

## SENTINEL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

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Held on Wednesday, January 13 ,2021  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

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### **COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**PRESENT:** Shabnam Taheri, Daniela Tolzman, Teresa Themsing, Silvina Moscato, Mr. Finch, Victoria Mendes, Hamid Payombarnia,

**Meeting was called to order at 9:30am.**

### **Meeting Agenda**

- 1) Welcome Remarks -- Cathy Yeung (5 Minute)
  - 2) Approval of Agenda and Nov 2020 AGM Minutes --(1 Minute)
  - 3) Principal Report -- Mr. Finch (25 minutes)
  - 4) DPAC Report -- Sunny Sun (10 minutes)
  - 5) Valentine's Day Treats Thursday, February 11 (hosted by Grade 9) -- Cathy (5 minutes)
  - 6) Multicultural Lunch March 2021 – Fundraising Ideas (10 minutes)
  - 7) Miscellaneous Matters and Free Discussion (10 Minutes)
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1. Cathy started the meeting by welcoming all to Sentinel PAC.
  2. Approval of the agenda and Nov 2020 AGM minutes. Motion to approve the agenda and the minutes first by Shabnam and second by Muni. All in favor.
  3.
    - a) Mr. Finch and all staff would like to thank all the parents' donations and PAC for organizing the Sentinel Staff Holiday Treats Day. They all enjoyed the festival turkey lunch and loved their Christmas gift.
    - b) Mr. Zoltan, our Music teacher sent out a virtual Christmas concert and it was a fantastic celebration of music and we received a lot of good feedback from parents.
    - c) Last week, welcome back to school at the DPAC Meeting, Sentinel presents on SOGI (Sexual Orientation Gender and Identity) which is about inclusion, diversity, and acceptance in our schools.
    - d) We have 2 weeks left for Q2, our kids and staff continue to do tremendously well. One slight change we have implemented "Transition Day" on Monday, February 1 (transitioning from Q2 to Q3) and there are also Transition Days planned for Q3 to Q4 on Friday, Apr 23 and end of the year transition June 25. All teachers will notify and email their students what their specific class expectation will be on Feb 1, some academic classes might have an AP test and some students may need that day to catch up their lab report and test that they missed so they will need to be at the school on that day. Others who already completed all their work do not have to attend school and can stay home to prepare their Q3 remotely. Pro D is on Friday, January 29.
    - e) Grade 12 committee and Counsellors are working on special functions to

- celebrate alternative plans for the Grade 12.
- f) Grade 8 Information Night virtual live broadcast (15-20 mins) will be happening tonight and we are asking parents to help share that information to others. There are 2 school information videos that are already uploaded on our school website.
  - g) Numeracy Assessment for Grade 10 is scheduled during Jan 25-28<sup>th</sup>.
  - h) Advanced Placement 2021 Information is scheduled for Jan 19 where there will be a presentations and video links will send out to parents and students.
  - i) Grade 8-11 Planning Information on Jan 27
  - j) On Tuesday Feb 2 Q3 starts, and on Tuesday, Feb 9 Q2 report card will be distributed.
  - k) The current Covid cases at school are impacted by family members who tested positive and children were at school on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school and then self-isolate at home. Information provided by VCH that kids at school need to self-monitor only.
  - l) School is planning for next year school system and want to get feedbacks from parents and students what they think about the new quarterly systems what's working and what's not. Some parents mentioned the senior grade students taking AP courses, the 10 weeks duration is too short to cover all the required work and others suggest 4 courses per semester and only 2 quarters system and please email Mr. Finch for your feedback.
4. Sunny report that the virtual annual Trustee Liaison session was held on Wednesday January 6<sup>th</sup>. In the meeting, Westcot and WVSS shared presentation on Indigenous Education, Sentinel and West Bay shared their presentation on SOGI (Sexual Orientation Gender Identity) and Hollyburn and Rockridge shared presentation on Anti-Racism. And breakout groups of elementary and secondary school parents shared their thoughts of each topics. Links to the six presentations are listed for your information.
- [Indigenous Education - Westcot](#)  
[Indigenous Education - WVSS](#)  
[SOGI - West Bay](#)  
[SOGI - Sentinel](#)  
[Anti-Racism Education - Hollyburn](#)  
[Anti-Racism Education - Rockridge](#)
5. Sentinel Staff Valentine's Day Treats is on Thursday, February 11, 2021 hosted by Grade 9. In previous years, we asked parents to provide baked goods, appetizers, fruits and drinks but this year due to Covid, and for everyone's safety, we are asking parents for a monetary donation via e-transfer, cash or cheque. We can then get valentine's treats to show our thank you for all the extra work that they have been doing adjusting to the new Covid procedures and the new quarterly system. The deadline to donate February 1<sup>st</sup>.
6. The Multicultural Lunch (MCL) is our PRIMARY fundraiser which is used to support Student Scholarships, Staff Wish Lists - items that are used for teachers' classroom enhancements to benefit our children and other School Major Projects. Due to COVID, this year we are unable to run this event and discussion of different ways to raise \$8000 funds – online silent auction, fundraiser campaign donation to set up cash online to get tax receipts. Any ideas or any other suggestions please email Cathy.

Meeting was adjourned @10.30am.