

SENTINEL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Wednesday, Oct 14, 2020
Virtual Zoom Meeting

COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE:

Cathy Yeung	President
Jia Lu	Vice President
Effie Gomulia	Treasurer
Muni Ismail	Secretary

PRESENT: Daniela Tolzman, Amy Cynan, Alice, Bahar, Grace H., Heidi, Bagh, Jasmine Shabnam Taheri, Teresa Themsing, Silvina Moscato

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am

Meeting Agenda:

1. Welcome Remarks ----- Cathy Yeung (5 minutes)
2. Approval of Agenda and September minutes ----- (1 Minute)
3. Principal Report ----- Mr. Finch (25 minutes)
4. Fundraising Overview---- Cathy
5. DPAC Report ---- Sunny (5 minutes)
6. Upcoming Events --- Cathy Yeung (5 minutes)
7. Miscellaneous matters and Free discussion (10 minutes)

1. Cathy started the meeting by welcoming everyone to the Sentinel PAC and introducing all PAC executives and members at large.
2. Approval of the agenda and September minutes, Motion to approve the agenda and minutes first by Daniela and second by Shabnam. All in favour.
3. Mr. Finch, Sentinel's Principal talked about the school as being very safe. The students have been extremely co-operative and are all following the rules. Many of the students also prefer the new schedule. The teachers also feel very positive and everyone is working very hard to keep Sentinel a safe place. The custodians are constantly cleaning all the doorknobs and handrails every hour. Mr. Finch discussed the incident where one

student was found positive with COVID and the teacher. He went further to explain that once a student is found to be positive for COVID, the Vancouver Coastal Health board takes over. The VCH is in control and the principal is not allowed to send any emails or correspondence out to any students or parents. Mr. Finch also mentioned that the VCH handled the matter very well and was always available to answer any questions or concerns. He was very satisfied with the help the school was provided. He hopes that the parents will be more understanding in the future before spreading any information if they are unsure.

Mr. Finch discussed that one of the student councillors, Scott has moved to VSB and we are looking to find a replacement soon. Any questions or concerns, please send an email to the other student councillor or alternatively, you can send him an email.

Girls Volleyball still has a few spots available and anyone interested can still register.

Mr. Finch thanked the PAC for the wonderful lunch which was provided during the September PRO-D day for the teachers via the Pizza truck. The teachers were extremely grateful and thoroughly enjoyed the lunch.

Mr. Finch also discussed that whilst the weather had been good, the school had been able to put some tents outside in the courtyard for outdoor school. Unfortunately, the tents have to be brought down due to the rains and winds.

4. Fundraising Overview:

The PAC receives revenue from three primary sources:

- a) PAC Levy \$25 (School Cash On-Line) and Parent Donations on PAC Events.
- b) Provincial Gaming Grant
- c) Multicultural Lunch (March 2021) -TBD?? (Need parents help for other fundraiser ideas)
Bulk of the funds are used to support our Wish List (Student Council, teachers and administrative staff) and Student's Scholarships.

5. DPAC Reports:

WVSD Board Meeting October 20, 5:00 pm online • Board meetings are a great way to hear directly what is going on in the district. For information and a link to the meeting, visit <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/about-wvs/meetings-minutes>

Parent Education Event – Tech, COVID & Kids October 21, 7:00 pm – Online

Registration Link: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/wvd-pac-webinar-tech-covid-kids-reset-your-home-for-healthy-habitstickets-121632390755>

Treasurer's Meeting October 26, 7:00 pm. Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89879235465?pwd=dS82Szd3ZSt0ZGFINTJXczZRc05LQT09>

Health Protocols:

- WVS will only send out letters once VCH has instructed so, as VCH is in the lead regarding COVID communications and protocols
- WVS cannot set any mandates and rules as this is governed by the province. For example, we cannot set a mandate to make masks mandatory
- Privacy is crucial and will be respected by VCH. The school district & administrators are

not advised on who tests positive – notification and contact tracing is handled by VCH according to rigid privacy rules

Questions and Answers for Chris Kennedy:

1. Parents are concerned that kids will be missing a lot more school this year whether due to stricter screening of cold symptoms or due to COVID related concerns. Is it possible for kids who stay home to have more access to teachers/online teaching? Perhaps they could be added to the TTP program for short periods?
 - a) Basically, if children are sick, they should stay home. If there are any concerns where work is not forthcoming, parents should also contact their school administrator
 - b) TTP is only available for students already enrolled in the TTP program
2. Chris - for high school students, missing school is even more detrimental because of the new intense quarterly system. Are there additional supports for these kids when missing school? The whole year is learned in less than 10 weeks
 - a) Again – yes there is additional support and updating of google classroom. There is also the Tuesday and Thursday blocks where students can virtually meet teachers and book out time for same. This is a provincial challenge and you should reach out to your school counselor, teachers and school administrator if this is not working.
3. Chris: can you update us on why some high school students are getting full time in-class learning and some are hybrid?
 - a) Comes down to cohorts – Grade 8 & 9 students are all through in-person classes. This is because the cohorts are at a maximum of 60 students. There are very few elective choices and it is easier to stay in groups.
 - b) Grades 10-12, as there are more choices and electives, the hybrid systems is being used as maintaining the cohort numbers is more challenging.
6. Upcoming Events - Parent-Teacher Conference Dinner (Nov) Grade 8 Sponsor. Due to Covid19, we will not hold this event and we will postpone Grade 8 sponsor to Christmas to join with Grade 9 and ask parents to monetary donation to sponsor school to get staff lunch catering/gift basket.
7. Miscellaneous Matters and Free Discussions: We asked parents to introduce themselves and their kid's grades.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am