

SENTINEL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday, Sept 16, 2020
Virtual Zoom Meeting

COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE:

Cathy Yeung	President
Jia Lu	Vice President
Effie Gomulia	Treasurer
Sunny Sun	DPAC Representative
Muni Ismail	Secretary

PRESENT: Daniela Tolzman, Melisa Tasse, Priya, Teresa Themsing, Victoria Mendes, Heidi Bagh Khasti, Tin, Silvina Moscato, Val King, Martin Bolduc, Bellaruz, Maryam Tehrani

Meeting was called to order at 9:30am.

Meeting Agenda

- 1) Welcome Remarks --- Cathy Yeung (5 Minute)
 - 2) Approval of Agenda and May 2020 AGM Minutes ---(1 Minute)
 - 3) Principal Report --- Mr. Finch (25 Minutes)
 - 4) Treasurer's Report and Discussion of 2020-2021 Budget Proposal --- Effie (10 Minutes)
 - 5) Upcoming Events --- Cathy (5 Minutes)
 - 6) Miscellaneous Matters and Free Discussion (10 Minutes)
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- 1) Cathy started the meeting by welcoming all to Sentinel PAC and introduce all PAC executives and members at large.
 - 2) Approval of the agenda and May 2020 AGM minutes. Motion to approve the agenda and the minutes first by Daniela and second by Muni. All in favour.
 - 3) Mr. Finch, Sentinel's Principal:
 - a. Mr. Finch talked about the school being very safe. The teachers have been phenomenal and are prepared and comfortable in their surroundings. Most of the teachers came 3 days earlier to become comfortable in the new

system and did some online teaching.

- b. The school is working towards a perfect day and the students are responding very well. The first day of school was a very smooth entry. Although there are now new challenges with the Air Quality and the school is working hard to make sure everyone is comfortable. The school focal point is all about CARE, COMFORT and CONNECT.
- c. New Staff: Learning staff - Chelsea Reader. Learning support will continue during classes. P.E. dept has a new member - Brooks; English Teacher – Mr. Peter; Business - Britt C. and Admin Assistant – Chantel Pamplin
- d. Next Friday Sept 25 Pro-D Day, school will not be in session. Thank you to PAC executives who sponsor “Welcome Back Teachers and Staff” day with a Food Truck.
- e. Terry Fox Run/Walk will be on Sept 28 and recommend every student to bring a toonie to school. The class with the highest money collected will get an award.
- f. Meet the teacher night will not happen on Sept 24 and it will postpone to a virtual meet later.
- g. Total number of students registered in the 2020-2021 school year is about 1165/1170. We have lost around 100 students due to the hockey academy being no longer available and also some international students unable to travel this year.
- h. The new 2020-2021 school system of learning is as follows:
 - 4 Quarters - 2 subjects each quarter and run every 10 weeks and the Q1 will end Nov 14.
- i. Parents' questions to Mr. Finch:
 - a. What happens when a child missed school for a day or even 14 days? Live streaming classes is not available at this moment. All teachers will have a strong presence on google classroom. Kids will be getting support from teachers.
 - b. What happens to all the Bands, Clubs, Drama etc? All of these will happen in time.
 - c. In the Town Hall meeting there was a discussion on New Filters being replaced for the Air Quality. The facilities crew is already underway. Every school in the West Van School District is already well exceeding the minimum requirements.
 - d. Can student stay at school during remote learning when parents cannot drive them home? Parents can arrange with school and there will be a place for them to stay and do their remote learning.
 - e. Is there a carpool system to ease the traffic congestion at school? School do not arrange carpool and cannot share parents contacts due to privacy.
 - f. In the event of COVID in the school. Safety is already in place. The coastal health will take over and the student will have to isolate. Learning will continue. Students will be supported and education will continue.

4) Effie shared a screen of the proposed budget and the Income and Expense Statement. She led the meeting through a brief review of the execution of the 2020/2021

proposed budget and the up to date income and expense statement.

Cathy mentioned about PAC levy \$25 will be on CASH online soon and this fund is used to purchase extra teaching materials that teachers submit on their Wish List.

- 5) Upcoming Events – We traditionally would ask parents to cook, bake and bring food and drinks to events like Christmas Baking, Parent/Teacher Interview night buffet, Valentine’s Baking and the biggest fundraising event Multicultural Lunch. Due to Covid19, we will not be able to hold these events but we will still support our school community events by asking specific grades parents to monetary sponsor to this event and school can arrange food catering or gift baskets.
- 6) Miscellaneous Matters and Free Discussions. We asked parents to introduce themselves and their kid’s grade.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.