

SENTINEL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday, November 17, 2021
Virtual Zoom Meeting

COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE:

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

PRESENT: Shabnam Taheri, Silvina Moscato, Diane Wenzel, Danielle Levine, Sharanam Walli, Tracy C, Max, Victoria Mendes, Nadine Wicks, Michelle Ross, Amin Kheradjoo, Zinqin Shang, Jatinder Sidhu, Mehran, Golshan, Julia Kutlubay, Melanie Miao, Michelle and Mr. Finch

Meeting was called to order at 9:30am.

Meeting Agenda

1. Opening Remarks - Cathy (1 Minutes)
 2. Approval of agenda and minutes October, 2021 - All (1 Minute)
 3. Final Approval of Budget Proposal for Year 2021-2022-Effie (5 minutes)
 4. Principal Report – Mr. Finch (20 Minutes)
 5. DPAC Rep Report – Nora (5 minutes)
 6. Wishlist Updates – Shabnam (5 Minutes).
 7. Grad Committee Updates - Silvina (5 minutes)
 8. Fundraising Updates - Diane (5 minutes)
 9. SFU Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology Project/Field Trip Updates - Nadine (5 minutes)
 10. School Christmas Decoration - Tues, Nov. 30 @ 5:00pm and take down on Tues, January 4, 2022 - Daniela (2 minutes). Need 5-6 volunteers to help.
 11. Upcoming events: Holiday Treats for Sentinel Staff - Dec 14, 2021
 12. Miscellaneous Matters and Free Discussion (5 Minutes)
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1. Cathy started the meeting by welcoming all to Sentinel PAC.
 2. Approval of the agenda and October 2021 AGM minutes. Motion to approve the agenda and the minutes first by Danielle and second by Victoria. All in favor.
 3. Effie gave a brief financial update on both the PAC 2021-2022 School Year Budget Proposal and the Income and Expenses Report. She explained the accounting system of ours is cash

basis. Cathy proposed to give a final approval of the 2021-2022 Budget Proposal. All in favor.

4. Mr. Finch, Sentinel's Principal:

- a. Mr. Finch thanked PAC for hosting the Staff Appreciation lunch on Nov. 10th for the Teachers Parents Conference.
- b. Our 7 AP art students in both grade 11 and 12 received 100% on their assessment. Less than 200 students worldwide receiving scores of 100%.
- c. A group of students, particularly in grade 10 raised over 1,800 dollars for Tekumlups the Secwepemc for Truth and Reconciliation. I am super proud of them.
- d. We got a number of teams on Provincial Championship games 1) Senior soccer team 2) The Cross Country (XC) Provincial Championship was held on Saturday Nov 6 and the Sr. Girls Team won the Bronze Medalist. The XC Provincial Championship was hosted by Sentinel coaches Mr. Wilson and Mr. Fenn. They did a phenomenal job. 3) Our field hockey team just got back from Duncan and they got 5th place in the Provincial. 4) Our volleyball team will play tonight and I hope they are qualified from Provincials. 5) Our Sentinel Swim Team will be competing at the BC High School Swimming Provincial Championship this Fri and Sat. Wish them Best of Luck. Lots of success are going on at school.
- e. We had grade 12 Literacy assessment and about 95% of grade 12 students completed so far. UBC and SFU need min score proficient and higher (3+) for their admission requirement. School will arrange 3-4 opportunities to rewrite during the year.
- f. Remembrance assembly are done virtually. Huge thanks to student council as well as students in band, choir and art classes for an outstanding presentation. Also, thanks to Mr. Virag for his leadership and videography.
- g. We had the Parent Teacher Conferences virtually on Wednesday Nov 10 afternoon 2:00-4:30pm. We will have another Parent Teacher Conferences in Spring (Mar 9 or Apr. 14). Parents comments that 5 mins was too short.
- h. Midterm report card will be released either today or within 24 hours.
- i. We had quite some challenges in the last 10 days of school. Last Tuesday we had power outage. Our staff stayed at school until 12:45pm when the power finally came back on. We tried our best to communicate and the X-Block are open and we had many students returned to school to participate the X-Block.
- j. On Monday, we received a bomb threaten call around 9:15am. We contact with the West Vancouver Police department immediately, and the polices came here in 2-3 minutes. We decided not just to evacuate, but to dismiss the students. When the polices were here, they took over. All students and staff were moved to the Field House waiting for parents pick up. In the end we cleared the building by 3:00pm and school was closed and all activities were also cancelled. This similar situation happened 11 years ago. It was super inconvenient and frustrated about everything, but it was super important for us to take seriously and super important for student to understand that their safety and the staff's safety is the number one priority.
Feedback and questions from parents: Some students confused with fire drill, and did not take it seriously. Is it possible that students take their phone with

them when evacuating? What is the procedure for the evacuation?

