

SENTINEL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday, September 14, 2022
Sentinel Secondary School

COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE:

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

PRESENT: Shabnam Taheri, Muni Ismail, Salima Lalan, Finola Lynch, Clavier Ng, Tim Zhang, Clara Wu, Jack Zhao, Lu Tian, Jessie Wang, Xiao Xiao, Claudia Dinu, Teresa Cheung, Anna Chin, Amanda Luo, Rachel Tan, Emily Na, Jas Purewal, Victoria Mendes, Tracy Chung, Sbornstanste Ua, Rachel Hamilton, Helena Teo, Sylvia Ho, Arzoo Baboc, Gem Chu, Magnolia Hu, Cris Liu, Susy Wu, Melody Wong, Jane Huang, Nagress Tablizy, Jeny Li, Sylvia Ho, Diana Lau, Helena Teo, Lina Wu, Sarah Bornstein

Meeting was called to order at 9:30am.

Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome Remarks --- Introduction of all 2022-2023 PAC Executives and members at Large - Cathy Yeung (5 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 2022-2023 Budget Proposal --- Effie Gomulia (10 Minutes)
 5. Stop the Drive Campaign-Nora (5 Minutes)
 6. Upcoming Events - Cathy (5 minutes)
 7. Miscellaneous Matters and Free Discussion (5 Minutes)
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1. Cathy started the meeting by welcoming all to Sentinel PAC and introducing 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 Muni. All in favour.
 3. Mr. Finch, Sentinel's Principal:
 - a. Mr. Finch welcomed everybody back to school and thanked everyone, particularly Cathy and the PAC for their tremendous support.

- b. 2022-2023 School enrolment is about 1200.
 - c. Course Selection / Change Process: There are 300-400 course change requests. We could not accommodate all of them. Counsellors are doing an amazing job of trying to support students with their requests, but most will not be feasible. The deadline of course change: Sep 14, Wednesday.
 - d. New Staffs: Catherine Shier (office), Jayne Chappelle (LSP), Mike Johnson (LSP), Alex Thureau (Counselling), Anndy Sidhu (Connect), Do Hoon Lee (Math), Trevor Neufeld (Bus Ed), Nathan Klippenstein (PE), Revecca Donald (Art).
 - e. Great energy in the building, kids in a wonderful spirit, positive start.
 - f. Grade 8 information night at 6:00 pm on September 13, Tuesday. More than 250 parents attended. Great thanks to Mr. Anderson and the Counselling team.
 - g. Huge success: 239/242 grads in 2022, remaining 3 working on a plan to achieve graduation. Over 97% attend post-secondary from UBC to Harvard.
 - h. X-Block on Tuesday and Thursday: X-Block is an outstanding opportunity for the student to get additional support. We strongly encourage kids to get help during X-block.
 - i. September events:
 - a. Grade 12 BBQ on Sep. 6, Tuesday
 - b. Grade 8 trip to Grouse Mountain
 - c. Grade 8 BBQ/Activity Day
 - d. Meet Teacher Night (Sep. 21, Wednesday)-Open House for everyone. Please come to the school with your child's schedule. It is about 80 minutes.
 - e. Terry Fox Run (Sep. 22, Thursday): BBQ Fundraise by donation
 - f. Professional Day (Sep. 23, Friday): no school
 - g. Truth & Reconciliation week September 26-29, no school on September 30.
 - j. Semester turnaround; Jan 30 and 31. Semester 2 starts February 1.
 - k. Stop the Drive Initiative: In order to reduce the school traffic, please try to find a way to drop the kids at a safe spot and let them walk to school
 - l. New Semester schedule: 4 courses for each semester, and 8 courses for the whole school year.
 - m. Report Cards: starting September 2023, no grades on the report card for grades 8 and 9; there are grades of percentage on the report card for Grade 10, 11 and 12
 - n. Parent and Teacher conferences on Oct. 13rd (Virtual 1:30-4:00 pm)
 - o. G10 and G11's English classes included first people's history and cultural study.
 - p. Thanks for PAC helping fund, and creating great communication between students, parents and our staff. PAC's wish list supports teaching staff for their extracurricular support for students at school.
4. Effie gave a brief financial review of the 2021-2022 budget and explain the income and expense statement. She also reported and discussed the 2022-2023

budget proposal (Events for Donation, PAC Levy, Multicultural Lunch and other LED events)

5. Stop the Drive Campaign-Nora

District RAC representative Meeting about School Traffic and safety: In order to reduce the traffic at the front of the school, we encourage parents to drop off the students at safe spots and let them walk for 5-10 minutes to school. A map marked safe spots where you can drop off your kids safe is shared on the school website. Also, there is a link to the bus route posted on the school website. We could ask the student council to help and create a good behaviour role to decrease the school traffic as well.

6. Upcoming Events

- * Sept 21 in-person Meet the Teachers Night (PAC-sponsored parents' refreshment and staff dinner)
- * Oct 13 Parent and Teacher Conference (Virtual 1:30-4:00 pm)
- * Dec 2022 Christmas Treats Day (setup Potluck for parents' donations)
- * Feb 2023 Valentine's Day (setup Potluck for parents' donations)
- * March 2023 Multicultural Lunch is back this year! – A major fundraiser event serving lunch for over 1200 students and staff.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50am.