



R. C. Palmer Secondary Parent Advisory Council

PAC Meeting Minutes Tuesday, November 14, 2023 @7pm School Lounge

1. Meet and greet/Sign in Attendance
 - Principal Ghaug, Vishal M., Vikki K., Karen B.
2. Meeting Agenda and Minutes approved and adopted.
3. School administration update from Mr. Ghaug:

Conference Day 1 - Oct 17 - Focusing on Palmer Pride - Student Input

Introduction: The school-wide conference day on October 17 marked the beginning of a revamped approach, spanning six days to accommodate student feedback. The primary focus was on Palmer Pride, with a special emphasis on gathering student input.

Guest Speaker: The conference featured a captivating presentation by guest speaker Dave Jonsson, who effectively incorporated Palmer Pride into his journey of resilience. The students expressed their enjoyment and appreciation for his inspiring talk. The intention is to use this valuable student feedback to enhance the school's culture and community.

Palmer Parking Lot Reminder: As the days grow darker, the safety of students during pick-up times becomes crucial. The following guidelines were reiterated:

- **Off-Peak Pickups:** Encouraged to schedule pickups during off-peak times (3:15 pm to 3:30 pm) to reduce traffic congestion.
- **Visibility Matters:** Reminded to ensure well-lit vehicles in the parking lot.
- **Carpooling Encouraged:** Encouraged parents to coordinate carpooling for both traffic reduction and enhanced safety.
- **Pedestrian Caution:** Reminded to advise children on street safety, especially during darker hours.
- **Drop-Off and Pick-Up Zones:** Emphasized the importance of following designated zones for traffic flow.

Collective cooperation was requested to prioritize road safety, acknowledging that it contributes to a safe environment for everyone.

Halloween Dance and Halloween Activities: Appreciation was extended to students and staff for their efforts in making the school dance a success. Special recognition was given



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to the Student Council, Ms. Morit, and Ms. Dhanoa for their dedicated work in organizing the event.

Remembrance Day Assemblies: Thanks were given to staff members and students for their exceptional efforts in orchestrating Remembrance Day assemblies. The blend of music, art, drama, and leadership from all classes effectively conveyed the significance of the day.

Mid-Term Learning Updates - Nov 23: Parents were reminded to log on to their My Education BC account on November 23 to access mid-term report cards for Semester 1. Conversation starters on the school website were recommended for discussions with their children.

Graduation Assessments - Jan 2024 and April 2024: A reminder was issued to grade 10 and 12 students who missed the October GLA session to check with Ms. Hagarty for alternative options. The next scheduled school-wide graduation assessment would be the GNA for grade 10 students in April 2024, with more details to be shared in the new year.

Grad 2024 - Winter Formal - Nov 23: Details for the Winter Formal event at MayFair lakes were shared, with doors opening at 5:30 pm and students being dismissed at 9:30 pm. Parents/guardians were requested to be present in the MayFair parking lot at 9:30 pm for pick-up.

4. PAC Update: No update
5. Finance Update: No update. Treasurer not present.
6. RDPAC Update: No update
7. Gaming Funds Update: Dodo was not present at the meeting. Last update before the meeting was that we had sent in the application forms again and awaiting an update
8. Dry Grad Update:
 - Grad Parents to be planned for December 2023
 - Purdy's fundraiser doing well.
9. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

Next PAC Meeting on Tuesday, January 9th, 2024 at 7pm @ School Lounge (This Meeting will be in person)