PAC Meeting - Minutes

Wednesday, Oct 9th, 2024 @7:00 pm

School lounge

1. Meet and greet / Attendance.
* Six people attended
1. There were no minutes from the previous meeting, as it had simply been an introduction to the PAC. The meeting agenda was adopted.
2. School update from the administration, Mr. Ghaug:
* All grade 12s will be writing their GLA literacy assessments Oct 29-31. This needs to be split over three days to ensure space in the allocated computer rooms. On these days there will be an extended PLT schedule, 8.30-11.30am. This schedule will be shared with parents and on the website next week. Following on from PLT on these days, there will be shortened classes for blocks A-D.
* Interim reports will be issues this Friday. Parents are encouraged to speak about these with their child and talk to teachers if needed.
* Parent-teacher conferences will be held on Nov 21/22
* There is a current focus on connectedness and belonging in school. The staff are particularly focusing on grade 8s, with the aim of supporting them socially and with literacy and numeracy. Feedback has been gathered from staff as to what might be helpful in this regard. This could be particularly valuable to ELL students and resource students, as well as other cohorts.
* The administration team are grateful for the support from parents with the changes in the parking lot. Parents are encouraged to avoid peak times (3-3.15pm) if possible. Unfortunately if all spots are taken in the parking lot and drop off zone then parents will need to circulate until a spot is available to collect their child ie an “airport system”, where there should be no cars blocking through traffic. Safety is paramount and with the coming winter months then extra caution is required. Palmer have welcomed 10 new staff and therefore more parking spaces have been made available.
* The new phones policy has been received well and staff report that this is working well currently. Staff are encouraging students to have a positive digital footprint.
* A request was made to change the meeting date to Nov 20th, to allow Mr Ghaug to attend.
1. Financial update
* There is approximately $19600 in the PAC account. The application process will be started very shortly, to allow all applications to be submitted and collated in order to be reviewed by the PAC in the November meeting. It is important to get this going as early as possible so that staff can start spending the money where appropriate.
1. RDPA update
* No update as there is no attendance to RDPA as of yet
1. PAC update
* There is a suggestion for PAC meetings to be moved online for the Winter months to minimise the requirement for attendees to travel to school in the evenings
1. Dry Grad Committee update
* The first meeting is scheduled for next week. A brief overview of the importance of Dry Grad was provided
1. Meeting adjourned @7:45pm