

SENTINEL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday, October 11, 2017
Room 302, 1250 Chartwell Drive
West Vancouver, BC V7S 2R2

COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE:	Farzaneh Bamani-Roboubi	President
	Hollise Brown	Vice President
	Effie Gomulia	Treasurer
	Sunny Sun	DPAC Representative
	Arbao Wong	Secretary

PRESENT: Charlotte Wei, Lissette Marrin, Jennifer Kwong, Arghy Nia, Kambiz Taheri, Nola Weiss, Zheng Xu.

Meeting was called to order at 9:07am.

Meeting Agenda

- 1) Welcome and introduction
- 2) Approval of agenda
- 3) Approval of Sep minutes
- 4) Approval of 2017/2018 budget
- 5) Wish List
- 6) Sentinel Principal – Mr. Finch
- 7) DPAC Report
- 8) Upcoming events
 - a. Parent/Teacher interview
 - b. Xmas baking
- 9) New Business

- 1) Farzaneh started the meeting by inviting all the attendees to introduce themselves.
- 2) Motion to approve the agenda by Nola and second by Arghy. All in favour.

- 3) Motion to approve the September minutes by Nola and second by Arghy as well.
- 4) In response to a question raised by a parent, Farzaneh explained that as our tradition, the budget of 2017/2018 was gone over in May already and it just needs to be approved today. Effie introduced the budget by explaining the Proposed 2017/2018 Budget as well as the Income and Expenses sheet. No expense shows so far since this budget hasn't been approved except the scholarship fund withdrawn by two students. Both Farzaneh and Hollise helped to answer questions raised by the parents, such as the lists sitting in the budget, the reserve fund also why the proposed budget is almost double the actual cost. Motion to approve the budget by Hollise and second by Nola. All in favour.
- 5) The Wish List committee is going to meet next week. Compared to the previous years, we were able to meet most requests. Again, the wish list is for non-curriculum related items which benefit as many students as possible. We're making the Wish List better and better every year and are open to all good ideas to make the best use of the funds we raise to support the school. Suggestions such as deadline change and doing the wish list twice a year were raised. These will be discussed in the committee and more about the wish list will be talked about in the next meeting after all these requests are gone over.
- 6) Mr. Finch, Sentinel's Principal:
 - a. Reported on the school traffic issues raised in September meeting. Speed bumps may be added later due to the fact of speeding from both students and parents. There are still drivers going the wrong way. The traffic issue is something we need to keep working on.
 - b. Request for parent participation:
 - a) The planning council is looking for some more parents to attend, and most of the meeting time is 8:15-9:45am on the collaborative days. We will probably meet 8-10 times over the year. We have great staff, students and parents here who have done a phenomenal job and would like to have more direct input from more parents;
 - b) Our new Spanish teacher is planning a festival in November relating to "the day of the dead" is looking for parent volunteers.
 - c. PSI is going on now and we have 23 universities here today;
 - d. 40 kids are writing the PSAT now;
 - e. Student delegation from the Vimy Ridge trip will present at the school board meeting on Tuesday night October 17.
 - f. The upcoming event is Parent/Teacher conference from 6pm to 9pm on Nov 9. Thanks again for the dinner prepared for the teachers and lots of them do have no time to go home to eat.
 - g. The Boy Club have some unique opportunities. They are invited to UBC to hear a speech given by UBC president along with some other boys from other districts.
 - h. The student learning grant is additional funding provided by the ministry to the schools to reduce size of the classes. We don't have any required course over

the class size of 30. The only one over 30 is the Theatre company class which allows more students and after school. how did Sentinel utilize funds

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- Math/Science support blocks
- Theater Co

7) DPAC meeting highlights:

- a. Gaming grant website might be changed so that you may not be able to log in anymore. Please call them to discuss and remind school as well.
- b. Class size keep the same as 30 for grade 8-12 but was reduced in kindergarten and elementary last year. We are still losing teachers due to living distance and transportation problem. The number of our new teacher positions is 192 this year while 134 for last year.
- c. Ell number is flat from last year. International student number is down due to homestay situation.

8) Upcoming Events:

- Parent/Teacher conference on Nov 9. Traditionally, grade 8 and grade 10 parents will contribute a buffet dinner for the teachers. We use Perfect Potluck for signing in all the volunteers for the event.
- Nola Weiss will head Christmas Bake. She reported that this usually supported by grade 11 parents. The Christmas Bake relies on parents who bring sweet and/or savory baked goods for the teachers on the date suggested. Nola Christmas decoration will be done in the school as well.

Meeting was adjourned at 09:58 am.