

SENTINEL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Thursday, June 14, 2024 In Person Meeting

COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE:

Nora Gambioli Chair
Melanie Miao Vice-Chair

Belinda Jia Treasurer
Xiangmei Su (Su) Secretary

PRESENT: Joy Zhou, Farzaneh Bamani, Yvonne Lau, Maryam Morshedi, Arzoo Babul, Diane Shoar, Tonia Liao, Dana Renaud, Anna Chin, Gem Chu, Diane Wenzel, Lisa Lau, Victoria Mendes

Meeting was called to order at 9:00am.

Motion to approve the Agenda by Farzaneh Bamani, seconded by Joy Zhou. CARRIED

Motion to approve Minutes from May 9 by Maryam Morshedi, seconded by Tonia Liao. CARRIED

Updates:

1. Events Team - Anna / Gem

- A. Gem: The last event for this school year is Staff Appreciation Lunch on June 25th. The theme is comfort and relaxation, with blue decor and music.
- B. Anna: Next school year, regular events will continue, but the planning for Multicultural Lunch will start earlier.

2. District PAC - Joy

- A. Updates by Chair of Board Trustee and Superintendent Chris Kennedy: Demonstration restrictions in school, total number of students, home stay numbers, Harry Jerome Oval update, summer learning, cell phone use in school, Sept. 25 DPAC lunch, Open AI use in school, etc.
- B. Ian Kennedy on WVS Premier Academy 2024-2045: Programs include sports, cyber security, and classes like volleyball, basketball, fashion, badminton, baseball, etc. Students are encouraged to enrol in these programs which may not be available in other school districts.
- C. Letter to Minister of Education and Child Care from School District, DPAC, and PAC, requesting a revised funding model for the 2025-26 school year to ensure program sustainability and student support. **Motion to approve the letter to Minister of Education by Joy Zhou, and second by Dianne Shoar. CARRIED**

3. Grad Team - Victoria / Lisa

- A. Successful "Carnival" with parent volunteers for the barbecue. Lisa organized games, and no students were on their phones!
- B. Commencement is this Saturday for three hours, and the Grad banquet is next Saturday evening.
- C. The parent social event generated \$2,000 in funds, last October.
- D. Victoria suggested billing the October parent social as a Legacy event to encourage specific donations.

4. Legacy Team — Sam / Yvonne

- A. Grade 11 parent social event raised about \$7,000!

- B. Plans are to begin the installation of indoor seating areas over the summer by removing some areas of lockers.
- C. The goal is to raise \$40,000 next year by:
 1. Explaining PAC and Legacy during the September open house.
 2. Promoting Grade socials.
 3. Holding a large silent auction.
- D. The British Pacific Properties is willing to donate wood for the woodworking program.

5. Wish List- Dana

- A. Teacher feedback received.
- B. \$19,763 in requests were claimed.
- C. Total of 60 requests. Next school year, teachers/club sponsors will need to fulfill orders as early as possible.

6. Parent Education - Diane

- A. Traffic initiative – Next Year Campaign
 - * Led by Sentinel Students and Parents
 - * Collaborated with WVPD & Bylaws
 - * Date: September 03 -13, 2024
- B. Ideas for topics for next year:
 - Cellphone Ban in School presented by Cari Wilson, Vice Principal of Innovation and Technology with West Vancouver Schools, in September.
 - Mentoring for Boys, Dads, and Mums presented by Walter Mustapich, Co-founder of Boys Club Network in November, 2024.
 - Post-Secondary Unpacked presented by Lisa Blinder, Counsellor at Sentinel Secondary School in January or February Or March, 2025.
 - Parent Education Workshop sponsored by Westcoast Family Centres
 - Mock Crash Scenario hosted by ICBC and North Shore Safety Council in May, 2025.

7. Sentinel School Update - Mr. Finch

- A. Thanks to all subcommittees and parent contributions this year.
- B. Grade 7 visits coming up.
- C. Grad carnival a couple of weeks ago, concerts last night, cabaret in the theatre two weeks ago.
- D. Administered over 80 scholarships to 75+ different recipients.
- E. Grad Commencement is at noon on Saturday, June 15.
- F. Next school year's linear calendar includes Pro D days, vacation times, one parent-teacher conference in January, and a written and electronic interim report in late October.
- G. Awaiting for approval for International trips.
- H. Grad banquet on Saturday, June 22, with nearly 600 attendees!
- I. Clarified the secondary students are allowed to use personal devices for educational purposes as assigned by the teachers, based on West Van District's policy.

A special gift and thanks presented to our amazing Vice-Principal, Kathy Grant, who is retiring after 47 years as a public education professional.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50am.