

# SENTINEL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

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Held on Thursday, December 14, 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:** Farzaneh Bamani, Joy Zhou, Tenzin Khangsar, Yvonne Lau, Shahrzad Pashaie, Maryam Mors-hedi, Diane Shoar, Rong Zheng, Sam Ridgway, Dana Renaud, Jennifer Heyries, Anna Chin, Gem Chu, Rob Spurgeon, Diane Wenzel, Lisa Lau, Victoria Mendes, Dana Renaud.

## **Meeting was called to order at 9:10am.**

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

Agenda: Motion to approve by Farzaneh and seconded by Joy. CARRIED

Meeting notes from Nov. 09: Motion to approve by Anna and seconded by Diane. CARRIED

## **Updates:**

### 1. Events Team - Anna

- Joy: December 1, Set up Holiday decorations and thanks to all volunteer parents.
- Gem: Staff Luncheon on Dec. 19 (Food Donations full, and fund donations so far: \$1,800.00)
- Anna: Thank you for purchasing Purdys chocolates. We made a profit of \$658.00 for PAC to support our school community.
- Book Sale fundraiser could be in January.

### 2. Wish-List Team - Dana

- Half of the approved requests from teachers and staff have been claimed so far.
- Suggestions: A second call to teachers, clubs, and Students Council for funding requests that support our "motto" (*Growing our diverse school community through fun activities that support student needs*) and that of the Legacy Team (building community, school spirit and healthy students), Including social activities for G8, 9, 10, 11 (\$500-\$1,000 for each grade). Dana and Nora to refine further.

### 3. Parent Education Team - Diane

- SafeTeen presentation was done virtually on Nov. 19. Total 48 people participated. The presentation was recorded and will be posted online later.
- Four more workshops scheduled in 2024: Communicating with Teens on Jan. 23; Teens & Technology on Feb. 27; Teens & Anxiety on Apr. 23; Developing Resilience in Teens on May 28. Unfortunately, these workshops can't be recorded due to copyright.

4. Grad Team - Victoria/Lisa

Grad semi-formal in November was a great success at the PipeShop in NVan. The Grad Team will organize two more Grade 12-parent-social events in 2024: one in February and another in May. Suggestion: G8, 9, 10, 11 parents could host grade-socials too, and perhaps any fundraising could go towards Legacy projects!

5. Legacy Team – Rob & Sam

a. Student Survey: 369 students responded! Using an AI program, one winner from each grade (a \$25 Park Royal gift certificate) was chosen and Team will create a message to announce the winners for next week.

b. Results: From the staff-PAC suggested list, replacing the gym floor, improvements to the cafeteria food/lineups, a gym scoreboard, creating outdoor foot paths and encouraging field trips rated highly. Of the student-suggested projects, cafeteria and bathroom improvements, adding more outdoor and sports amenities, and gym improvements rated highly.

The Legacy Team will write a summary of the results as feedback for students, and bring their refined recommendations (in conjunction with Mr. Finch) for January's PAC meeting.

6. District PAC – Stacey (notes read by Melanie)

Our monthly meeting was a "World Café" event. We discussed PAC Bylaws, after-school programs, PAC finance, and traffic and safety issues.

*We need to update/draft new Bylaws this year.*

7. Community Liaisons - Diane, Melanie, Farzaneh

Spreading the message about Multicultural Lunch and our other activities to our different cultural communities is going well.

8. General School Update-Principal Mike Finch

a. Wish List: Thanks PAC for supporting

b. Christmas Decoration: Thanks for all of parents coming to help.

c. Congratulations to the Sentinel SR Girls' volleyball team for the BC School sports AAA Championship win this week!

d. Practiced "Lock Down"

e. Grad Photos

f. First Learning update done

g. Survey: What could Sentinel community do better? About 850 students responded.

h. One staff member, Shannon Grey, recently passed away.

i. Annual PJ Drive for Admiral Seymour: 142 Pairs of Pajamas

j. Winter Concert on December 20th

k. Open House on Jan. 10, 2024 for incoming Grade 8s

l. AP information night on Jan. 18, 2024

m. Parent-Teacher conferences on Feb. 1st. 2024

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50am.