

## SENTINEL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

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Held on Wednesday, October 12, 2016  
Room 261  
1250 Chartwell Drive  
West Vancouver, BC V7S 2R2

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<b>COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	Max Liu	President
	Stefanie Leuty	Vice President
	Karim Virani	Treasurer
	Arbao Wong	Secretary
	Farzaneh Bamani-Roboubi	Past Chair
	Charlotte Wei	DPAC representative

**PRESENT:** George Liu, Zohreh Sohanrani, Angela Zhang, Kim McLeod, Elena Bornozy, Nola Weiss, Nazila Naghashzadeh, Lissette Marrin, Deborah Barretto, Sinh Haytow, Arghy Nia, Jane Zou, Jue Hou, Deanna Braceweu

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**Meeting was called to order at 9:05am.**

### **Meeting Agenda**

- 1) Welcome and introduction
- 2) Approval of agenda
- 3) Approval of Sept Minutes
- 4) Approval of 2015/2016 budget
- 5) Wish List
- 6) Sentinel Principal – Mr.Finch
- 7) DPAC report
- 8) Upcoming events – Xmas baking
- 9) New Business

- 1) Max Liu, President of PAC, welcomed all PAC members and parents attending the meeting.
- 2) Approval of Agenda. Moved by: Kim, seconded by: Nola.
- 3) Approval Sept Minutes. Moved by Deanna, seconded by Lissette.

Due to the school district website is under re-construction, the Sept minutes couldn't be posted to the website. Regarding the question of emailing the Minutes to parents, while it is impossible to email it to all parents, it can be emailed to the meeting participants.

- 4) Karim introduced the 2016/2017 budget, saying it has been out since May and is pretty standard comparing to the previous ones. Moved by Arghy, seconded by Nola. Approved unanimously.

\$25,300 was approved from gaming grant.

Answering the question of Scholarship, Farzaneh explained the cheques would be normally issued in Sept but was delayed this year. Max explained that besides offers from universities, we also look at payment or enrollment confirmation to finalize the Scholarship payment.

- 5) Regarding the wish list this year, around 10 applications have been received. There will be more coming as the deadline comes closer. The PAC wish list committee will review the wish list and then talk with Mike together to finalize it.

The wish list item doesn't have a maximum price but has to benefit as many students as possible. The budget of it stays with last year's budget.

- 6) Sentinel Principal-Mr. Finch

- a. Welcomed all and thanked the PAC for helping with G8's welcome evening and parent walkabout night. The previous activities have won a great success such as Terry Fox Run (raised around \$2000), G12 Boat Cruise (enjoyed a lot), G12 Info Night (being a great talk)
- b. The upcoming events include the Planning Council meeting next Tuesday; PD day next Friday of which the teachers will take advantage to attend all sorts of activities; the Parent-Teacher conference on Nov 10, which has been moved earlier comparing to previous ones; PSI day holding right now at school, G12 and G11 students will gather university information from this activity.
- c. Answering parents' questions, Mike said that in Secondary school, students do self-assessment reporting and written report will be issued in Dec. Regarding the online signing for parent permission forms, the volume of our school is triple of Rockridge's while the percentage is around 55% only.

The school council staff arranges the universities coming here. The universities do have certain schedule to rotate. US universities visit separately. In case parents can't make the parent-teacher night, they are always welcomed and encouraged to contact the teacher separately to talk about.

## 7) DAPC Report

Charlotte gave an introduction about the first DPAC meeting. Highlights are as follows:

a. There are currently 8 committees under the Parents Advisory Council which are Parent Education, Finance and Facilities, Traffic and Safety, Comprehensive Health, Calendar, Human Resources, Choice Consultative, Technology and Digital Learning.

b. The upcoming events that parents may have interest in are Board of Education Meeting at 7pm on OCT18; DPAC Treasure Meeting on Oct 27; DPAC General Meeting 9:15am on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>.

c. The Trustees Liaison Report was made to the WVSD Board by Carolyn Broady, the Trustee of West Vancouver Board of Education.

d. WVSD Superintendent, Chris Kennedy presented a report to the meeting, saying that the enrollment for this school year has been strong; The number of international students slightly declined due to limitation of homestay families; A strong sign of various academies development has been seen this year and we have 50 kids enrolled in Robotics Academy and 18 in New Soccer Academy; French immersion is growing rapidly; Some of the Hot topics for parent education are Reporting and exams, sexual orientation (codes of conduct, sexual identification), consumption of alcohol and cigarette by students (concerns over parent supply of alcohol) to be dealt with by Vancouver Coastal Health and West Vancouver Police; The Chair of Sunlife will be the guest speaker for our December parent education.

e. The digital updates/PAC websites are going on right now. There will be parents tab on all school websites pending school level approval and publishing, and PAC email address will be assigned to each of them. Special training will be conducted to PAC members when new sites are finalized and built up.

8) For the upcoming events, G8+10 parents will provide food for Parent-teacher conference night on Nov 10. Parent can use Perfect Potluck website to register food or volunteering spots. Other formats of donation such as cash or cheque are also welcomed.

G11 parents will provide food for Christmas Baking. We don't have budget for Christmas decorations. We have decoration materials in stock which were mainly from previous donations.

Nola Weiss will take on to lead the events.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.