

Chartwell Parents Advisory Council

Annual General Meeting

Thursday June 2nd, 2016

Minutes of the Meeting

Attendees:

Rola Priatel	(Co-Chair)	
Nessa van Bergen	(Co-chair)	Stephanie Gregory
Aron Campbell	(Principal)	Essay Sun
Sergio Trevino	(Treasurer)	Abir Saadi Cosyn
Jennifer Kwong	(Hot Lunch Co-ordinator)	Mark Cosyn
Joanne Warburton	(Secretary)	Yi Chen
Tamzyn Jones	(Member at Large)	Lissette Marrin
Cathy Comber	(Member at Large)	Judy Ho
Shabnam Taheri		Eric Ng
Hamid Payombarnia		

Regrets:

Regrets – Faisal Latif

Meeting called to order at: 7.25pm

Welcome Rola Priatel

Adoption of the Agenda:

Proposed by: Nessa Van Bergen
Seconded by: Tamzyn Jones

Adoption of the Minutes:

Proposed by: Tamzyn Jones
Seconded by: Lissette Marrin

Rola Welcomed everyone present and thanked Mike Finch and Chantal Trudeau for being here.

Aron welcomed Mike Finch and thanked him for joining us and for being so supportive with the transition of Grade 7 students into Grade 8. He mentioned how strong the relationship is between Chartwell and Sentinel is and how important that is for the students as it greatly aids in their transition.

Mr. Finch thanked us for having him and said that he was grateful to have the opportunity to meet with us and go through the Grade 7 – Grade 8 transition and how Sentinel ensures a smooth transition from elementary to secondary. He will answer any questions at the end.

Sentinel enjoys a wonderful relationship with Chartwell, Mr. Finch has a close working relationship with Mr. Campbell and Mme Trudeau since he arrived at Sentinel 4 years ago and enjoys a fantastic relationship with both of them.

Grade 8 students receive a lot of support from the leadership team from Sentinel with whom they are already familiar. This is during opening week but also the opening month and beyond. They try to give them lots of support so they settle in as quickly as possible and love their experience. They are greeted by leadership kids, who help guide and support the grade 8 students, from guiding and directing them where to go, showing them their home room, where to eat lunch where the lockers are etc.

The mentorship piece between secondary and elementary is so important to Mr. Finch and it starts while the students are still in Grade 7, the leadership students that they see when they start Sentinel are already familiar due to the regular induction sessions in Grade 7.

Mr. Finch has seen an increasing amount of confidence in Grade 8 students as a result of the mentorship piece that has been in place and growing over the past few years.

An example of the type of integration piece they do would be a guest dance presentation led by the dance teacher from Sentinel for grade 7 students. There is a constant search for opportunities for the kids to interact with the school. The student led seminar for 300-400 students happens as part of the kid's induction. There are also the AP program information nights. As we move on through the year we (sentinel teachers and counselors) visit the elementary schools to do an in school transition, go through what to expect at Sentinel with the kids and Q and A sessions. Part of the registration process happens in school.

Also schools use the facilities at Sentinel, for example Chartwell used the theatre there last month for our play. Volleyball and basketball camps happen at the school too, 4 or 5 years ago out of 230 new students 12-15 tops came to try out for the sports teams. Coaches were so disappointed so they started the sports

campus. 50 girls came out the following year as a result and 70 boys.. this positive shift in momentum and energy is infectious and fosters great relationships.. The capstone program is another excellent program to integrate Chartwell with Sentinel.

Sentinel is a unique opportunity and an incredible place for your kids to go to school. It has the largest AP(Advanced Placement) program in Canada. How does it work and what does it mean?

Example - If you are doing the AP in Biology you will do Grade 12 biology and at the same time cover year 1 at college level biology. Students then have the opportunity to either re-take year 1 when they arrive at college or go straight into year 2. Most choose to re-do year one in order to get a high grade (usually 90% plus) which will go on their transcript and help them get the best jobs down the line as they are repeating the information..

