

SENTINEL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Thursday, March 09, 2016
Library Mezzanine
1250 Chartwell Drive
West Vancouver, BC V7S 2R2

COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE: Farzaneh Bamani-Roboubi President
Nina Nie Vice President
Brigid Flipse Past President
Karim Virani Treasurer
Charlotte Wei DPAC representative

GUEST: Mr. Finch Principal

PRESENT: Maya Yang, Nola Weiss, Sharon Smith

Meeting was called to order at 9:03 am.

Meeting Agenda

- 1) Introduction, welcome
 - 2) Approval of agenda
 - 3) Approval of January minutes
 - 4) Sentinel Principal – Mr. Finch
 - 5) Valentine' Bake
 - 6) Persian New Year, Noruz
 - 7) MCL
 - 8) DPAC representative report
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- 1) Farzaneh Bamani-Roboubi welcomed everyone.
- 2) Motion to approve agenda was passed by Nola Weiss and Brigid Flipse.
- 3) Motion to approve the January minutes by Brigid Flipse and seconded by Karim Virani. All in favour.
- 4) Mike Finch, Sentinel's principal:
 - a) Report cards – Staff have done an unbelievable job. Mike finch, Rebecca Rowley and Kathy Grant have read all the reports. They are proud of the students' skills and work habits. Term three report cards will be out on June 29, 2016.
 - b) Audit Review – The West Vancouver District is unique and remarkable. Staff were incredibly helpful. The auditors looked for snap shots of abnormalities, markings and absenteeism. Each student file was picked randomly.

- c) New Curriculum - There was a meeting with Principals, PAC Chairs and DPAC Representatives discussing the new curriculum on January 27 2016. The staff feel positive and the gradual implementation is on the way.
 - d) Grad events, Sanctioned vs Unsanctioned - School Dance is on April 07, Grad Boat Cruise is on April 15. A message to parents is to know the difference between sanctioned and unsanctioned events for the safety of the students.
 - e) June year end and activities - Block rotations goes up to and including June 21, 2016. Exams start on June 22 to June 29. Attendance will not be taken for the exam period.
 - f) School Planning Council - The school is looking forward to exchange and share ideas with students, parents and the staff. We are looking for 3-4 parents to participate.
- 5) Valentine's Bake - It was held on Friday February 12 and hosted by grade 9 parents. Nola Weiss and Farzaneh Bamani-Roboubi coordinated the event. Many thanks to the parents who brought in the baked goods and the cash donations. The event was a success.
 - 6) Persian New Year, Noruz - it is celebrated on the first day of spring. A Persian New Year display, Haft-Seen, has been set on Monday in the foyer for students to see. Thanks to Shabnam Taheri and Farzaneh Bamani for the beautiful display of Haft-Seen.
 - 7) Multi-Cultural Lunch (MCL) - Sharon Smith has been organizing MCL for the past three years. PAC is looking for more parent volunteers to help in organization and coordination of this event.
 - 8) DPAC report by Charlotte Wei - The meeting was held on Wednesday March 02, 2016. here are a number of events and reports:
 - a) Internet safety course offered by hollyhock at Simon Fraser University on March 4, 2014 titled "How to Parent in a Digital World".
 - b) "Girls Fly Too" organization is hosting an event at Abbotsford International airport on promoting women in space on March 12-13, 2016.
 - c) BCPAC Annual General Meeting will be held on April 29 & May 1, 2016.
 - d) committee Reports on Parent Education, Comprehensive Health, WVSD Board of Trustee Liaison Report, WVSD Superintendent' Report, WV Schools Academies Report, and Career & Ace-it Program Report.
DPAC election is coming up if you are interested to join. For detailed information please visit West Vancouver District Advisory Council.

AGM and election will be held on May, 2016. The date will be announced soon. We ask for parents who are interested to run for executive positions to send an email to sepac@sd45.bc.ca. We encourage the nomination to be sent out 30 days in advance.

There is no new business. Meeting is adjourned at 09:57 am.