

SENTINEL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Thursday, September 14, 2023
In-Person Meeting

EXECUTIVE IN ATTENDANCE:

Nora Gambioli	Chair		
Melanie Miao	Vice-Chair	Stacey Boothman (regrets)	DPAC Representative
Belinda (Bo) Jia	Treasurer	Xiangmei Su (May)	Secretary

PRESENT: Farzaneh Bamani, George Zhou, Lily Ma, Liam cammack, Lin Yuan, Jasmine Ni, Ma Kazimi, Naghmeh, Natalia Rosales, Nikki Razvi, Sima Tajlil, Sylvi Rahman, Taniia Pan, Tenzin Khangsar, Maryam Morshedi, Amy Chen, Chen Tan, Dana Renaud, Diane Shoar, Echo Chen, Rong Zheng, Ruby Xueru Hu, Sam Rulgwong, Sarah Sun, Serena Kuang, Tonia Liao, Yvonne Tang, Cici Li, Jatinder Sidhu, Magnolia Hu, Mia Xi, Sarah Shi, Tracy Lu, Vivian Dai, Anna Chin, Brenda Weeks, Gem Chu, Rob Spurgeon, Vivian, Diane Wenzel, Lisa Lau.

9am - Coffee chat: Parents separated into grade-groups to meet and talk.

Meeting was called to order at 9:30am.

- 1.) Nora started the meeting by welcoming all to Sentinel PAC and members at large.
- 2.) 2023-2024's Themes and Priorities: (brainstorming activity): *community, improvement, equity, healthy, fun, love, enjoy, welcoming, growing, adventure, happiness, BBQs, food, sharing, colourful, communication, thriving, inclusiveness, "kaizen" (constant improvement), growing, advocacy, no wifi, no traffic, sustainable.*
- 3.) Traditional Activities and Priorities:
 - "Wish-List" - Class/Club Supplies/Equipment: \$24,000.00 – Dana, Effie, Bo, Rob
 - Scholarships & Grad Events: \$12,000.00 – Victoria, Lisa
 - Parent Education/Workshops: \$500 – Diane, Jatinder, Dana
 - Staff Appreciation Events: donations (ie. Christmas, Valentines, Year-end) Maryam M (9), Gem (11), Anna (11)
 - Multi-Cultural Lunch (MCL) Fundraiser (in March) – Melanie (and many others); we have 15 different parent-cultural-communities and welcome parents to join!
- 4.) **New Suggestions for Activities & Priorities:**
 - Gym/Sports improvements and strategies
 - What do our kids need? i.e bike racks/lockers, path, and what do our kids think they/the school need?
 - Big-ticket items/Legacy projects (not small supplies); the school itself seems "outdated"
 - Life skills for students/workshops: support for students including skills for relationships and anxiety.
 - School trips: Special raise money by PAC?
 - Not much traditionally for student relationship/team-building activities

5.) Community Liaison Parents

Korean: Diane Shoar

Chinese: Yvonne Tang, Amy Chen, and Michael(?)

Persian: Farzaneh Bamani

6.) Vice-principal Kathy Grant

a. Welcoming all Sentinel PAC members and new parents.

b. 2023-2024 school year: School goes back to linear system

c. New staff and teachers:

Martina Brazeau is the Administrative Assistant for Mike Finch.

Kat Janda (Secretary in Main Office)

Amy Wong (French Immersion)

Alyssa Deneau (French and English)

Breanna Lang (French and English)

Emily Jang (Learning Support Teacher)

Jennifer Murray (Counsellor)

Tori Smith (Science)

Binita Thanki (Science)

d. School started fairly well:

*G8 Team building-All day

*G8 and G12 BBQ

* Sep. 12: G8 Parent night at 6:00pm

* Sep. 21: Terry Fox Run

*Sep. 22: PD Day (outdoor Rec Hike)

* Sep. 27: Meet the teacher night at 7:00pm-8:30pm

*Sep. 28: Collab Day (Students come to school at 9:30am)

*Oct. 4: G12 Parents night at 7:00pm (events planning)

e. Report card: no grades on report cards for grade 8 and 9

f. Field Trips: French immersion tour to historic area, Spring break: Italy trip

g. PAC wish list is very helpful for supporting our teachers.

h. Grad Events: Grad Semi-Formal on Oct. 19

questions

a. Life skills: How can we help students manage themselves in both social world and emotional world?

b. Digital Calendar or school App – can we create this?

c. School Traffic: a big problem, need more bike racks and a locker

d. Fit block (Mon & Thurs)

e. Sports programs: Parents can come and watch.

7.) Budget (Belinda):

We use a cash-based system. PAC passed a draft budget in May.

Income (about \$45,000) is mainly from MCL fundraising and a gaming grant.

Most expenses are for Wishlist items and Grad and teacher appreciation events.

New ideas for fundraising: book sale, direct donations (cheque drive), silent auction

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.