

SENTINEL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday, November 16, 2022
Sentinel Secondary at Room #300

COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE:

Cathy Yeung	President		
Melanie Miao	Vice President	Nora Gambioli	DPAC Representative
Effie Gomulia	Treasurer		

PRESENT: Lu Tian, Marmar Sahba, Arzoo Baboc, Tracy Zhang, Shabnam Taheri, Jabe Huang, Rechen Tan, Elffie Gomulia, Anna Chin, Shabnam Taheri, Gem Chu, Stacey Boothman, Michelle Trantina, Victoria Mendes, Jatinder Singh, Ian Kennedy, Kathy Grant, Mike Finch

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 am.

Meeting Agenda

1. Opening Remarks- Cathy Yeung (1 Minute)
2. Approval of agenda and minutes September 2022 - All (1 Minute)
3. DPAC Report – Nora (5 minutes)
4. Wishlist Updates – Shabnam (5 minutes)
5. PAC Fundraising Updates – Sarah/Stacey (5 minutes)
6. Grad Fundraising Updates – Books Sale -Tracy/Anna – (5 minutes)
7. Grad Events Updates: Sharon - (3 minutes)
Dec 8 Grad DodgeBall/Movie Night: 6:30-9:30 pm (entry by toy/food donation)
Jan 26 Grad Winter Semi-Formal only for Grade 11/12 - Mock Casino,
Dancing/Photobooth, Food & Drinks & Candy Bar (tickets on sale at School Cash
online)
8. Final Approval of Budget Proposal for the Year 2022-2023 – Effie (5 minutes)
9. Principal Report – Mr. Finch (20 Minutes)
10. Xmas Decoration Setup – Tues, Nov 24th @ 1:00 pm or 3:00 pm and Xmas
Decoration Take Down - Tues, Jan 3rd - Victoria (5 minutes) Need parents volunteers.
11. Upcoming events: Holiday Treats for Sentinel Staff (Grade 8/9 sponsor) scheduled on
Tues, Dec 13th, 2022 – set up Perfect Potluck link for parents to sign up.
12. Valentine’s Treats Day for Sentinel Staff – February 14 (Grade 10 sponsor)

13. Multicultural Lunch (MCL) 2023 – Tues, February 28th (PAC Major Fundraiser Grade 8-12 sponsors). Need 10+ different cultural cuisine tables coordinators and set up a menu to serve 1300 students and staff lunch. (Cathy/Melanie)
 14. Guest Speaker – Ian Kennedy, Director of Instruction (Time table/scheduling updates) at 10:20-10:35 am
 15. Matters and Free Discussion (10 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 minutes for October 2022. Motion to approve the agenda and the minutes first by Shabnam and Second by Melanie. All in favor.
 3. DPAC Report: Melanie reports on behalf of Nora.
 - 7240 students across 18 schools in WV; about 1200 at each of Sentinel & WVSS
 - About 390 Int'l students this year; more than 500 before, but not enough Homestay families to host these days!
 - Presentation = Positive Mental Health Focus in WV School District
 - Sense of BELONGING (to school and community) is the most important
 - District has many tools/programs, events & training, i.e. "Open Parachute" in Grades 6-9 in most schools now as part of Career Education and/or P.E. classes. Parents are encouraged to JOIN Open Parachute Program (perhaps the PAC can send this out as a separate email or as part of the weekly newsletter?)
 - Financial aids, ie AP test (Ms. Grant) 1000~7000 to each school
 - International students' tuition
 4. Wish lists updates by Cathy
There were 50 Wishlist requests and approved \$23, 901.84
 5. PAC Fundraising Updates by Stacey
Winter Holidays fundraising will be on eBulletin Thursday.
Purdy's chocolate, Mr. Coopers Pies, Samosa, and Two rivers meat.
Ordering ends Dec. 4th and Purdy's on Nov 30
All pick up at school on Dec 14, 3-5 pm, and Two Rivers Meat butcher, pick up at the North Vancouver store.

6. PAC Books Sale Fundraising by Tracy
She started from the last PAC meeting, putting a books donation box outside of the office, and communicating with other schools' parents for books donation. A successful turnout from other schools but only 20% from Sentinel, and needed to reach out to more parents at school. Other parents recommend RCM books and Tracy will contact Catherine to update on the ebulletin.
Books Sale on Nov 23. 25. 27 during lunchtime in the school foyer.
7. Grad Events by Cathy on behalf of Sarah
 - 1) Dec 8 Grad DodgeBall/Movie Night: 6:30-9:30 pm (entry by toy/food donation)
 - 2) Jan 26 Grad Winter Semi-Formal only for Grade 11/12 - Mock Casino, Dancing/Photobooth, Food & Drinks & Candy Bar (tickets on sale at School Cash online) - more detailed information from Sarah soon.
8. Final approval of the budget by Effie
 - Cash-based accounting
 - reserve funds
 - special expense gaming grant for scholarships, increase scholarship funds
 - Safe teen program healthy relationship
 - no fundraising items
 - Approval of the budget. All approve
9. Guest Speaker: Ian Kennedy, West Vancouver Director of Instruction
 - Discussion on next year time table
 - Currently, COVID transitional timetable, in last year survey 70% prefer no change very diversity: AP, IB, Academy, Learning program, IB/language running during X block.
 - Opinion collection, no perfect one, balance is important.
 - Common schedule for all three secondary schools, meet the needs of students, services, and programs.
 - APs prefer a linear timetable as it needs more time to prepare for the AP Exams.
 - X Blocks helps students to catch up to 50% of students' work in X Block.
 - Students like X Block to choose what subjects they want to do, part of X Block for teachers to prepare joint assessments among parents, students, school/teachers.
 - The school board will announce the timetable system for next year during the spring break.
10. Mr. Finch, Sentinel's Principal report:
 - teachers/parents meeting successful
 - Canadian universities information
 - Grad hosting winter formal on Jan 26
 - student council Halloween costume

- Grad photo next week
- social connected, PJ drive, Christmas concert, Dec 16
- school opens on Tues, Jan 3rd
- Report card issue out today, new reporting template
- Science fair X Block, volunteer sign-up, by students

11. Xmas decoration by Victoria
Setup Thu Nov 24 @ 1:00 pm and Xmas Decoration Take Down - Tues, Jan 3rd - Need parents volunteers. Sign up for help
12. Upcoming events by Cathy
Holiday Treats for Sentinel Staff (Grade 8/9 sponsor) is scheduled on Tues, Dec 13th, 2022 Perfect Potluck link for parents has already been set up for parents to sign and will be on EBulletin tomorrow.
13. Valentine's Treats Day February 14(Grade 10 sponsor)
14. Multicultural Lunch 2023 (PAC Major Fundraiser Grade 8-12 sponsors).
Thurs, March 2. Need 10+ different cultural cuisine tables coordinators and set up menus to serve 1300 students and staff lunch. (Cathy/Melanie)

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.