- k. Winter concert will get the message out whether it will be in person or virtual in the last two weeks before Christmas break.
- l. Friday, December 17 is the last day of school before the winter break.
- m. Grade 8 Open House will be virtual after New Year (January 13th, 2022)
- n. Grad semi-formal plan will be at school on Feb. 3rd. Grad Commencement and banquets have been planned. More details will come later.

5. Nora reported the Nov 3 DPAC meeting:

- * School board chair spoke about the fact that bargaining with the Teacher Union is starting up.
- * The total number of students decline slightly. The number of English learners has declined a little. Sentinel has the most population (about 1200 students)
- * The DPAC said that there was no any rule for parents at school. The DPAC talked about issue being conscious and aware of email list and social media.
- * West Van Police did presentation about Youth Leadership programs.
- * In North shore safety council meeting, they talked about school safety and traffic. And they are able to come to road safety bulletin.
- * Public buses are free for kids under 13 years old.

6. Shabnam reported that the Wish List Committee had reviewed all the 2021- 2022 wish list requests. Last year we received 30 requests and this year we have received 56 requests. The wish list items are for non-curriculum-based requests from teachers, staff and clubs, which benefit as many students as possible. And we approved \$21,000 for this year.

7. Silvina shared the Grad committee update. The food truck for Grad at school last month. There will be a movie night planed at school in November. On February 3rd, Grad students will gather together and dance. We might need some parents' volunteers.

8. Diane shared the fundraising idea: pie order, mulch, spirit wear (mask, shirt and pants) and PAC donation on-line. Suggested to have samosa and pie fundraising around Xmas.

9. Nadine reported SFU Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology Project/Field Trip Updates:

- * We are planning a full-day field trip for AP Bio 11 sometime in May/June; dates to decided with Ms. Alm & Ms. Battram.
- * Students will do a hands-on experiment in the Biomedical Physiology/Kinesiology lab as well as a hands-on experiment in the Molecular Biology/Biochemistry lab.
- * Students will be escorted to one of the campus cafes for lunch in between sessions.
- * Students will have an opportunity to visit our anatomy lab and try out our state-of-the-art Anatomage digital anatomy dissection table, one of just a few in Western Canada.
- * We are in the process of obtaining final approval from BPK/MBB, but, other than inclusion of any COVID-related protocols, we don't anticipate any hurdles
- * If this event is a success, we would be happy to continue on an annual basis for Sentinel AP Bio 11 students.

10. Christmas decoration is schedule on Tuesday, Nov. 30 at 5:00pm, and Take Down on Tuesday January 4, 2022. Volunteers: Shabnam Taheri, Diane Wenzel, Xiangmei Su, Max, Nora Gambioli, and Victoria Mendes. Daniela will be in charge of the decorating team and she will contact all volunteers.
11. Sentinel Holiday Treat Day is schedule on Tues, Dec. 14th, 2021. Volunteers: Max, Su and Mary. Grade 8/9 parents are sponsoring the 1st event and Cathy will setup Perfect Potluck for parents to sign up for food/drinks donation.
12. Miscellaneous Matters and Free Discussion:
 - * Some parents cannot attend PAC morning meetings and they would like to know if it is possible to schedule evening meetings.
 - * We won't have PAC meeting in December, but in January we haven't decided if we will have our PAC meeting virtual or in person yet.
 - * Regarding the traffic, parents asked if it's possible that we could set up our school classes into different staggered start time in order to make the traffic better for next school year. Mr. Finch said it was a big conversation and school did not have the final decision yet.
 - * Nora reports that Sentinel school bus is now officially dead. How can we do a better way to arrange the school bus again? We will talk about this offline or through the email. Parents who are interested can email to Nora directly at ngambioli@westvancouver.ca

Meeting was adjourned at 11:10am.