

SENTINEL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday, January 12, 2022
Virtual Zoom Meeting

COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE:

Cathy Yeung	President	Nora Gambioli	DPAC Representative
Jia Lu	Vice-President		
Effie Gomulia	Treasurer		

PRESENT: Shabnam Taheri, Silvina Moscato, Jatinder Sidhu, Nadine Wicks, Anna Chin, Stephen, Haiyan Ma, Michelle, Jasmine, Serena, Keivan Bandi, Julia Kutlubay, Ashley Xiao, Sepideh, Amin Kheradjoo, 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 November 2021 - All (1 Minute)
 3. SFU Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology Project/Field Trip Updates - Nadine (5 minutes)
 4. Principal Report – Mr. Finch (20 Minutes)
 5. DPAC Rep Report – Nora (5 minutes)
 6. Grad Committee Updates - Silvina (5 minutes)
 7. Upcoming Events: Valentine’s Treats Day Monday Feb 14 (sponsor by Grade 10) (5 minutes)
 8. Multicultural Lunch March 2022 Fundraising Ideas - Diane (10 minutes)
 9. Active Transportation Month – Nora & Jatinder (5 minutes)
 10. 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 November 2021 AGM minutes. Motion to approve the agenda and the minutes first by Shabnam and second by Nora. All in favor.
 3. Nadine reported SFU Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology Project/Field Trip Updates:
 - * We are excited that we got approval from the BPK/MBB dept and we are having a full-day field trip on May 5 2022.
 - * 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 our virtual our state-of-the-Art Anatomage digital anatomy dissection table, one of just a few in Western Canada.
- * We have to check in with the Health & Safety prior to the date of the program.
- * We set this up field trip for 24 students with Ms. Battram class that are part of the Environmental Science program so there will be students from Sentinel, West Vancouver and Rockridge.
- * Will be in touch with Ms. Alm to setup another field trip for all the AP 11 students at Sentinel.
- * If this event is a success, we would be happy to continue on an annual basis.

3. Mr. Finch, Sentinel's Principal:

- a. Mr. Finch began with greetings Happy New Year to everyone and also thanked PAC for hosting the wonderful Staff Holiday Treats Day on Dec 14th.
- b. During December we had meeting discussion with Nora and Jatinder re: how to control traffic at Sentinel, with ideas of signage - bike to school, bus to school, etc. School had sent email to parents regarding different drop off options to ease the traffic driving up to the school main entrance.
- c. Great to have students back to school and they are doing great. The staff are doing well and worked hard last week to prepare for the potential upcoming hiccups. Functional Closure, it is not a district base but is more individual schools. We are in a good state, healthy staff and we can replace any sick staff with our TLC. If we do have not enough TLC for a specific day, we will notify parents that school might be close due to that reason.
- d. I am sure many parents have concerns and/or uncertainties about moving forward School/District continues to do everything in their power to maintain the Health & Safety for students and staff, and to keep schools open.
As per since the onset of COVID-19, we will continue to follow the protocols and guidelines set out for us by the Ministry and Health Authority.
Although it may not seem perfect, or something we always like, to date their directions have proved effective and successful. Our kids are in school and learning is happening.
- e. All students participated in a review of Health & Safety protocols yesterday in their classes. I addressed the school in person over the PA.
Messaging is being sent out regularly by the school and District. The kids are doing great! Mask wearing are excellent. Hallway traffic flow, lunch in rooms, Cafeteria is open but no eating, hand sanitizing, maintain social distancing.
- f. We are less than 3 weeks left in Semester 1.
Report cards will be published on Feb. 4
Teachers are doing all they can to support students and help them be successful in their classes. If there are any questions/concerns, please reach out to your child's teacher.
Monday, Jan. 31 transition day. Students may not be requested to be in school. Each teacher will notify their classes of expectations. Some students may well be in the building completing unfinished/make up work.
Feb. 1 is the first day of Semester 2.

