



PINETREE Secondary General PAC Meeting AGENDA

September 23 2025

PINETREE Secondary School: Library at 7PM

1. Call to order and welcome
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of previous minutes

The minutes of the parent Advisory Council Meeting held on May 27 2025 were reviewed by the present Council members. The minutes were moved, by Mary Zhang and seconded by Rubina Dharsee at 7 p.m. Quorum requirements were met, and the meeting was permitted to proceed.

Pinetree Staff present

Principal - Ms. Janine Close

Executives

PAC Chairperson: Mary Zhang

DPAC representative: Hui Wang/ and Wanxing Wang

Secretary: Rubina Dharsee

Treasurer: Susan Wei (Absent)

Parents

Welcome of new-joined parents and introduction we had 10 parents attend.

Principal's Report for August 2025

The following teachers retired at the end of the last school year:

George Lin (January), Craig Kachor, Paul Kerr, Mario Iacobucci (March), Mike Tyldesley, Penny Turpin. Rachel Labossiere (resigned), Beth Leslie (took a yearlong leave), Jocelyn Deck (maternity leave).

Michelle Ciolfitto got a principal position at Rochester Elementary and we welcome Catherine Aoyama.

Courtney Bishop is back but as a counsellor.

Joining Us:

Carnell Turton (English), Stefanie Masi (English/Connections), Matt Koyanagi (Math/Connections), Andrew McKenna (Woodworking), Ryan McMahon (English), David Lee (learning services/ELL), Rebecca Williams (Home make), Amanda Walraven (temp: Business/CLE/SS), Farnaz Alavi (youth worker).

New block schedule with two ESS blocks.

Enrollment went up we got one additional teacher.

September 2 2025 - This year we had the earliest start ever

Photo day, adjusted schedule/grade assemblies/CLC activities/DL during daily ESS block.

September 8 and closed September 18 2025 Club applications (more mindful this year).

September 12 2025 Fire/Earthquake drill went fairly well.

September 19 2025 district Pro-D, worked on building connections, co-created lessons/resources to build awareness of Terry Fox, departments had time to work on goals/resources/collaboration

September 24 2025 : Next fire drill Block 5

Junior and Senior Spirit Day assemblies 16/18th, very student run, lots of enthusiasm.

Spirit days throughout: Adam Sandler/cliché/decades/anything but a backpack

Coming Up:

September 25 2025: Meet the Teachers/Building Connections, Earlier start, several booths re: career/post-secondary.

September 29 2025: Truth & Reconciliation Assembly (full school). Student voice.

Sept 30 2025: Truth and Reconciliation Statutory.

October 2 2025: Senior Sail

October 8 2025: Interim Reports (meeting/not meeting snapshot, Proficiency Scale language

October 9 2025: Club Fair at Lunch

October 13 2025: Thanksgiving Statutory

October 16 2025 : Earthquake drill (Great Shake Out)

Oct 17 2025 Photo Retakes (Grad Photos 17 – 31st).

Oct 23 2025: Fire Drill

Oct 24 2025: Provincial Professional Development Day

October 28 2025: next PAC Meeting

Sports: Volleyball, Cross Country, Swimming, Boys' Soccer, as well as intramurals are all up and running.

Other business

- Mary and Susan have submitted the government grant application in June 2025. We've also submitted the summary report for the past school year. The new funds should come into our account by the end of September 2025.
- DPAC. Mary has contacted DPAC in the summer and was told their first meeting is on Wednesday, October 1, 2025. Wanxing Wang will attend this meeting. Mark Feng can go to the next DPAC meeting if needed. Thanks to both for stepping up as shared DPAC representatives.
- Ms Close spoke to students if they see vaping to report to the office or speak to teachers. School does not allow vaping during school days even if the student is in the park.

Next PAC meeting October 28 2025 at 7 p.m. scheduled for updates, discussions, and planning for the school community.

Adjourn

Minutes prepared by: Rubina Dharsee