

SENTINEL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021
Virtual Zoom Meeting

COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE:

Cathy Yeung	President		
Jia Lu	Vice President	Nora Gambioli	DPAC Representative
Effie Gomulia	Treasurer	Xiang Su (May)	Secretary

PRESENT: Leo Chu, Shabnam Taheri, Dagmar Roth, Nadine Wicks-Kovalvova, Tracy C, Silvina Moscato, Mahesh Chugani, Diane Wenzel, Mahesh Chugani, Arti Chhabra, Jatinder Sidhu, B-C Jody Zeng

Meeting was called to order at 9:30am.

Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome Remarks --- Introduction of all 2021-2022 PAC Executives and members at Large - Cathy Yeung (10 Minutes)
 2. Approval of agenda and May 2021 AGM minutes --- All (1 Minute)
 3. Principle Report --- Mr. Finch (25 Minutes)
 4. Treasurer's Report and Discussion of 2021-2022 Budget Proposal --- Effie Gomulia (10 Minutes)
 5. Upcoming Events --- Cathy Yeung (5 Minutes)
 6. Miscellaneous Matters and Free Discussion (5 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 2021 AGM minutes. Motion to approve the agenda and the minutes first by Shabnam and second by Jia. All in favor.
 3. Mr. Finch, Sentinel's Principal:
 - a. Mr. Finch welcomed everybody back to school and thanked everyone, particularly Cathy and all PAC executives and all Members at Large.
 - b. 2021-2022 School enrolment 1200.
 - c. New Staff: Sherri Armstrong (English), Amanda Tabone (English), Jody Sparkes (Art), Karen Leeson (office), Stefan Huskilson (Counselling), Shawn Anderson (VP).

- d. Returning Staff: Christi Bauck (PE), Lauren Hart (Home Ec).
 - e. There is great energy at school and it is a positive start.
 - f. Health and Safety: mask wearing a non-issue, follow all VCH protocols. Our kids are phenomenal. They are really doing what they can and be mindful. It is a very positive sign during pandemic.
 - g. New paint job was done in the summer. The school building looks fantastic now. We got new tennis courts service, which used on daily basis. And the school's garden space was expanded and made a wonderful place.
 - h. New Semester System: SBO will conduct review process throughout the year.
*New Semester Schedule: There are 4 classes for each half-year.
*New Block rotation: Monday – Friday is fixed schedule.
 - i. X-Block on Tuesday and Thursday: X-Block is an outstanding opportunity for student to get additional support. We strongly encourage kid to stay during X-Block to get help.
 - j. Course Selection / Change Process: There are 452 course change requests. We could not accommodate all of them. Grade 12 student always get the priority because they need to get right courses for their graduation.
 - k. Summer School / Online Courses: challenging to accommodate
 - l. Cafeteria Opening: Cafeteria was supposed to open on this Wednesday, but there was issue. We will try to open on Friday.
 - m. Return to Sports, Activities, and Clubs...
The key message delivered to kids: Please be Patient!
 - n. Upcoming dates / Events:
*Meet the teachers virtual meeting Sept 20-23, teachers will either send emails or setup virtual meet with parents.
*Grade 8 Parents Info Night Sept 28.
*Grade 12 Parents Info Night Oct. 5.
*Grade 8 BBQ Lunch Sept 16.
*Covid Vaccine Clinic at Sentinel Field House from 9:00am-12noon on Friday, Sept 17.
*Election Polling Station at Sentinel at Main Gym from 7:00am-7:00pm on Monday, Sept 20.
*Terry Fox Run Fundraiser on Sept 23.
*Pro-D on Sept 24 (no school).
*Orange Shirt on Sept 29.
*Truth & Reconciliation Day on Sept 30 (no school).
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 2021/2022 proposed budget and the up-to-date income and expense statement Mr. Finch explained that PAC levy \$25.00 is used to purchase extra teaching materials, scholarship fund, etc.
5. Upcoming Events:
*Grade 8, 10 and 11 Group sponsor Christmas Lunch (December)
*Grade 9 sponsor Valentines Treats Day. (February)

*Multicultural Lunch – all grades sponsor. (March)

*Year-End Appreciation Lunch – all grades sponsor. (June)

We traditionally would ask parents to cook, bake and bring food and drinks to events. Due to Covid 19, we will not be able to hold these events like before, 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.

Cathy also talked about new ideas of fundraising, such as Mulch & Soil fundraising and Pie fundraising.

6. Miscellaneous Matters and Free Questions: We talk about how we promote the school bus more in order to have enough students register and keep the school bus running regularly.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:48am.

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TAKE THE BUS TO SCHOOL!



Private School Bus for Sentinel students
Stops in North & West Vancouver (see schedule)
every school-day morning and afternoon
Contact: westvanschoolbus@gmail.com

For about \$5 per day, Sentinel students can take a school bus that will get them to school on time (even early!) and parents don't have to drive or wait in line to drop off every day!

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Departure Times	Stops and Route
7:30 am	<p>Parkgate Mall -</p> <p>The bus will start at Parkgate in front of the Seymour Spirits Liquor Store. The bus will usually be parked waiting for the kids by 7:20. The bus will leave Parkgate promptly at 7:30 AM from this stop so as to keep on time for the rest of the schedule. The bus will not wait for latecomers and there is no attendance taken.</p>
7:32 – 7:34 am	<p>Berkley -</p> <p>The bus stops at Mount Seymour Parkway at Berkley at the district bus stop on the North-East corner to pick up kids.</p>
7:45 am	<p>Lonsdale and 29th South-East Corner -</p> <p>The bus will pick up at the public bus stop on 29th.</p>
7:55 am	<p>Sentinel Secondary -</p> <p>North Van kids dropped off at Sentinel. Proceeds to pick up West Van kids.</p>
8:05am	<p>Inglewood and 12th St -</p> <p>Picks up kids on Inglewood at 12th St.</p>
8:10am	<p>Inglewood and 20th -</p> <p>Picks up kids on Inglewood at 20th St.</p>
8:15am	<p>Mathers and 20th -</p> <p>The bus picks up the kids at the bus stop.</p>
8:25am	<p>Sentinel Secondary -</p> <p>Then proceeds to Sentinel via the upper route, (does not go on the highway or back to 15th, it will be too busy there by this time). Drop the kids in the pullout just in front of the entrance to Sentinel.</p>