

SENTINEL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday, November 13, 2019
Library Mezzanine, 1250 Chartwell Drive
West Vancouver, BC V7S 2R2

COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE: Charlotte Wei	President
Cathy Yeung	Vice President
Effie Gomulia	Treasure
Sunny Sun	DPAC Rep
Arbao Wong	Secretary
Muni Ismail	Secretary

PRESENT: Liu Xiaolin, Brent Lyon, Heidi Wo, Molly Hakak, Shabnam Taheri, Tracy Gooding, Arghy Nia, Tricia Jarvis

Meeting was called to order at 9:00am.

Meeting Agenda

- 1) Opening remarks---Charlotte (1 Minute)
- 2) Approval of agenda and minutes of October 2019---All (1 Minute)
- 3) DPAC Rep report---Sunny (3 Minutes)
- 4) Wishlist updates---Arghy (5 Minutes)
- 5) Final Approval of Budget Proposal for year 2019-2020---All (3 Minutes)
- 6) Principal report---Mr. Finch (25 Minutes)
- 7) Christmas Decoration---Tricia (5 Minutes)
- 8) Portable Computer Lab Project Updates and Next Move---Cathy (10 Minutes)
- 9) Decide the MCL Date/ Upcoming Events---Charlotte (2 Minutes)
- 10) Miscellaneous Matters and Free Discussion (5 Minutes)

- 1) Charlotte started the meeting by thanking Grade 8 and Grade 10 parents, who volunteered for donating and preparing buffet dinner for the teachers on Parent-Teacher Conference evening. The event was a great success.
- 2) Approval of the agenda and approval of October 2019 minutes. Moved first Cathy and second by Muni.
- 3) Sunny did a brief DPAC Report on issues related to our school.
 - a. School traffic safety was emphasized during the meeting;
 - b. A \$300 School Travel Mini Grants funded by Translink can be applied by PAC subject to satisfaction of certain requirements;
 - c. The city government agreed to fund, for the construction of Sports Place for West Vancouver, another two million dollars, of which \$500,000 are matching donations. Please refer to <https://www.wvpfs.org> for more information.
 - d. LIKE, a documentary about our lives on social media presented by enhance West Van will be held at 7:00pm, on November 19th,2019.
- 4) Effie gave a brief financial update on both the PAC 2019-2020 School Year Budget form and the Income and Expenses form. She explained the accounting system of PAC is cash-basis and that's why there was difference between the "Budget" and "Actual" columns.

All agreed to change the budget for Safeteen from \$2,000 to \$2,500 from this year. \$500 will be deducted correspondingly from the Wishlist budget. Charlotte proposed to give a final approval of the 2019-2020 Budget Proposal. All in favour.
- 5) Arghy introduced the working process of approving Wishlist requests and explained again it's for non-curriculum-based request from teachers and clubs, which benefit as many students as possible. One big item is that the Fine Arts Dept would like to get a Laser Cutter and the cost is approx. \$16,500-\$28,000. Brent suggested a used laser cutter and will check into it and further discussed with Mr. Finch. PAC tried to save 20%+ of this year's Wishlist budget to supplement the financial support of the Portable Computer Lab project in response to the request from the principal.
- 6) Mr. Finch, Sentinel's Principal:
 - a. Expressed his thanks to PAC for the wonderful meals on the Parent-Teacher Conference evening;

- b. Our school finished a busy week last week: 300+ kids for Numeracy Assessments, Remembrance Assemblies, Collab day, and Take Kids to Work Day for Grade 9s;
 - c. The annual Pajama Drive, which is a wonderful tradition of our school, will raise 140-150 pajamas for students of Admiral Seymour Elementary. On 3rd week of November, we will have 20 to 30 kids send these along with some other items as Christmas gifts and spend a day with their kids at the school.
 - d. The Harvest Project is a multi-faceted support network for people and families experiencing hardship and poverty on the North Shore. We're aiming to spend around two months, to raise money and food for those in need before and after Christmas time.
 - e. New Updates: Kids are taking advantage of the FIT though facing new challenge; all Report Cards will be available online on December 11th; Crosswalks were painted with help of the sponsor of our school parents' company; The Antarctic Trip encountered uncertain issues and the preparation team is in the process of solving problems; PD day on next Monday November 18; Black Box Dance Presentation on December 12th; Winter Concert on December 18th-19th; Grade 7 information night on January 9th.
- 7) Tricia introduced the Christmas decoration, which will happen this year at 9am on November 28th in the library. On Dec 17th, we will do the staff treats day and according to Sentinel's tradition, Grade 11 parents will help with this event. Shabnam & Holly will be in charge of the table decoration and set up.
- 8) Cathy summarized the progress of Portable Computer Lab campaign saying we have raised around \$6,000. It's still far from our goal of \$50,000 and another letter will be sent out to all the parents. And Mr. Finch will explore the appropriate recognition scheme for the donors of certain amount and more.
- 9) The 2020 Multi-Cultural Lunch date was discussed during the meeting. It will be on one day in the first week of March and will be finalized when Mr. Finch finds out both the GYM and performing Band availabilities.

Meeting was adjourned at 09:58 am.