

## SENTINEL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

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Held on Wednesday, October 12, 2022  
Sentinel Secondary at Library Mezzanine

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### COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE:

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

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**PRESENT:** Shabnam Taheri, Muni Ismail, Tim Zhang, Anna Chin, Victoria Mendes, Helena Teo, Ar-zoo Baboc, Gem Chu, Jane Huang, Shirley Zang, Tonia Liao, Vivian Chen, John Zhang, Diana Liu, Sarhbonstun Hayaw, Ying Ciang, Yanping Ma, Jatinder Sohu, Tracy Zhang, Michelle Trantina, Victoria, Jenny Hu, Kevin Khansari, Majidreza Pourmand, Cathy Yeons

**The meeting was called to order at 9:15 am.**

### **Meeting Agenda**

1. Opening Remarks- Cathy Yeung (5 Minutes)
2. Approval of agenda and minutes September 2022 - All (1 Minute)
3. Principle Report – Mr. Finch (25 Minutes)
4. DPAC Report - Nora (5 Minutes)
5. Grad Report - Sarah (5 Minutes)
6. STD-Stop the Driving Campaign - Traffic (Jatinder 5 Minutes)
7. Fundraising Overview - Cathy (5 Minutes)
  - The PAC receives revenue from three primary sources:*
    - a. PAC Levy \$25 (School Cash Online) and Parents' donations on PAC Events.
    - b. Provincial Gaming Grant
    - c. Multicultural Lunch - March 2023 (Major Fundraising)
      - \* The bulk of the above funds are used to support our Wish List Requests from teachers, administrative staff, student's clubs/ councils, and Students Scholarship
    - d. New Fundraising Ideas – Mr Cooper's Pie, Lion's Bay Coffee, Samosa Fundraisers, Mulch & Soil Fundraiser, etc.
8. Parents Volunteer - PAC Wish List, Fundraising, MCL Coordinator, etc., and PAC Up-coming Events (5 Minutes)
9. Miscellaneous Matters and Free Discussion (10 Minutes)
  - Lawn Signs Contact: Printhink Solutions-Andrea Pelly 604-312-3744 (STD, MCL)

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 minutes for September 2022. Motion to approve the agenda and the minutes first by Tonia Liao and Second by Shabnam Taheri. All in favour.
3. Mr. Finch, Sentinel's Principal:
  - a. Several hundred parents came to meet the teacher on the night on September 21. PAC hosted a welcome to Sentinel event in the cafe followed by a very well-received Meet the Teacher night. Our kids guided their parents around, and they did a great job.
  - b. Terry Fox Run on September 22. All students and staff attended Sentinel community and raised over \$3600, a new record set for funds raised.
  - c. Truth & Reconciliation week (September 26 - 29). Sentinel's Indigenous Ed. Committee, led by several students and staff, organized a number of activities and events that the school participated in. Brade Baker came to school and spoke to students. Brade supported and answered lots of questions.
  - d. Grade 12 Information Night on Oct. 4. About 150 parents of graduating students came to learn more about the year ahead. We discussed what grade 12 would work on.
  - e. Grade 12 meetings (Grad Chats). All grade 12's had met and heard about the many opportunities that lie ahead, tips for being organized and time management, events, and safety. We encourage parents to have open conversations with kids and try to be positive and engaged.
  - f. Grade 9 immunizations on Oct. 11. All are encouraged to take the COVID Booster and keep our school safe.
  - g. Parents Teacher conferences coming up tomorrow (Thursday, October 13): Focus on 4 courses for this semester. (virtual meeting 1:30=4:30pm)
  - h. Drive safe to school: Work is still being done to try and reduce the traffic congestion in the mornings and after school. Students/Parents doing a better job with regard to finding other ways to get to school. Some students bike and scooter to school. We can still do better.
  - i. Thanks to PAC for getting the Wish List applications out.
  - j. Grad Semi Formal on Nov. 4 at "The View" in North Vancouver.
  - k. Honor Roll: Grades 8 & 9 will no longer have grades or percentages on their report card. Sentinel staff is looking into how to recognize student achievement, Honour Roll is phasing out. Only Grade 12 will have an Honor Roll.
  - l. Field Trips - As mentioned before, Field Trips are a go. Students/Parents can expect an increase, in some cases a significant increase in the cost of these additional learning opportunities.
  - m. Role of counselor: we have the best counseling team at Sentinel. 50/50 split for counselors to provide Guidance and Social/ Emotional support. Each counselor has a caseload in excess of 300 students.
4. DPAC Report - Nora

There is a link on the website from the PAC information to the DPAC presentation that is made.

CFO talked about the amount per student that the district get is about \$9000.  
We have 7200 students in West Vancouver, 1500 students are from outside the district, and 400 (max580) International students. These international students bring a lot of revenue.

5. Grad Report - Sarah

- a. Grad Cloth order online
- b. Grad Semi on Nov. 4: we need a few volunteers to help with decorations.
- c. Grad Dodgeball movie night Nov 8. (6:30 pm-9:30 pm). Entry by donation
- d. Grade 11/12 event on Jan, 26.

6. STD-Stop the Driving Campaign – Traffic & Safety - Jatinder

- \* We are concerned about our kids' safety from getting off the car.
- \* We create a map stop safe (link posted on the school website)
- \* Blue Bus/Trans link: How to manage the route

7. Fundraising Overview - Cathy

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- b. Provincial Gaming Grant
- c. Multicultural Lunch - March 2023
  - \* Major fundraiser lunch event where parents cook and serve over 1200 students and staff.
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- d. New Fundraising Ideas – Mr. Cooper's Pie, Lion's Bay Coffee, Samosa Fundraisers, Mulch & Soil Fundraiser, etc. We need volunteers.

8. Parents Volunteer needed for

- \* PAC Wish List Committee, Fundraising, MCL Coordinator, etc.

9. Financial Statement - Effie

New updates on additional refreshment expense \$400 for Meet the Teacher Night.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30am.