

ECOLE SENTINEL SECONDARY
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

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

Thursday, May 15, 2025

9:00am, Classroom 208

Draft Agenda

8:30 - Coffee/social

9:00 – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes from April 10th meeting

Reports, Plans & Decisions:

EVENTS TEAM – Anna

PARENT EDUCATION TEAM including “Mobility” – Diane

LEGACY TEAM – Sam – Motion to donate a total of (\$21,000) to the school administration for the “Gymnasium Enhancements Project”

GRAD TEAM – Gem

WISH-LIST TEAM – Dana

DISTRICT PAC – Joy

AMENDMENTS to PAC Constitution & Bylaws – Tonia

CHAIR’S REPORT – Nora – Motion to approve Chair’s Report

ELECTION OF OFFICERS/Directors-at-Large for 2025-26 school year –

Farzaneh – Motion to approve the list of volunteers nominated for Executive and Directors-at-Large

BUDGET Actuals and draft for 2025-26 – Belinda – Motion to approve the draft Budget for 2025-2026 as presented

SENTINEL SCHOOL UPDATE – Crystal Tanfara

10:50 – Adjournment, and more Team planning!

CHAIR'S REPORT 2024-2025

This year we continued with our vision statement of ***“Growing our diverse school community through fun activities that support student needs”*** with an emphasis on social and collaborative activities.

We held 10 PAC meetings, 2 welcome nights for grade 8 and new parents; created five WhatsApp Parent Groups with a total of over 500 parents, supported a last-minute provincial Volleyball Tournament, and donated \$50,000 to the school for enhancements to the gymnasium to accompany the upcoming new floor.

Our five amazing parent Teams celebrated staff, supported students, brought parents together, AND raised money for school facilities!

Events = celebrated staff with huge luncheons and gifts at Christmas, Valentines Day and End-of-Year, organised a book sale, AND coordinated and managed our famous Multi-Cultural Lunch in March, raising over \$16,000, most of which will go towards student scholarships!

Grad = organised events for grade 12 students and parents, including Casino Night, Winter Semi-formal, Grad Banquet and Commencement ceremonies.

Wishlist = distributed well over \$32,000 in Gaming Grant funding and reserves through two rounds of applications to clubs and teachers for school and classroom enhancements.

Parent Education = hosted a series of four parent education workshops, and coordinated with student “Stop The Traffic” Club to support active transportation initiatives and traffic safety events throughout the year.

Legacy = organised five very successful “Parent Socials” for parents in each grade in October, garnering over \$14,500 more in donations for our “Social Spaces” Project, and hosting an astonishing Online Auction with 140 items, and culminating in a ***Spartan Games & Casino Night*** on April 16th which raised over \$23,700 for further gym enhancements!

Sentinel administration kindly supported each of our Parent Socials, and our hopes for student “Social Spaces” to be created throughout the school as soon as possible. Lockers were removed over last summer, raw wood delivered, and Mr. Visser worked overtime and weekends to produce a series of 8 unique and beautifully crafted wooden benches for students to gather, and that will last as legacy pieces for many years to come. PAC funds also enabled the purchase of high-top tables and 16 chairs to adorn the main hallway, and the art department are finalising plans to create murals for this hallway as well.

Many thanks to ALL parents who participated this year to support our students’ needs, create a more engaged parent community, and to have fun; this year will go down as a very memorable and successful one for Sentinel PAC and for all of us!

Nora Gambioli
PAC Chair 2024-25

VOLUNTEERS offering to stand for election for 2025-26 school year:

Executive

CHAIR	Nora Gambioli
VICE-CHAIR	Tonia Liao
TREASURER	Chen Tan
SECRETARY	?
District PAC REP	Joy Zhou

Directors-at-Large

Events Team Lead	Gem Chu
Wishlist Team Lead	Tonia Liao
Parent Ed Team Lead	Diane Shoar
Legacy Team Lead	Sam Ridgway
Grad Team Lead	Kerry Fahardi & Dana Renaud
Grade 8 Rep	Chen Tan
Grade 9 Rep	Amy Chen
Grade 10 Rep	Farzaneh Bamani
Grade 11 Rep	Maryam Morshedi
Grade 12 Rep	Echo Wu