Students from Chartwell that came down to see the students at Sentinel present recently were so engaged and asked really thoughtful insightful questions.. The Sentinel students thought that the Chartwell students were way ahead of where they were in terms of thinking at the same age.

Q and A

Stephanie Gregory - How big is the grade 12 Class and how many are in AP courses?

Mike Finch – Approximately 240 students and 70+ percent take at least 1 Advanced Program and they offer 20+ subjects.

This year 250 exams were sat in total. A score of 3 is a pass and 97-98% of students get at least a 4 or 5.

S - What about the kids that are not on the same track and don't do AP, what happens to them?

M - I truly believe working in secondary that there are 3 levels – top level – you just show up and they are going to be amazing.. Mid level, average students and the bottom level for students still acquiring the skills and knowledge required.. If you have good leadership in the top section it pulls the middle section ahead.. The challenged students at Sentinel is such a small percentage that the swell of the rest brings them forward and helps them to do much better than they perhaps would otherwise.

Hamid mentioned that before moving to Canada his kids were in private schools in Dubai and KL for 7 years. His daughters have bloomed under the care and guidance of Mike Finch and Aron Campbell.

His eldest daughter Armita forcefully rejected the offer of private school 2 years after arriving – she was thriving and blooming in the system. She has been accepted into UBC and lots of other universities.

Rola reiterated the same point, mentioning that in the past you were categorized at school as either a jock or a nerd etc. At Sentinel you are everything you want to be not just this or that.

Essay - How is the PAC at Sentinel?

Mike – The Pac is great, not as involved in secondary as elementary but they have a great PAC - They put on a 50th anniversary celebration a few years back and did a great job.

We all thanked Mike.

Co-Chair report

Rola Priatel

Insert report..

Treasurers Report Please find full report after the minutes

Sergio Trevino

Motion to approve the budget for the amount of \$18,675

All in favour, motion passed unanimously.

Principals Report

Aron Campbell

Please find the full report at the end of the minutes

Introduce Chantal Trudeau –

Aron has had the pleasure of working with Mme Trudeau over the years as Vice Principals together. They have a great relationship and will be working together during the handover and beyond. One of the advantages of the West Van school district is its size, all of the administration know each other well and have great working relationships.

Chantal greeted the parents, having spent 10 years in the West Van School District and a resident in the British Properties for 15 years since relocating here from Quebec MME Trudeau is thrilled to be here at Chartwell. Mme Trudeau has

a close relationship with Mike Finch and Mr. Campbell. Her sons who are in their 20's now went through Sentinel.

She loves everything she has seen at the school, is so thrilled with the capstone and the rights respecting programs. Mme Trudeau's mentioned that she hasn't ever heard anything bad about Chartwell and is excited to be here. Within 10 minutes of arriving at the Multicultural Night she felt the sense of community. MME Trudeau mentioned that having worked in the French system there is a strong sense of community and she was happy to see it here too. Mme Trudeau reiterated how excited and thrilled she is to be here and that she looks forwards to getting to know all of us.

DPAC report

Nessa Van Bergen for Faisal Latif

Please find the report attached at the end of the minutes

Grade 7 Graduation Committee

Cathy Comber

This year's grad committee is on track and has done a great job fundraising led by Cathy Comber, Rana Yassin and the Grade 7 leadership team.

TCBY sales have taken place every Friday - \$519 raised so far to date.

2 movie nights so far raised \$1050, there will be one tomorrow after sports day, send your kids with \$10!

\$583 raised from the first, \$467 from the second.

Hot dog day was also hugely successful – kids loved it and really appreciated the gesture. Rana recommends it to the Grade 7 parents for next year - \$679 was raised in one event and they totally sold out of hotdogs.

\$300 had been donated so far from parents that couldn't volunteer.

\$2500 is the approximate total raised so far.

Last year \$2000 was raised and tickets were \$65 for both parents and the child.

Stamps will be used in order to control the ticketing. Buffet will be open to those with a stamp.

Cathy has been very impressed with the student participation. They want to run the show and want the parents to stand back. They are taking ownership. Cathy also mentioned Rose has been a phenomenal help.