- g. Lots of upcoming dates/events:
 - Thurs. Jan. 13 - Gr. 7/8 information night (virtual)
 - Tues. Jan. 18 - AP Info night (virtual)
 - Mon. Jan. 24 - Pro-D day (non-instructional day)
 - Tues. Jan. 25 - Grade 9 Immunization clinic
 - Wed. Jan. 26 - Grade 8-11 Course Info (virtual)
 - Jan. 25 - Jan. 28 Grade 10/12 Lit/Num. Assessments
 - School will arrange 3-4 opportunities for Grade 12 to rewrite during the year.
- h. Grad Events - Semi Formal set for Feb. 3 has been postponed. Most likely to take place in April. Year-end grad commencement - school still planning to do an in-person graduation event, but with reduced capacity. May mean splitting grad class into half/smaller groups, limiting the number of guests/spectators in attendance.
- i. Chinese New Year Celebration Feb 4 is cancelled due to the covid.
- j. School sports practices and games are stilling going but no spectators allowed.
- k. School is doing our absolute best to make sure the school is safe and out students/staff remain healthy!

5. Nora reported the Dec DPAC Dec 1 meeting:

- * When can we meet in person? We will continue virtual zoom meet until further notice.
- * Issues with Transportation to School – too many parents are driving kids to school and Sentinel are working on school bus option and 3 other elementary few schools are also interested to know more.
- * WVS Premier Mechatronics Robotics Academy Presentation by Todd Ablett. There are 200 students from the 3 WV high school, 6 teachers involved and they involved in international competition.

6. Silvina shared the Grad committee updates: Email has been sent to all Grade 12 parents

- * Grad Clothing is here! -students can pick up from the counselling suite now! Grad wear day on Friday!
- * Grad Group Photos -Just a reminder that there is an opportunity for grads and their friends to take Grad Group Photo Sessions. -January 19th, Sentinel cafeteria -Maximum 12 people, one leader signs up
- * To schedule please go to: <https://artona.com/schools/SENT/programs/graduation>
If you need any assistance Artona offers “LIVE” chat with their customer service team – They are available from 8 am to 10 pm every day and can quickly help them out.
Announcement: Due to our current public health orders and the current COVID variant, we will be postponing semi formal.
- * TBD (April 2022)-SPRING SEMI FORMAL 6:45PM-10PM -Dance (with DJ), Photo booth (printable photos on sight), Casino Night (with professional staff) & Catered appetizers/drinks-Dress: semi-formal-Sentinel gym, cafeteria & foyer
Tickets will be available through school cash online in March (~\$80)

7. Upcoming Events: Valentine's Day Treats February 14, 2022 (Sponsored by Grade 10)

- * It is a tradition at Sentinel to show teachers and staff our love and appreciation for "Valentine's Day Treats" in February. In previous years, we asked parents to provide baked goods, appetizers, fruits, and drinks but this year due to covid again, we are asking parents for a monetary donation to get Valentine's treats.

Donations can be made via e-transfer (SentinelPAC@gmail.com) or cash or cheque (payable to Sentinel PAC) and please have your child drop off at the school office in a sealed envelope with "Valentine's Treats" written on it. The deadline to donate is Monday, February 7th.

8. MCL Fundraising ideas.

- * Due to covid, we will not be planning MCL again this year. This is the only major fundraising that Sentinel has and the funds we raised are used for school projects and student scholarships.
- * We will probably run another fundraising campaign to ask all grades parents for monetary donations and a tax receipt will be issued from the district.
- * Other fundraising ideas of selling samosa, pies, sentinel gear and soil will be postponed to the next meeting when Diane can join us.

9. Nora and Jatinder shared the Sentinel "Active Transportation Month"

- * Issue to deal with all the traffic to school and encourage more students using the school bus option.
- * Nora will get estimate the school bus budget and the route plan and will send it to PAC.
- * Promote Active Transportation Month (MAY) when the spring weather comes, an ongoing plan to get parents/students to school not in their cars? We can also get students to help promote.
- * Jatinder/Nora suggested to get survey from Grade 7 parents and provide signage/flyers that there are other alternatives where to drop off students at different locations.

10. Miscellaneous Matters and Free Discussion

- * Mr. Finch suggested that each classroom should have a first aid emergency kit in case of any emergency (liked the bomb threat that we had in November) so teachers can carry it outside of the school and disburse any safety measures that the students might need, and the estimate cost will be around \$8000-\$10,000.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:35am.