

# SENTINEL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

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Held on Thursday, November 09, 2023  
In Person Meeting

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## **EXECUTIVE IN ATTENDANCE:**

Nora Gambioli	Chair
Melanie Miao	Vice-Chair
Xiangmei Su (Su)	Secretary

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**PRESENT:** Farzeneh Bambini, Joy Zhou, Jasmine Ni, Maryam Ghalamkari, Tenzin Khangsar, Mahnaz Alavi, Yvonne Lau, Arzoo Babul, Diane Shoar, Echo Chen, Rong Zheng, Sam Ridgway, Anna Chin, Gem Chu, Rob Spurgeon, Diane Wenzel, Effie Gomulia, Lisa Lau, Victoria Mendes, Dana Renaud

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

Nora Started the meeting by welcoming all to Sentinel PAC and members at large.

Agenda: Motion to approve by Victoria and seconded by Farzeneh. CARRIED

Meeting notes from Oct. 12: Motion to approve by Anna and seconded by Melanie. CARRIED

## **Updates:**

### 1. General School Update-Principal Mike Finch

- a. Grad Semi-formal: Huge thanks for tremendous help from our parents. Students had great fun.
- b. Grade 12 parents' activities last week
- c. PAC Wish-List: Process has concluded and teachers have received emails to purchase their requests for items to support classroom activities and student clubs.
- d. Halloween event: Students organized great Halloween activities by themselves at school. We encourage students to do any activities and events by themselves.
- e. Fall seasons sports: Cross country running team, senior volleyball (Boy and Girl) champion. We still need coaches for our grad 8-10 teams this upcoming Winter and for our Senior Boys Rugby team in the Spring.
- f. Sentinel Band Performance: Jazz Cafe at 7:00pm on Oct. 26 great success
- g. Teacher and parents conference on Nov. 2. There will be another one in February, 2024.
- h. Remembrance Day Assemblies: Gr10-12 Assembly is 10-10:40am and the Grade 8-9 Assembly is 11:35-12:15pm.
- i. 4-Day weekend (Nov. 11, 12, 13,14).
- j. Artona Grad photos (Nov. 17-24)
- k. Annual Pajama-Drive for Lord Admiral Elementary school

2. Nora introduced 2023-2024 budget; primarily based on last year's actual expenses and income. We have suggested an increase to parent education from \$500 to \$1000, and decrease to special expenses from \$1000 to \$500. Motion to approve the 2023-24 Budget, Nora Gambioli, Seconded Melanie Miao. CARRIED

3. Wish-List Team: Dana Renaud reported that there were 54 requests from staff. The Wishlist Team, after several meetings, have decided to fund all requests with two exceptions, and partly-fund another item. We are under-budget, so may hold another intake in the new year.

4. Parent Education Team: Diane Shoar reported that the Safe Teen virtual presentation will take place Nov 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. All are invited to participate! In the new year, the Team is planning FOUR more workshops, by West Coast Family Centres, topics include communicating with teens, teens and technology, developing resilience in teens, and teens and anxiety.

Some parents suggested a virtual session for grade 8 & 9 parents regarding the new grading system  
A School Travel Mini Grant (\$300) is available from WVD, and Team will apply in the spring.

5. Grad Team: Victoria Mendes and Lisa Lau shared the Grad parents social event last week. There were about 50 parents who attended and they raised \$2,000! They will organize 2 more Grad parent social events: one in February, 2024 and another in May, 2024.

6. Events Team: Anna Chin reported that there is lots going on:

- Holiday decorating will be Dec 1 at 3pm;
- staff luncheon will be on December 19;
- fundraising with Purdys chocolates delivery will be on December 14;
- books and school supplies sale may be in January

7. Legacy Team: Rob Spurgeon introduced the Team's Legacy ideas for projects and fundraising:

Small<\$25K: Club support, outdoor Pingpong, and outdoor benches.

Big Ideas +\$25K: courtyard cover, field trips, walking path, bike shelter.

Others: Cafeteria and girls bathroom.

Fundraising ideas include karaoke night, parent-social events, cheque-writing campaign.

Team will now create a survey for students to fill out so that we can have feedback from all students in all grades.

8. D-PAC (Online Meeting):

\*school Travel Mini grant: \$300.00

\*Chair Carolyn gave lecture

\*Framework for enhanced student learning

9. Community Liaisons: Nora to connect the Liaison volunteers so that they can share ideas.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.