

## SENTINEL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL AGM MEETING

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Held on Wednesday, May 10, 2023  
Sentinel Library Mezzanine

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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, Anna Chin, Victoria Mendes, Gem Chu, Jatinder Sidhu, Muni Ismail, Diane Shoar, Stacey Boothman, Sarah Bornstan, Michelle Transtina, Maryam Morshech, Lisa Lau and Mr. Finch

**Meeting was called to order at 9:15am.**

### **Meeting Agenda:**

1. Opening Remarks- Cathy Yeung (1 Minutes)
2. Approval of agenda and March, 2023 minutes --- All (1 Minute)
3. Special Guests: Ian Kennedy and Liz Hill (Directors of Instruction) will be presenting on NEW reporting order - (20 minutes)
4. Review 2022-2023 Budget and approve 2023-2024 Budget Proposal - Effie (20 minutes)
5. Grad Events Updates - Sarah (5 minutes)
6. Principle Report --- Mr. Finch (20 minutes)
7. Last PAC event: Year - End Staff Appreciation Lunch - Tuesday June 27 at Sentinel Library (sponsored by all grades). Will setup Perfect Pot-lunch for signup end of May - Melanie Decoration Team (5 minutes)
8. Miscellaneous Matters and Free Discussion (5 minutes)
9. Adjourn Regular PAC Meeting (1 minute)
10. Nomination and Election of New 2023-2024 PAC Committee Executives and Members at Large (20 minutes)

1. Cathy started the meeting by welcoming all to Sentinel PAC and introducing the special guests and all PAC executives and members at large.
2. Approval of the agenda and minutes Feb. 2023. Motion to approve the agenda and the minutes first by Victoria and Second by Shabnam . All in favor.
3. Special Guests: Ian Kennedy WV Director of Learning presented on NEW reporting order:
  - a. Grade 8 & 9 will no longer have grades or percentage on their report cards.
  - b. There will be no effect on grade 10, 11 and 12.
  - c. Three formal report cards and there are two parent, students and teacher's interviews
  - d. Self-assessment of core competencies
  - f. Focus on proficiency : developing skills of problem solving and critical thinking
4. Melanie read 2022-2023 budget review provided by Effie mentioned that we had great success on MCL this year. Effie also provided a 2023-2024 budget proposal. Cathy proposed to give a final approval of the report. All in favor.
5. Grad Events Updates: Grad activities: Grad Carnival on June 1st, Commencement on June 10, Grad Parade on June 13, and Banquet on June 24. Grad: Grad Banquet and Commencement Tickets Sale on Cash Online and please book the table seating on June 12. Grad banquet parents/guests ticket's cost increased from \$140 to \$150. No money making for school. Encourage parents to have positive conversation with their graduation kids.
6. Mr. Finch, Sentinel's Principal:
  - A. FRIM Review Highlights:
    - a) French Immersion: Focus on transition from elementary to Secondary (Grade 7 to Grade 8)
    - b) Develop a Secondary vision (process to happen next year). We will be looking for a few parents to assist in the visioning process.
    - c) To get back culture components: G 12's trip to Italy in 2024
    - d) Connectedness; continue to build a sense of belonging, inclusion for all.
    - e) Increasing number of FRIM courses in Secondary level. Look at other course options for the 2024-25 school year.
    - f) In the Fall, we will work on elementary around French immersion.(Secondary will cooperate with elementary School with French immersion).
  - B. 2023/24 Calendar:
    - a) There will be 180 school days (total 952 hours) from September to June.
    - b) Regular school day schedule will start at 8:30am, end at 3:00pm. (approx. 4-80 minutes periods)
    - c) Monday and Thursday will include Flexible Instruction Time. Periods will be adjusted to accommodate for a 50 minutes FIT period. Classes (approx. 65

mins long, and a 50 mins FIT block) will run 8:30-2:50 pm. During weeks where Monday falls on a day off (holiday, Pro-D etc) FIT days will be Wed and Thurs.

d) Collaboration Day (the last Thursday of every month): 60 mins first block of the day. No FIT on these Thursday's. Allow kids to come to school until 9:45 am.

e) 3 days will be shortened to accommodate for two Parents and Teacher conferences (PTC) and one early dismissal before Winter Break.

PTC will be virtual.

C. 2023/24 School fee will increase on food and wood classes because of inflation.

D. June 15 (3:30pm-4:30pm on Thursday): FESL presentation.

E. AP exams: will finish at the end of this week. Students have done a terrific job.

F. Upcoming Grad Events:

Grad Carnival (June 1), Commencement (June 10), Grad Parade (June 13), and Grad Banquet ( June 24)

A reminder to parents that many Grade 12's also participate in Non-Sanctioned Grad events ( Grad kidnap, Spy vs Spy, Car Rally, Skip Day etc,) Parents are encouraged to discuss these events with their graduated and encourage them to make good decisions. No school sponsorship for any of these events.

G. June 23 (Friday): The last day of taking attendance at school,

H. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (June 26, 27, 28) are for students completing any missing assignments/tests. (no attendance taken)

I. June 29: Report Cards

J. Portable Chrome book and chargeable carts. Hoping that Sentinel PAC will consider sponsoring a new set of Chromebook computers along with 1 or 2 chargeable storage carts. These computers would be for use in the portables. Teachers in the portables are having a difficult time accessing computers for their classes and often have to bring the classes into the Library. Note: Contact PJ Elementary to see if they have unused portable computer carts. PAC approved \$9,500 to purchase the chromebooks.

K. Huge Thank you for All, especially for Cathy: This is the most functional and supportive PAC.

L Student Parking Lot exit will be closed due to BC Hydro upgrade construction in June.

7. Last PAC event: Year-End Staff Appreciation Lunch will be on Tuesday, June 27 at the Sentinel Library (sponsored by all grades).

Melanie and volunteers will setup the tables and decoration at the school library on June 26 at 3pm. This year's theme is Hawaiian. Perfect Potluck will be set up for parents to sign up at the end of May.

8. Free Discussion: Parents education on May 24 (Chat GPT).

9. Regular PAC Meeting was adjourned at 10:30am.

10. NEW elected 2023-2024 PAC Committee:

PAC EXECUTIVES:

PAC Chair        Nora Gambioli  
PAC Vice Chair    Melanie Miao  
PAC Secretary    Xiangmei Su (May)  
PAC Treasurer    Belinda (Bo) Jia  
DPAC Rep.        Stacey Boothman

MEMBERS at LARGE:

Jatinder Sidhu    (Traffic & Safety)  
Victoria Mendes (Grad Liaison)  
Anna Chin  
Gem Chu  
Maryam Morshedi  
Diane Shoar  
Dana Renaud  
Lisa Lau