

SENTINEL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday, October 13, 2021
Virtual Zoom Meeting

COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE:

Cathy Yeung	President	Nora Gambioli	DPAC Representative
Effie Gomulia	Treasurer	Xiangmei Su (May)	Secretary

PRESENT: Shabnam Taheri, Silvina Moscato, Diane Wenzel, Danielle Levine, Sharanam Walli, Saghar Tofigh, Hamid Payombarnia, Mr. Finch

Meeting was called to order at 9:30am.

Meeting Agenda

1. Opening Remarks - Cathy (5 Minutes)
 2. Approval of agenda and minutes September, 2021 - All (1 Minute)
 3. Principal Report – Mr. Finch (25 Minutes)
 4. DPAC Rep Report – Nora (5 minutes)
 5. Fundraising Overview – Cathy (2 Minutes).
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 2022) – TBD or find other fundraiser ideas.Bulk of the funds are used to support our Wish List (Student Council, teachers and administrative staff) and Students Scholarship.
 6. Parent-Teacher Conference Buffet Dinner (Nov) – Cathy (1 minutes).
Due to Covid, Mr. Finch will advise us whether we can host this traditional event or postpone it to join Christmas event with Grade 10 and 11.
 7. Miscellaneous Matters and Free Discussion (10 Minutes)
1. Cathy started the meeting by welcoming all to Sentinel PAC.
 2. Approval of the agenda and September 2021 AGM minutes. Motion to approve the agenda and the minutes first by Shabnam and second by Nora. All in favour.
 3. Mr. Finch, Sentinel's Principal:
 - a. Mr. Finch talked about the school starting slow this semester due to Covid-19. We have overcome many challenges in the first month. We have everyone getting settled and the course change getting settled.

- b. Grade 8 and 12 information night last week: There were 60-70 attendances from each grade participating in the virtual meeting.
- c. Covid-19 Vax Clinic in middle of September at school.
- d. Polling St. on September 20: We did student vote and the kids did a fantastic job; and we thank for Mr. Chase and social study department for helping.
- e. Terry Fox Run Fundraiser on September 23: There were 4-5 different groups through the day and did the run, and we raised over \$1,000 dollars.
- f. Orange T-shirt: 3 students helped design T-shirt and we sold 100 shirts to students and staffs.
- g. Sports and clubs go on: We tried to make everyone safe, secure and confident.
- h. One of challenges is to find supervisor. We usually have 4 supervisors. We need to hire people to do supervising during lunch and office hour. One of the challenging areas is our cafeteria because it is super busy during lunch.
- i. Super keens / wish-list: Friday (Oct. 15) is the last day for application.
- j. Nov. 10 (Wednesday): Parent teacher conferences and Remember Day will be virtual.
- k. X-Block: It works very well. Lots of students sticked around and parents encouraged kids to stay here for help.
- l. DPAC: Mask wearing will be applied for elementary school. Our kids and staffs in sentinel are amazing and they are doing well to keep themselves and classmates safe.
- m. Ministration order (draft): There will be no grade on the report card for grade 8 and 9 next year (September 2022). Grade 10, 11 and 12 will continue receive grade of percentage on report card.

4. Nora shared DPAC Rep meeting:

- * There were about 50 DPAC AND PAC rep in the meeting. Three motions related to wearing masks for primary level and get more information and to vote on discussion on the WVDPAC letter to Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health and PHO, this was supported by 80% member of the council at the meeting.
- * Chris Kennedy, Superintendent reports there are 7183 students enrolled to date, increase from last year is driven by an increase in international students. Local enrollment is driven by students outside of West Vancouver.
- * Tips for PAC:
 - a. To communicate regally with all parents
 - b. To celebrate our success in school
 - c. To work with ministration and staffs
 - d. To make volunteering easy
 - e. To encourage volunteer more
 - f. To build school spirit
- * Due to Covid, the school bus service is not running because there are not enough parents signed up. We need to promote it earlier for next school year

5. Cathy went through fundraising overview:
 - a. PAC Levy \$25 (School Cash Online: Optional)
 - b. Provincial Gaming Grant
 - c. Multicultural Lunch (March 2022) – TBD or find other fundraiser ideas.
The bulk of the funds are used to support our PAC Wish List (Student Council, teachers and administrative staff requests items to enhance their classroom teaching for the benefits to our students) and also for the Students Scholarship.

6. Cathy talked about Parent-Teacher Conference Buffet Dinner (Nov. 10).
Due to Covid, Mr. Finch suggest to do virtual meetings instead. Then we will postpone our traditional Grade 8 Sponsor to Christmas event to join with Grade 10 and 11 (due to Covid, we might have to repeat what we did last year and ask for monetary donation to sponsor staff lunch catering/gifts).
We have some donations \$ left from last year's events and PAC will sponsor the 1st event Parent Teachers Conference Lunch on November 10.

7. Miscellaneous Matters and Free Discussion
 - * Grade 12 1st Grad Event, Food Truck lunch is scheduled on Thursday, Oct 21. School will provide lunch to all Grade 12 students and Parents can help to support the event by donating through School Cash Online.
 - * PAC meeting will continue to be virtual meeting until further notice.
 - * Each student's club has a responsible teacher to associate with. Student clubs can submit their requests from PAC Wish List, such as T-shirt and other items, depending on what they needed to run the clubs.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30am.