

## SENTINEL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

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Held on Wednesday, May 11, 2016  
Library Mezzanine  
1250 Chartwell Drive  
West Vancouver, BC V7S 2R2

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<b>COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	Farzaneh Bamani-Roboubi	President
	Nina Nie	Vice President
	Karim Virani	Treasurer
	Arghy Nia	Secretary
	Brigid Flipse	Past Chair
	Charlotte Wai	DPAC representative

**PRESENT:** Shabnam Taheri, Charlotte Wei, Michelle Frezell, Arbao Wang, Julia, Maya Yang, Hollise Brown, Angela Zhang, Stefanie Leuty, Nola Weiss,

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**Meeting was called to order at 9:03 am.**

### **Meeting Agenda**

- 1) Welcome and introduction – PAC chair
  - 2) Approval of agenda and March minutes
  - 3) Sentinel Principal – Mr. Finch
  - 4) MCL report
  - 5) Staff Appreciation Luncheon – June 2016
  - 6) DPAC report
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- 1) Farzaneh Bamani, President of PAC, welcomed all PAC members in attendance and introduced all council in attendance.
- 2) Motion to approve the agenda and March 2016 minutes was passed by Karim and Shabnam.
- 3) Mike Finch – Sentinel Secondary Principal:
  - a. A big thank you to all parents and organizers for Multicultural Lunch held on April 07, 2016. MCL is a big event for our school. School Board and District staff look forward to this event every year and it is a chance for them to join students and staff at Sentinel. Fundraising of this event is greatly appreciated. Also, the overall social environment is great as it is a very fun event!
  - b. The following link will provide some information to a concussion training program. In recent years, there have been numerous head injuries due to sports or other exercises. It would be a valuable tool for parents to browse through this website:

<http://ppc.cattonline.com/learning-tool/>

c. We will be presenting School Board with student and school fees. We are aware that specially senior students end up with staggering amount of fees to pay, especially for write up of Advanced Placement exams. However, the school is not making any profit on these fees and the fees are directly passed on to the Board.

d. Student population for next year seems to be very healthy and similar to this year. The staffing numbers will also be very similar to this year and in the next 4 to 6 weeks all staffing will be determined for 2016-2017. A few announcements: Mr. John Isernia will be retiring after 35 years, Michelle Hallishoff (school secretary) will be taking a year off, and Barbara Myer (record keeping) will be retiring.

e. West Vancouver and North Vancouver schools will align their school calendars as of next year and ProD Days will still remain separate. The reason for the alignment was to help students who are taking programs offered in the two districts in different schools as their afternoon programs. As a result, we will have 5 back to back days but at the end of the school calendar year there will be a balanced number of Day 1's and Day 2's.

f. Scholarship application deadline is May 19<sup>th</sup>. The scholarship committee, made of school staff, will select the students and then approach the PAC for endorsement. There are usually between 100 – 150 applications and the school hands out approximately 40 scholarships. The scholarships are awarded to the students at the commencement ceremony, usually presented by PAC president.

g. Currently and up until end of this week, May 13, the students have been writing about 600 AP exams.

h. Grade 7's will be visiting Sentinel on May 17<sup>th</sup> or May 21<sup>st</sup>.

i. There is a Spring Concert held at school on June 1<sup>st</sup>. All parents are encouraged and welcome to join.

j. Athletic awards will be handed out on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

k. For the graduating class, commencement ceremonies are held this year on June 11<sup>th</sup> and the Banquet held on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

l. There will be provincial exams held between June 22<sup>nd</sup> and June 28<sup>th</sup>, with June 29<sup>th</sup> being the last day of school. School will be open during this time and there will be opportunities for students to get extra help from their teachers at school but attendance will not be taken.

#### 4. MCL report:

Farzaneh thanked all volunteer parents for the time, food and money donations. There was enough food to feed all students! There were fewer tickets sold this year but profits were around \$6,000, which was about the same as previous years.

#### 5. Staff Appreciation:

The staff appreciation luncheon will be the last event coordinated by the PAC for this year. It is usually held in the week of 20<sup>th</sup> of June so that staff can take more time off and have a relaxing lunch. We usually set tables in the library. When the weather is

nice, we set out tables stationed outside the library. All parents from all grades are encouraged to donate food and cash for this event. Farzaneh and Brigid will be coordinating this event.

6. Charlotte Wai presented DPAC report:

- a. There are plans to prepare schools for earthquake stimulation tests and preparations.
- b. Dr. Zhou presented at Kay Meek centre on May 10 2016. The presentation was welcomed by many students and parents. There are plans to get him to work with the district on several programs.
- c. Transportation modes to schools including biking and walking are being encouraged at many schools to reduce traffic.
- d. West Vancouver Community day will be held on August 19, 2016. There will also be a movie night held for this event.
- e. Currently there are 20 full-time technical staff to help with connection problems and google classrooms. Kindergarten class up to grade 7 will be starting coding instructions soon.

f. Superintendent, Chris Kennedy's report:

There are plans to cancel grade 10 Math, English, Science, and Grade 11 Socials Provincial Exams. As different schools will be at different stages of rolling out the new curriculum, these exams may not be coordinated among all schools at the same time. Also there is discussion to possibly change system of marking of percentage and letter grades. But more discussion and coordination is needed on this topic with universities.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am.