

## SENTINEL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

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Held on Thursday, October 12, 2023  
In Person Meeting

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### COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE:

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

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**PRESENT:** Bita Lotfi, Fari Dadnei, Joy Zhou, Jasmine Ni, Mahnaz Alavi, Maryam Ghalamkari, Tenzin Khangsar, Stacey Boothman, Dana Renaud, Chen Tan, Diane Shoar, Echo Chen, Rong Zheng, Sam Ridgway, Magnolia Hu, Gem Chu, Echo Wu, Rob Spurgeon, Ava Wenzel, Diane Wenzel, Victoria Mendes

Coffee chat: Parents separated into 5 teams (Wish-list Team, Parent Education Team, Grad Team, Event Team, Legacy Team)

### **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 Joy and seconded by Rob. All in favour.

Meeting notes from Sept 14: Motion to approve by Diane, seconded by Melanie.

All in favour.

A summary of last month's brainstormed "theme" words to support our priorities this year:

***"Growing our diverse school community through fun activities that support student needs"***

Updates:

1. 2023-24 Budget: Belinda introduced the balance sheet which would be used in the future, and explained PAC income, expense, and scholarship. We will approve budget in November.
2. Wish-list team: Dana reported that they used google forms to collect Wish-list from teachers. They have received 9 requests already, and the deadline is Oct. 20th.
3. Parent Education Team: Dana reported that the Team will try to reach as many parents as possible and plan to record events to help parents who might miss the parent activities. They will research ideas, survey parents, narrow down the topics, and plan so that parents and students can both attend education events.

4. Grad Team: Victoria reported that Grad Team will host
  - a parent-social at 6:00pm on November 1st. They are going to fundraise grade 12s because there are lots of expenses and they want to make sure no students are left behind. Ticket cost will be \$15.00 for one and \$20.00 for two. All the revenue will go to fund for helping Grad. School also will give some money for help Grad. G12 Parents will be responsible for their own meal and drinks.
  - Grad Semi at Pipe shop
  - New Year Party: Barbecue event
5. Event Team: Anna & Gem reported that the Team is planning dates and events:
  - Purdys chocolates (fundraising)
  - Holiday decorating (end of Nov & early Jan)
  - Teacher luncheon (December 19)
  - Multicultural Lunch (March 7, 2024, fundraising)
  - Valentine's Day (baking for teachers)
  - Teacher Appreciation Lunch (June)
6. Legacy Team: Rob reported that the Team is planning major fundraising for hands-on school projects *"to proactively enhance the school experience for our children and future students by helping build community and school spirit initiatives to support healthy students"*. They will focus on legacy projects that consider the possible school renovations or rebuild, and will reach out to parents, teachers and students to gather all ideas. These are 1½-2-years projects....
7. District PAC: Melanie reported that there are 7346 students enrolled in WV schools; we have 18 schools - 4 high schools and 14 elementary schools. Funding for 6982 local students and 364 international students. Any parents can attend a DPAC meeting!
8. General School Update – Principal Mike Finch
  - a. Welcome new teachers joined our school.
  - b. Grade 9 first Career meeting
  - c. Sep. 21: Terry Fox Run: raised \$5000!
  - d. Registration opens for parent/teacher virtual conferences on Oct. 17
  - e. Grad Semi-formal on Oct. 19
  - f. FIT time: Encourage students to get help from their teacher if they need it
  - g. Report card: no letter-grades on the report card for grades 8 and 9

Teams discussed further plans, and meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.