**SENTINEL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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Held on Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Zoom Virtual Meeting

**COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE:** Charlotte Wei President

Cathy Yeung Vice President

Effie Gomulia Treasurer

Sunny Sun DPAC Representative

Arbao Wong Secretary

Muni Ismail Co-Secretary

**PRESENT:** Arghy Nia, Daniela Tolzman, Michelle Zhou, Shabnam Taheri, Jia Lu, Ms Li, Gem Chu, Mahshid Amini, and Raya

**Meeting was called to order at 11:00am.**

**Meeting Agenda**

1. Opening Remarks --- Charlotte Wei (1 Minute)
2. Approval of Agenda and March 2020 Minutes --- Charlotte (1 Minute)
3. Principal Report --- Mr. Finch (20 Minutes)
4. Review 2019/2020 Budget and Approve 2020/2021 Budget Proposal--- Effie (20 Minutes)
5. Miscellaneous Matters and Free Discussion --- (5 Minutes)
6. Nomination and election of new PAC Council Members
7. Charlotte started the meeting by approval of the agenda and March minutes. Motion to approve the agenda and the minutes first by Arghy and second by Shabnam. All in favour.
8. Mr. Finch, Sentinel’s Principal:
9. The school has purchased 60 new chrome books and upgraded the 30 loaners in the library. We now have 90 new devices. By switching from laptops to chrome books and memory cards, the school has greatly reduced the expenditure for the project. Money raised by PAC via School Cash Online: $10,500ish together with the donations from Chinese Parents Community: $6,500 has brought up the total to $17,000.00 for the computer lab, and finally PAC has generously agreed to make up the difference between the money already raised and the total amount to be actually spent, which will be approximately $13,000. The school now has 90 computers plus carts to wheel in and out of the classrooms.
10. There are also some renovations being done at the school. The Library has been renovated with a new Tech Bar. Some minor renovations have also been done in the gym area.
11. The Sentinel Staff presented the video during Covid-19 with a lip Sync Video, which has been well received by both the students and their families.
12. Update on the school calendar: 2 fewer school days as we will be starting Sept 8th. This means that the school will be extending each day by 3 minutes, and to cover up for the lost time. One min will be added to each Bloc.
13. Remote learning has gone very well. The majority of the students will pass. There are some students who require extra help and the teachers have been doing extremely well in trying to support these kids. The staff at Sentinel have been doing a tremendous job in helping the kids.
14. The government is saying that the schools will be fully operational by September 2020. At the moment we are unsure how this will happen with 1200 kids. An update will be sent later.
15. Attending school in June is 100% optional. Students do not have to come back. Sentinel has been and will be very safe and super clean. The school has gone through a process of deep cleaning phase. The school will be closed every Wednesday to perform a deep clean. During this time, no students and staff will be present at the school. Staff will not be having kids sit down and do any projects or tests. This time is for students to adjust and be safe and help will be provided to any students struggling with any course. The school will have a maximum number of 300/400 students at each time.
16. Report cards will be released end of June.
17. Effie shared a screen of the budget proposal. She led the meeting through a brief review of the execution of the 2019/2020 budget and gave an introduction about the 2020/2021 budget proposal, which will basically follow the previous year. She mentioned the PAC Levy had decreased a lot since using School Cash online because of the “OPTIONAL” choice. MCL received less cash donations due to the outbreak of Covid-19 this year. Final budget will be approved in November for year 2020-2021.
18. Miscellaneous Matters: staff appreciation lunch will probably take place very differently this year due to covid-19 and part-time opening of the school. Mr. Finch suggested catering service from a restaurant and outdoor BBQ for staff to gather together based on $1000 budget allocated to the event by PAC.
19. Nominate and elect new SPAC committee: No election process was needed since there were only a few nominations and anonymous votes are not feasible via Zoom.
20. Chair --- Cathy Yeung (Grade 9)
21. Vice Chair --- Jia Lu (Grade 10)
22. Treasurer --- Effie Gomulia (Grade 8&11)
23. DPAC Rep --- Sunny Sun (Grade 11)
24. Secretary --- Muni Ismail (Grade 9)

Member at large:

Shabnam Taheri, Daniela Tolzman, Tricia Jarvis and a few more to come…

Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 am.