The Bon Vivant Group was hired by the grad committee last year and did an amazing job, food was delicious. We will be hiring them again this year.

Rola thanked Rana and Cathy for chairing the Grad committee, it is a lot of work and they have done an excellent job including the kids and organizing everything well in advance.

Multicultural night

Stephanie Gregory

Awesomely successful event, so many people donated food and money. There were 70 pre orders and an additional \$2400 raised on the night through ticket sales. Stephanie estimated that there were approximately 350 people in attendance on the night.

The new UN table was amazing –with 9 countries participating this year. All agreed it was a fabulous evening and the food was spectacular. \$3900 was raised.

Hot Lunch Report

Jen Kwong

We are coming to the end of the program for another year, very successful without hiccups. Next year Natalia will be taking over as Hot Lunch Coordinator. Joanne Warburton thanked Jen on behalf of all the parents for doing a wonderful job leading the team that has been feeding our kids twice a week for the past 4 years.

Special Orders

Nessa Van Bergen

Volunteer Spot

Nessa ran through how the App works that we will be using next year. It's a very simple and user friendly system – you can sign up online to volunteer, switch shifts, get reminders. Watch out for more information. It will be much easier for parents to volunteer and help out in the school.

Alysoun is coordinating the parent teacher appreciation luncheon through volunteer spot.

You don't need to register as a user to volunteer – you just tick off the parts that you want to be involved with.

iBoy - iGirl

Awesome event - 20 boys signed up, kids from all over west Vancouver school district, only half were from Chartwell. 13 girls signed up. We could have gone up to a maximum of 30 students for each so room to grow. \$439 raised.

Scholastics

Doni was thrilled with over \$5000 in sales. Along with Library Commons project she has extra money to buy more books.

Library Commons

\$14,050 raised with approximately 65% of families having donated so far. Plus \$25,000 that we have put from our savings gives us a total of \$39,050. We will look at ways to raise more money at the start of next year in order to reach our goal of \$50,000.

Sehr has sent the inspiration pages from 8 students working on the library commons project over for us to look at.

Doni said that out of the 8 submissions 7 have moved the check in spot. Some are way more advanced than what we can actually do but we are very impressed with the drawings.

The 3 finalists will be put up in the school on the hallway walls. Voting will be done online, please come and look at them and vote on your favorite from the 24th June. Ask your kids which is their favorite?

Rola thanked Nessa for all her efforts leading the library commons project.

Open Exec positions for 2016 - 2017

Fruit and Veg coordinator

Shabnam agreed to take on the role. Thanks to Shabnam.

Coffee Club -

Grade 7 Farewell -

Korean Liaison -

Patty Williams Scholarship sponsorship will be received by Andrew Wong this year.

Rola was supposed to present this on June 11th which is a Saturday. Rola can't go, Patty Williams would have loved to but she is away this year.

Please take a look at the calendar that Alysoun has sent out. CPAC meetings will be on Tuesdays next year.

Welcome Tea will be on the first day of school, please be there.

8.45 Meeting Adjourned

CPAC - Current Budget VS Actual - 2016/2017 - June 02, 2016 (in CAD)

