SUTHERLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

April 15, 2024
Sutherland PAC Location

PAC Executive in attendance:

Chair: Jennifer Rodger
VP: Tanya Henderson
Secretary: Tina Craig
Treasurer: Sophie Howells

DPAC Rep: Jennifer Rodger

1. **Welcome – Meeting is called to order 7:02pm**
   - Jen welcomed all those in attendance.
   - Confirmation of Agenda
   - Approval of last minutes
     - Motion: Jen Rodger
     - Second: Tina Craig
     - All in Favor; minutes passed

2. **Student Leadership Council (SLC) Report (**Josh Yahav, President)
   - April 5th- Spring scavenger hunt
   - Planning a Saber Ultimate showdown as a year-end event, and a theme day in a few weeks. Students will be asked to dress in the same colour.

3. **Administration Report** (Mark Barrett, & Cora Pross)
   - Articulation meeting with Grade 7s from feeder Schools to plan for the following school year
   - Installation of projectors in a phased approach
   - Ultimate tournament recently hosted, school spirit day to foster participation
   - Global perspective students doing a clothing drive, raised over $200 for Harvest project, also participated in model UN
   - School Planning session last Monday, talk about goals and visioning. In the newsletter you can find a link with more information.
   - Course verification forms were sent home to families to confirm students properly registered for courses
   - Upcoming- Enrollment numbers are on the rise, impacting facilities. Many high schools are at capacity; however, Sutherland has some space so likely will take on more students

- Grad Season- planning grad ceremony and banquet
- Interim marks will be posted April 22
- Provincial assessments this week on Wednesday and Thursday, resulting on long blocks for those not writing the assessment's
- First responders club- looking to establish students first responders club, will provide training, 40 hours of training for certification, open to grade 8-12
- Student learning surveys grade 10 and 12, parents can participate too, April 22-26

4. **Athletics Report** (Chris Madill- Athletic Director)
   - Spring Season- girls soccer, junior and senior, Boys Basketball, track and field, golf, mountain biking, volleyball
   - All teams are doing well

5. **Fine Art Report (Ms. G)**
   - Cinderella the musical – tickets on sale via Sutherland website April 30-May 3, May 7-10, tickets are $15

6. **Staff Update** (Yolanda Nieken-Spencer)
   - Career education awareness programs
     - BCIT ACE program
     - RCMP Academy – last two weeks of August, application shortly
     - Health Care program by school district and Lions Gate hospital
     - Automotive academy in Fall and Spring
     - Two duo credit programs both healthcare through BCC
   - More information can be found via the Sutherland Instagram career site, or the Sutherland Facebook page

7. **Staff Update (Terry Mitruk)**
   - Parent teacher interview before Spring break- interested to hear from parents about the new format. Staff feedback preferred the gym but not unanimous.
   - PRO D this Friday- assessment in departments
   - Pep rally before Spring break, student lead, and Capstone projects from the Grade 12s

8. **Treasurer's Report** (Sophie Howells)
   - Bank Account balances:
     - Gaming account $11,018
     - Regular account $6,471
   - Teachers have spent over $10,000 so far

9. **Fundraising Report (Tanya Henderson, Vice Chair)**
   - Fundraising update: Donut truck day in May, after school
   - Considering doing an online auction, and another Neufeld fundraiser in Spring

10. DPAC Meeting update (Jennifer Rodger)
    - BC Conference in early May, will be electing a new council for the BC PAC
    - If parents have questions for the BC PAC or Education Minister please email the Sutherland PAC

11. **Chair's Report** (Jen Rodger, Chair)
    - Still Looking for a new Treasurer for next school year
    - Parents can always get Up To Date information on the PAC website,
    - District PAC rep has stepped down and PAC is looking to fill the role

12. **General Comment**
    - Students notice vaping in the bathroom during class time. Admin asked for students to tell their teacher or notify the Admin when they see this.

13. **Open discussion – any comments?**

Meeting adjourned at 8 pm

Next meeting scheduled for May 13, 2024