

## ECOLE SENTINEL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Thursday, April 10, 2025 9:00AM - 11:00AM  
In-Person Meeting – Sentinel Cafeteria

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Nora Gambioli	Chair	Anna Chin	Events Team
Tonia Liao	Co-Chair	Sam Ridgway	Legacy Team
Belinda Jia	Treasurer	Dana Renaud	Wishlist Team
Yvonne Lau	Secretary	Amy Chen	Grade 8 Rep
Gem Chu	Grad Team	Farzaneh Bamani	Grade 9 Rep
		Chen Tan	Grade 10 Rep
		Echo Wu	Grade 11 Rep

**AND:** Tenzin Khangsar, Jasmine Ni, Principal Mike Finch

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8:30am – Coffee;

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

**Motion to approve the April 10, 2025 Agenda by Anna Chin, second by Farzaneh Bamani. CARRIED.**

**Motion to approve Minutes from March 13, 2025 by Yvonne Lau, second by Sam Ridgway. CARRIED.**

### PAC Updates / Reports:

- **Legacy Update – Sam Ridgway**
  - o **Auction** is launched and running with 160+ bids at \$7600 bids received.
  - o **Sentinel Social & Games Night on April 16.** Event planning is underway. Ticket sales are slow (38) but like other events, it will ramp up quickly the last few days. Target is to sell 100 tickets. Besides casino games, there will be other carnival games, active games hosted by Sentinel Athletic teams, and raffle draws. Auctions will end on the same evening, with 3 exclusive in person items to auction off. Sentinel Jazz band of 8 will be playing. Hors d'oeuvres and mocktails will be served. Mr Finch has arranged for student helpers. Set up begins at 3:30pm with 6-7 volunteers. Event is hosted at the library with access to the gym for some games. Wireless payment will be set up for drinks and raffle purchases.
- **Event:**
  - o Will support Legacy on the upcoming Sentinel Social & Games Night.
  - o Last event: year-end staff appreciation, to be held on the last week of June.
- **Parent Education: Nora**
  - o **Parent Education Online Series: Mindful Connections - Parents & Teens Thrive Together**
    - Next workshop: April 29, 2025, 7pm - Topic: Mindfulness and Burnout Prevention. The workshop is delivered by Kristy Ambrose – Parent Educator from Westcoast Family Centres.
  - o **A possible parent education by WVPD: In Person, scheduled for late October 2025.**
    - WVPD Community Services Team is dedicated to eliminating barriers between youth and police by actively promoting accessibility and education in school.
    - We are planning to host this event in person so to encourage engagement and allow participants to feel comfortable asking questions.
  - o **Mobility:**
    - Car-pooling app will require a cost one way or another, so this is now put on hold until a decision is made on how to cover the cost, e.g. membership fee paid by parents, applying for \$300 traffic mini grant from municipality, etc...

- “Stop the Traffic” remains highly engaged in volunteering and directing traffic, PAC is going to offer to pay for pizza lunch for the team to show appreciation.
- **Grad Team: Gem**
  - Students are in process of choosing their path for post-secondary education. Majority of post-secondary offers will arrive on May 1.
  - Another reminder that scholarship applications are due May 2 to Sentinel office (Kat).
  - Grad Carnival, to be held on May 30 afternoon consists of BBQ and games, is the last sanctioned grad event. Will need 7-8 parent volunteers to help with BBQ.
  - Details about commencement (June 14 – Westside Church) and grad banquet (June 21) will come out in April.
- **Wishlist: Dana**
  - Wishlist grants for second intake have been informed, and we are awaiting for claims from teachers.
  - Tonia has agreed to step in to lead Wishlist 2025-26!
- **DPAC**
  - WVPD came in to spoke on their goal to build stronger trusts between students and WVPD
- **Budget: Belinda**
  - Belinda presented the current financials for 2024/25, soliciting feedback and input for 2025/26.
  - The amount collected from parents by School Cash Online (under PAC Levy at Sep 2024) will be made available end May 2025. Members believe there is an opportunity to boost this number, which will require better communication on what the levy is and how it is used, and story tell on PAC impact. PAC agrees to discuss this sometime in May.
- **By-Laws, AGM, Nominating Committee**
  - First draft of By-law is completed. Major changes to reflect on the changes brought forth in communication such as virtual meetings, votings, and social media as communication. Other changes involved: advance communication on budget, agenda, nomination of candidates of PAC executives, and and election of officers. The redlined version will be posted on Sentinel eBulletin to solicit feedback from parents, before formally approving it on May 2025 PAC meeting.
  - Farzaneh can lead the nominating committee for 2025/26 election. Currently, Nora, Tonia and Joy are willing to stay if nobody else is stepping up.
  - Upcoming AGM will take place on May 15, 2025.

#### **Sentinel Administration – Principal Mike Finch**

- **Upcoming event:**
  - Sentinel Games & Social Night (April 16):
    - 15-20 students (grade 9-10, some grade 12) to volunteer to serve/host. Ask them to bring their parents. 7:30-8:00 students will make a pitch on the fundraising. Staff are invited to join the event and will be covered by school admin. Entire Sentinel Athletics dept will join.
    - Blown up samples and logos of the gym will be made available on Wed night, feedback from parents (at the social) and students (at the foyer). Decisions need to be made by mid-May. Renovation costs may be affected due to tariff.
  - Wins:
    - Grade 12 student (August) just won a hackathon, being scouted by different schools.
    - Led by Mr. Elliott, five Grade 8 students attended a international history olympiad at UBC the past weekend, of which Sentinel PAC paid for the registration through the wishlist grant. The team won and is now qualified for national championships!
  - Staff changes:
    - Joy Sparks has left for maternity leave. Abdul Suleman, who has 10 years of teaching in Nigeria, is taking on her role temporary.
  - Admin:
    - Learning survey is released to grade 10-12 students across the province to give feedback. There is also a parent-survey, link is posted in eBulletin. A separate call to action is emailed to grade 10-12 to complete this survey
    - Annual timetable updates: with course selection requests received, now counsellors are working on the timetables. Students will receive a tentative schedule by June and courses and timetables will be confirmed over the summer. If a summer course has been taken, an adjustment will be made in September subject to availability.

- Upcoming Events / Activities:
  - French Immersion Exchange Group from Quebec coming in for a week.
  - Inclusion Conversation with games and pizza.
  - Federal voting station will be set up the same day.
  - Scholarship application due May 2 at 3:00pm.
  - Numeracy assessment in progress.
- Facilities:
  - Change room space renovation: it is in progress.
  - White wall (new social space following locker removal) Art Department is working with John Spencer, a local artist from Squamish nation, on making use of the wall as new art space. John will mentor Sentinel art students and teachers to creating art on plywood panels and the panels will be mounted onto the wall. Cost is \$10,000. A grant is being applied to cover the cost (\$3000-\$10000), and Mike asks for PAC to consider funding part of these costs as part of Wishlist fund in upcoming year.
- Sentinel staff wishes to show their appreciation during our AGM in May!

**Meeting adjourned at 10:55am**

**Next PAC meeting – Thu May 15, 2025 9am-11am.**