2016-06-02

	2016-2017	2016-2017	
Category	Budget	Actual	Difference
REVENUE			
Fund Raising	\$29,900.00	\$0.00	-\$29,900.00
Athletic Programming	1,000.00		-1,000.00
Christmas Swap Meet-Syrian Refugee			0.00
Family Photo Night	220.00		-220.00
Gr. 7 Grad:			
Movie Night			0.00
TCBY			0.00
Hot Dog Days			0.00
Other			0.00
Halloween Dance	1,500.00		-1,500.00
Hot Lunch	20,000.00		-20,000.00
Multicultural Night	4,500.00		-4,500.00
Other (Pking Spot Raffle)	1,000.00		-1,000.00
Principal for a Day	500.00		-500.00
Video Gaming & Social Media Event			0.00
Spirit Wear	375.00		-375.00
Parent Education Nights	500.00		-500.00
School Board Contribution	155.00		-155.00
Interest earned from investment	150.00		-150.00
Category	Budget	Actual	Difference
EXPENSES			
	\$18,675.00	\$0.00	
Office	200.00		200.00
Petty cash (Babysitting)	200.00		200.00
Bad Debt			0.00
Bank Services Fee	100.00		100.00
Christmas Gift	75.00		75.00
CPAC Activity Refreshments and Food	200.00		200.00
Kitchen Supplies	400.00		400.00
Photocopy Fee	0.00		0.00
Sport's Day Orange	100.00		100.00
Teacher Year End Gift	700.00		700.00
Welcome Tea	100.00		100.00
Art Starts Cultural Performances	500.00		500.00
Classroom Funds	3,900.00		3,900.00
Collaboration Funds	1,200.00		1,200.00
Physical Literacy In House Expert (ShuttleSport: Badminton)	1,500.00		1,500.00
Dance in Schools	1,500.00		1,500.00
Principal Funds	2,000.00		2,000.00
Sexual Health Workshop - Parents			0.00
Sexual Health Ed - Students	1,500.00		1,500.00
21st Century Learning Initiative			0.00
Digital Literacy Education Fund			0.00
Site Enhancement Fund			0.00
First Nations Education & Enhancement	3,000.00		3,000.00
CPAC Contribution to Gr.7 ceremony and year books	1,000.00		1,000.00
Administration / General expenses	200.00		200.00
Coffee Club	100.00		100.00
Teachers Day	200.00		200.00

Summary from DPAC Meeting – June 1, 2016

Report from the President (Abbie Milavsky)

- Parent education session had 298 tickets sold. Revenue = \$5,300, expenses (after subsidy from the District) = \$4,000. Looking for next year's speaker, accepting suggestions.
- Oct 5, 2016 will be next year's 1st meeting. DPAC meetings are usually 1st Wednesday of each month (except for January 2017) and are open to any parents (not just DPAC Reps) who would like to attend.

From School Trustee (Carolyn Broady)

- Yesterday's provincial gov't announcement of \$25M returned to public schools. West Van has \$300k and will be put in contingency fund. Will decide what to do with the money when enrollment is set and budget is finalized on Sep 30.
- Community Day parade is this Saturday, June 4.
- Sep 28, 2016 – lunch with Trustee for DPAC Reps and PAC Chairs.

From Superintendent (Chris Kennedy)

- As heard in the news, Provincial exams will only be for Math and Literacy, to be taken sometime between grade 10 and 12 (each student can decide when). Credits required for graduation will not change.
- Planning 10 will be eliminated (2017/18 will be the last). Will be replaced with a career education. No detail yet.
- In Fall, District will ask parents' input about Reporting (new report card). Primary questions:
 - What information are parents looking for?
 - How do parents want to get it?
- Enrollment projected to be down by 20 students (on track). Summer enrollment is up, growth in elementary (Hollyburn is full, will open 2nd school). All summer learning programs are free if tied to curriculum.
- Sep 1, 2016 @ Kay Meek – DPAC Reps and PAC Chairs are invited for opening day. Speakers are Natalie Panek (a rocket scientist) with topic Learning Knows No Boundary and Dean Shareski (topic unknown).

From Cari Wilson

- Promoting TEDxWestVancouverED – topic: Rethinking Education. This is the last year (now in 4th year) WVan has the educational license. Not sure what's next.
- Sep 24, 2016, 8am to 3pm @ Kay Meek. Tickets are \$75+tax = \$79.50. Buy 5 tickets, get 6th free. Buy 10 tickets, get a free ticket & TEDx After Dark. DPAC may buy 20 tickets to give away (via lottery).
- For list of speakers, go to TEDxWestVancouverED.com.
- A TEDx poster is now up on CPAC board in Chartwell.

From Jill Lawlor (WVan Rec)

- ActiveNET – new WVan Rec registration system. Register online to update your account before Jun 24, 2016 (1st day to register for programs).
- New: e-PACT – online medical waiver. Sign one for all programs.
- Summer certification programs available for older kids, e.g. lifeguard.
- Looking for volunteers (adults and kids ages 13+).