

SENTINEL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Thursday, Jan. 25, 2024
In Person Meeting

COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE:

Nora Gambioli	Chair	Belinda Jia	Treasurer
Melanie Miao	Vice Chair	Xiangmei Su (Su)	Secretary

PRESENT: Joy Zhou, Biti Lotfi, Fari Dadaei, Tenzin Khangsar, Arzoo Babul, Diane Shoar, Tonia Liao, Sam Ridgway, Dana Renaud, Echo Wu, Anna Chin, Gem Chu, Lisa Lau, Victoria Mendes, Dana Renaud

Meeting was called to order at 9:30am; Nora started the meeting by welcoming all to Sentinel PAC and members at large.

Agenda: Motion to approve by Victoria Mendes and seconded by Joy Zhou. CARRIED
Meeting notes from Dec. 14: Motion to approve by Joy Zhou, and seconded by Dana Renaud. CARRIED

Updates:

1. Parent Education Team - Diane

a. First workshop on Jan. 23: focused on “Communicating with Teens”

A total of 55 people joined the online workshop, and three more workshops are scheduled for Feb. 27, Apr. 23, and May 28.

b. Mobility: A group of students in grade 11 is planning for what they believe they can contribute at the student level, they will attend our next PAC meeting. Also, BC Hydro project from Jan. 15 - Mar. 15 affecting student parking 15th & Cross Creek.

2. Legacy Team – Sam

Presented and discussed Legacy Project Priorities (see chart attached). Team will further refine the cost estimates and begin to plan some fundraising activities.

3. Wish-List Team - Dana

a. Will send out a reminder to staff to claim the approved items by Jan. 31.

b. Will send a second call for Wishlist funding, focusing on student Council & clubs.

4. Events Team - Anna

a. Joy: Take down of winter holiday decorations on Jan 8th. Lunar New Year decorations set to go up Feb 2nd.

- b. Gem: Staff Holiday Luncheon on Dec. 19 was a great success; lots of tasty food, and funding donations were \$3,365! (our budget was \$1000). Staff were very appreciative.
- c. Gem: For Valentine's Day, Volunteer parents will put together small packages of baked goods for each staff member; focused on donations from G8 & G10.
- d. Melanie: Multicultural Lunch is March 7th, our largest fundraiser for school scholarships, looking now for Table coordinators to volunteer!

5. Grad Team - Victoria

- a. Winter Formal on Jan. 25
- b. Two more Grade 12-Parents-social Nights: one in February and one in May.

6. District PAC - Nora

10 tips for parenting digital natives:

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| * Be present and informed | * Technology Free |
| * Balance screen time and green time | * It takes a village |
| * Walk the talk | * You are the parent |
| * Join in | * Be specific |
| * Family plan | * Be age appropriate |

7. General School Update-Principal Mike Finch

- a. Thanks to PAC for the Holiday Appreciation lunch and gifts for staff!
- b. Nov-Jan is a stressful time for senior students due to applications for Universities/scholarships, early application deadline is Dec. 1, 2023.
- c. 242 Grade 12 students met graduation requirement last year.
- d. One of our students is actually in the final run of Canadian biggest Scholarship.
- e. Staff changes; Mr. Finn, one of our longtime PE staff left last Friday. Ms. Krug & Mr. Wilson will take over his roles. Mr. Fan will leave, and we are adjusting to a new teacher.
- f. Grade 8 - 11 information night on Jan 30.
- g. Kathy Grant will re-schedule the AP information night at library on Feb. 6th.
- h. Winter Formal on Jan. 25: huge thanks to Lisa and Victoria.
- i. Lunar New Year celebrations in February.
- j. A fun event for the kids and families in the middle of February is our main stage production in our own theatre: MacBeth!
- k. Staff are spending time discussing with students topics of inclusion, sense of belonging, and sense of community. School has hired an outside consultant who has been part of the conversations.
- l. Thanks to Diane, for organizing PAC education evenings.
- m. We are undergoing a major construction project that impacts our student parking area and the exit driveway.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:55am

2024-2025 LEGACY PROJECT PRIORITIES

LEGACY PROJECT PRIORITIES	VALUE (helps many students)	TIMELINE	COM- PLEXITY	COST
1. Field Trip Fund (in BC)	High	immediate	Low	\$5,000
2. Indoor social spaces (adding furniture & art, removing some lockers, construction)	High	12-18 months	Medium	\$15,000 (3 x \$5,000)
3. Outdoor benches/tables	High	12 months	Medium	\$9,000 (\$3000 x 3)
4. Outdoor ping-pong tables	Medium	12 months	Medium	\$20,000 (\$10,000 x 2)
5. Music Instruments	Low	6 months	Low	\$20,000?
6. Walking path	Low	2-3 years	High	\$100,000