

SENTINEL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING Annual General Meeting

Held on Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Virtual Zoom Meeting

COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE:

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

PRESENT: Shabnam Taheri, Teresa Themsing, Silvina Moscato, Nora Gambioli, Tina Jiang and Mr. Finch

Meeting was called to order at 9:30am.

Meeting Agenda

- 1) Welcome Remarks - Cathy Yeung (1 Minute)
- 2) Approval of Agenda and March 2020 AGM Minutes - (1 Minute)
- 3) Review 2020/20201 Budget and Approve 2021/2022 Budget Proposal- Effie (20 Minutes)
- 4) Principal Report - Mr. Finch (30 minutes)
- 5) Miscellaneous Matters and Free Discussion (10 Minutes)
- 6) Nomination and Elections of New PAC Committee 2021-2022

1. Cathy started the meeting by welcoming all to Sentinel PAC.
2. Approval of the agenda and March 2020 AGM minutes. Motion to approve the agenda and the minutes first by Shabnam and second by Jia. All in favor.
3. Effie reviewed 2020-2021 financial Budget report and all approved the proposal school financial budget for 2021-2022.
4. a) Mr. Finch would like to give a huge thank you to all PAC members for their outstanding contributions towards the Grand Week activities and Friday Food Truck.
b) **AP Exams:** During May 4-17, 300 students are taking more than 650 AP exams.

c) **Grad updates:** Virtual Grad set for Tuesday, June 1st, all day event at the Kay Meek Arts Center.

d) **Scholarships:**

- ✧ All grade 12's is encouraged to submit an application for the Internal/Sentinel scholarships.
- ✧ Application deadline is Friday, May 14th @ 3p.m.
- ✧ Applications can be found on the page of the Sentinel Website.

e) **Course Selections:**

- ✧ All students should have completed course selection by now.
- ✧ Verification forms were handed out earlier this week and deadline for any changes is Friday, May 14.

f) **Grade 7 Orientation:** Another virtual event will be released most likely in June once Grad is over.

g) **Audits:** School and District underwent a SPED audit, and a financial audit before Spring Break. Everything went incredibly well, including 100% compliance in the SPEC audit, something never achieved before.

h) **Year End:**

- ✧ Last day of block rotations: Friday, June 25
- ✧ Report Card distribution: Tuesday, June 29
- ✧ Report cards will be distribution electronically. Students with outstanding fees may have delay to their electronic access.

i) **School Projects** for 2021-2022

- ✧ Tennis Courts resurfaced
- ✧ Exterior of building re-painted.

j) **2021-22 Calendar/Minutes:** Present Calendar template for the 2021-22 school year and proposed class schedule.

k) **Timetable for 2021-22 School Year;**

The following information summarizes some of the key findings and provides a high-level overviews of our Secondary Schedule planning for the 2021-2022 School Year. **Please Note: given current and projected COVID-19**

information we have to plan and prepare for quarters. We may still have cohorts. A Semester System is a possibility if guidelines allow.

Current Context:

- ✧ We are planning the 2021-2022 Secondary Schedule with the understanding that we will still be in the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ✧ The 2021-2022 school year is a “Transitional Year”
- ✧ We do not know what the MOE/Health Guideline will be for September 2021.
- ✧ The 2021-2022 Secondary schedule needs to be flexible and scalable between Stages 1 and 2 of the BC Restart Plan.
- ✧ We are anticipating 100% in-person instruction.

Takeaways from Stakeholder Survey

- ✧ Quarter System had been working in the context of the pandemic
- ✧ Focusing on fewer courses at a time had been easier for students to manage.
- ✧ The Hybrid experience, as provided this year, was less effective than in-person instruction.
- ✧ X Block is highly effective, and with refinement, has greater potential.
- ✧ A Semester Schedule is views by all stakeholder groups to be the most effective schedule for students learning.

Next Step

- ✧ We are beginning our planning around the Quarter System as it provides maximum flexibility.
- ✧ We are optimistic that guidelines will permit us to transition from our Quarter System planning to a Semester Schedule for the 2021-2022 School Year.
- ✧ Although we not running a traditional linear schedule next year, there will be some linear course options available.
- ✧ Regardless of the schedule above, we will continue to have X Block to provide linear programing and student support.

I) 1 year + Anniversary of COVID: Amazing that are only 7 weeks away from completing the school year, under incredibly challenging circumstances. We are so proud that all staff and students continue to do a fantastic job. With the recent start of Q4, a reminder to everyone that although tired, we encourage grit, resilience and while also being mindful of self-preservation. We want everyone to finish the year physically and emotionally intact. Please

communicate any concerns to counselors.

m) Final Thank you to PAC, Congrats. to our Graduating Parents

n) **Important Upcoming Dates:**

1. AP Exams: May 4-17
2. School Not in Session: Friday, May 21
3. Victoria Day: May 24
4. Grad Ceremony: June 1
5. Q4 Mid-Term mark posted: Week of June 1
6. Last day of block rotations: June 25
7. Last day of school/report pick up: June 29

5. Nomination and Elections: 2021-2022 Sentinel PAC committee

PAC President: Cathy Yeung

PAC Vice President: Jia Lu

PAC Secretary: Tina Jiang

PAC Treasurer: Effie Gomulia

DPAC: Representative: Nora Gambioli

Member at Large: Shabnum Taheri,

Member at Large: Daniela Tolzmann

Member at Large: Silvina Moscato

Meeting was adjourned @10.55am.