer Secondary Parent Advisory Council

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## **PAC Meeting - Minutes Tuesday, September 12, 2023 @7:00 pm School lounge**

### **1. Meet and greet/Attendance**

- The principal, Mr. Herj Ghaug, introduced himself to the parents.

### **2. School update from the administration**

Mr. Ghaug discussed about:

- Palmer is thriving with the number of students: about 990 now compared to the lowest attendance a few years ago when it was as low as 475 and at the brink of being closed.
- Palmer is strong in its academic program, with the incentive learning program rich in extra-curricular activities and well known for its athletic programs.
- Personal learning time (PLT) is a period of Instructional time each week. The goal is for students to take ownership of their learning with the support of teachers and parents. Teachers and counsellors can reach out to students they believe need help. A call for parents to encourage students, especially the youngest from G8 and G9, to use this time effectively.
- Meet the Teacher night will be Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. It is an opportunity for parents to begin developing relationships with first-semester teachers. Also, the Post-Secondary information session will be held for G11-G12 parents related to starting process applications.
- Palmer is an inclusive and safe school. No parents or students should worry about Vandalism on the crosswalk over the summer. The district has provided extra surveillance and safety measures to ensure those acts do not occur again.
- Parents are encouraged to arrive at school early to avoid traffic on St. Albans Street, and students are encouraged to ride bicycles or walk to school.



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- A Hall Pass System has been incorporated. It means that a pass will be given to students authorized to leave the classroom, which must be returned to the teacher when the student returns to the classroom.
3. Election of new PAC executives
- Chair - Vishal M.
  - Vice Chair - Karen B
  - Treasurer - Dodo G
  - Secretary - Catherine S
  - Members-at-large (9) - Xiaohua Z, Sarah H, Sandy D, Vikki K, Prashant O, Swimmy S, Jannette Y, Keith W, Samira G.
4. Dry Grad Committee Introduction
- Description of Dry Grad concept. To provide an after-grad alcohol-free and drug-free celebration party for Grade 12s.
  - All parents, especially G12 parents, are encouraged to participate in the committee.
5. Meeting adjourned @7:40pm
- Mr. Ghaug thanked the PAC executives this year for stepping up to their new roles (or keeping the same ones) and all the other parents for attending this first meeting.

***Next PAC meeting on October 10, 2023 @7:00 pm  
School lounge***