**SENTINEL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

#

Held on Monday, January 20, 2020

Room 302, 1250 Chartwell Drive

West Vancouver, BC V7S 2R2

**COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE:** Charlotte Wei President

 Cathy Yeung Vice President

 Sunny Sun DPAC Rep

 Arbao Wong Secretary

 Muni Ismail Co-Secretary

**PRESENT:** Xiaolin Liu, Angela Ye, Arghy Nia, Shabnam Taheri, Hamid Payombarinia, Tracy Goody, Xiangmei Su, Tricia Jarus

**Meeting was called to order at 9:00am.**

**Meeting Agenda**

1. Opening Remarks --- Charlotte (1 Minute)
2. Approval of agenda and November 2019 Minutes --- All (1 Minute)
3. Principal Report --- Mr. Finch (25 Minutes)
4. DPAC Rep Report --- Sunny (5 Minutes)
5. Valentine’s Day Baking --- Charlotte (8 Minutes)
6. Multicultural Lunch Warm-up --- Cathy (10 Minutes)
7. Compute Lab Fundraising Updates --- Charlotte (5 Minutes)
8. Miscellaneous Matters and Free Discussion (5 Minutes)
9. Charlotte started the meeting by asking approval of November minutes and today’s agenda. Moved first by Cathy and second by Shabnam. All in favour.
10. Mr. Finch, Sentinel’s Principal:
11. Thanked PAC for preparing the wonderful Christmas treats for the staff and also the festive Christmas decorations, which made the best holiday season.
12. Showed the deepest condolences to the families in our north shore community who lost their loved ones in the tragic plane crash in Teheran.
13. Parents don’t need to worry about the two missed school days due to the heavy snow. Although our school will not make up for this, all the courses will be on schedule eventually.
14. Most students will have access to electronic version of the final Report Card on June 19th. However, school will have to keep handouts to those who have outstanding school fees or non-returning school textbooks until June 25.
15. With Grade 7 information night being held, Sentinel already started the online registration process to all grades for 2020-2021 school year. Applying earlier would be the key to secure a spot for those interested.
16. The computer lab fundraising has reached $7000+. Unfortunately, we can’t give recognition or Logo advertisement with the tax receipt being given out. We can only do a “Thanks message“ to those who donated. Details will be discussed later between the PAC executives and the administration of our school.
17. The group of school Antarctic Trip were back and the trip was a great experience to our student participants! The group gave a presentation to the school board last Tuesday. And will look for another chance to give presentation in Kay Meek center, to share their experience and answer questions from audiences. A 4-minute long video made the student participants of the trip was played to the table.
18. Important dates: Numeracy Test, January 20-22; AP Information Night, January 21st; Grads Semi-formal, January 23rd; Pro D day, January 24; Course Planning Night for Grade 8s-11s, January 29; Interim Report on January 31st; Sentinel Stage in February and Reading Break on February 14.
19. DPAC Report by Sunny: On January 8, Mr. Finch, together with DPAC rep, Charlotte and Cathy, attended the annual Trustee Liaison Meeting and did a great presentation on Technology in School on behalf of Sentinel. Mr. Finch talked about the technology skills of future and how we can be preparing our high school students for the future world. In 2020, technology in Secondary School will focus on information coding, engineering, software development, computer programming and so on. Sentinel is classified as the most advanced school to design its curriculum as a reflection of the technological developments.
20. The Valentine’s Day Baking will basically follow last year’s idea and date was moved to Feb 13th due to the reading break day on 14th. Grade 9 parents will help with this event and the perfect potluck sign-in sheet is ready and will be sent out soon.
21. Multi-Cultural Lunch Prep. by Cathy: MCL is a great tradition in Sentinel and also our PAC’s largest fundraising event. Money is raised by selling tickets and each table captain has the responsibility to organize their own donation to either outsource food or home-make food. PAC will not do any reimbursement unless discussed beforehand. It raised more than $8,000 last year and also made this a special day for our school’s multicultural communities.

This year’s MCL is decided to be held on March 4th, 2020. Cathy will be the general coordinator and the PAC committee is recruiting table captains now. Anyone who is interested to help please contact Cathy. The table captains’ meeting will be held next week and the PAC will send out the first letter to all parents before the end of January.

1. Updates on Computer Lab Fundraising by Charlotte: We have reached $7,000+ for now and our next goal is $10,000. Please share your ideas or thoughts if you have good ones to help with this fundraising event.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:13 am.