

## SENTINEL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

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Held on Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023  
In-Person Meeting Room#300

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### **COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

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**PRESENT:** Shabnam Taheri, Muni Ismail, Anna Chin, Victoria Mendes, Gem Chu, Tonia Liao, Vivian Chen, Jatinder Sidhu, Victoria Mendes, Maryam Morshedi

**The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.**

### **Meeting Agenda**

1. Opening Remarks- Cathy Yeung (3 Minutes)
  2. Approval of agenda and minutes Nov. 2022 --- All (1 Minute)
  3. DPAC Report - Nora (5 Minutes)
  4. Grad Report - Sarah (5 Minutes)
  5. Principle Report --- Mr. Finch (20 Minutes)
  6. Upcoming Events: Valentine's Treats Day Tuesday, February 14, 2023 (sponsor by Grade 10) - Gem (5 mins)
  7. Multicultural Lunch (MCL) Thursday, March 2, 2023 (sponsored by all grades parents/guardians) - Melanie (10 mins)
  8. Miscellaneous 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 November 2022. Motion to approve the agenda and the minutes first by Shabnam Taheri and Second by Anna Chin. All in favor.

3. DPAC Meeting - Nora
  - a. Last week, DPAC had a special event, Blanket Exercise (learning indigenous' culture and history). Nora suggested organizing this event for other parents.
  - b. School Traffic: Issue tickets for vehicle violations in order to improve school safety. Create an opportunity to educate kids in high school
4. Grad Event - Sarah
  - a. Grad Doge ball movie night (Dec. 8) was very successful – collected five boxes of toys and food donations.
  - b. Winter Senior Semi for G11 and G12 is being held on Jan 26 at Sentinel. Tickets are on sale through school cash online. Volunteers and donations are needed.
5. Mr. Finch, Sentinel's Principal:
  - a. Happy New Year to Everyone. Thanks to all of you to support our kids and staff.
  - b. Annual Pajamas Drive for Admiral Seymour in December: We raised money to provide a new pair of PJs for each of the 142 students at Sir Admiral Seymour Elementary
  - c. English department raises \$3,500 dollars in a week.
  - d. 21 teams participated in the fall. A huge success in the Swimming team, girls' volleyball team, and cross-country team.
  - e. Grad Doge ball evening was great and about 180 grad kids joined.
  - f. A group of kids went to Pauline Johnson elementary school to support them.
  - g. Grade 7 information night is on Jan. 11.
  - h. AP information night on Jan. 24 at the school library. It is typically for Grade 10/11 students.
  - i. Grade 8-Grade 11 Course Planning Information is on Jan 25.
  - j. PD is coming on Jan. 27 which leads to our semester transition. Students need to attend to complete the required work, but attendance will not be taken on Jan. 30. The last day of Semester 1 is on Jan 31. Semester 2 starts on Feb 1.
  - k. Report card will be released on Feb. 7.
  - l. We will set a linear system schedule during March Break for next year.
  - m. Mr. Scholefield was in health condition now but will not return this school year. Ms. Mirmiran is taking on his class now.
  - n. Application process for Sentinel Secondary 2023-2024: Feeder schools are Chartwell, Cedardale, and Wescot. Students who are in French immersion and catchment area can attend Sentinel and all others have to apply.
6. Valentine's Treats – Gem is helping as coordinator  
This event will be sponsored by Grade 10 on Feb. 14. Volunteers are needed.

7. Multicultural Lunch (MCL) March 2 – Cathy & Melanie as coordinator

The MCL has become a well-known tradition at Sentinel. Students and staff alike look forward to this array of delicious food that proudly presents the different backgrounds of our student body. This is a great opportunity to build community and celebrate the diversity of our school. To ensure the success of this event, we need enough food and parent volunteers to feed more than 1300 students and staff. Please sign up at Perfect Potluck. Each ticket is \$2 and the funds will be for Wish List and Scholarships.

8. Miscellaneous Matters and Free Discussion

Nora: \* Is it possible the school can increase the charge of student parking fees \$20 to \$200 per year.

\* Are there more volunteer opportunities that Sentinel could provide for our students?

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45am.