

Ecole Sentinel Secondary PAC Meeting

11 September 2025, 9:00am, Sentinel Cafeteria

Nora Gambioli	Chair	Gem Chu	Events Team Lead	Chen Tan	Grade 8 Rep
Tonia Liao	Vice-Chair	Tonia Liao	Wishlist Team Lead	Amy Chen	Grade 9 Rep
Chen Tan	Treasurer	Diane Shoar	Parent Ed Team Lead	Farzaneh Bamani	Grade 10 Rep
Zahra Ahmadi	Secretary	Tenzin Khangsar	Legacy Team Lead	Soroush Loghmani	Grade 11 Rep
Joy Zhou	DPAC Rep	Kerry Farhadi, Dana Renaud	Grad Team Leads	Echo Wu	Grade 12 Rep
		Zoe Li	Communications		

Other Attendees: Lucy Gan, Azita Nikbakhton, Sana M, Nazli Nemati, Steve Qu, Mike, Shirin Zahedi, Summer Hu, Matt Sadeghi, Celinna Yan, Lilia, Xi Li, Arindam Hazra, Amanda Luo, Victoria Zheng, Cici Li, Qi Yang, Jenny Cha, Zohreh Ansari, Dagmar Roth, Echo Chen, Vivian Lia, Jade, Felicia, Zoe, Marina, Junguo Wong, Ynehing, Xenia, Armita, Maryam Ghalamkari, Zhu, Erika Sireidy, Yvonne Lau, Jane Sun, Jenny Yu, Jasmine Ni, Jennifer Zhu, Liam Cammack (56)

Chair, Nora welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Approval of Agenda and Previous Minutes

Motion by Zohreh Ansari to approve today's agenda, seconded by Tonia Liao, **CARRIED**

Motion by Zohreh Ansari to approve minutes from June 12, 2025, seconded Diane Shoar, **CARRIED**

Themes & Priorities Brainstorming – Nora Gambioli

Nora asked for parent's ideas to guide PAC focus and she encouraged parents sign up for different teams:

- Community building and student connection.
- Green initiatives.
- Team building & mentorship.
- Technology/ AI/ Cyber Security (safe use, future readiness).
- Traffic reduction & safety.
- Improved school communication.
- Mental health & wellness support.
- Volunteerism & parent involvement.
- Personal empowerment & Self-confidence.
- Athletics & sports.
- Cultural sharing & celebration.
- Tech-art.
- Technology use and time-management.

PAC donated \$70,000 (20 from fundraising + 50 from reserves) for gym renovation last year.

Events – Gem Chu

- Focus on community events, teacher appreciation, BBQs, Valentine's lunch, and cultural sharing events.
- Parents encouraged to contribute food, culture, and volunteer time

Wishlist Team – Tonia Liao

- Traditional PAC program, teachers submit requests for extra classroom and club needs.
- Last year: ~\$32,000 funded (24k from Gaming, 8k PAC fundraising), over 60 requests supported.
- 2 more volunteers needed to join review team.

Parent Education Report – Diane Shoar

- Workshops for parents (some with student) on teen challenges, relationships, safety, and emerging issues (e.g., AI, mental health).

- Also coordinates traffic safety volunteers.
- Sept 23 talk with Dr. Mitchell on social media & teen mental health (Kay Meek Theatre, free registration).

Grad Team – Kerry, Dana, Echo

- Formal events: banquet, commencement.
- Student-led events: semi-formal (Nov), winter formal (Jan), theme days (e.g., “Tight & Bright”).
- Grad BBQ already held.
- Parents reminded to budget early — banquet tickets may rise to ~\$170 each due to World Cup demand. Parent survey will follow.

Grade Groups – Chen Tan, Amy Chen, Farzaneh Bamani, Soroush Loghmani

- Parent socials being organized per grade via WhatsApp groups.

Legacy Team Report – Tenzin Khangsar

- Raises ~\$20-40k annually via casino nights, auctions, Spartan games.
- Funds directed to long-term school needs across academics, arts, athletics.
- Upcoming: poll of students, parents, and staff to guide priorities.
- Time commitment varies: mostly WhatsApp/Zoom coordination + concentrated effort around events.
- **Q&A:** How can families be involved in Legacy Fundraising?
 - Contributions of time, energy, networks, and ideas are equally valuable.
 What is the time commitment for Legacy committee?
 - Flexible; mostly WhatsApp/Zoom discussions, with more time needed before big events.

2025-26 Budget – Chen Tan

No update on budget – next month proposed budget

School Update – Mike Finch

- Acknowledgement to PAC for the “highest-functioning” team Finch has worked with. All PAC initiatives will align with school leadership and priorities.
- Gym floor replacement and repainting completed with PAC \$70,000 support.
- New classroom furniture and external painting done.
- Upgrading from projectors to View Board smart screens (multi-year rollout).
- Creation of new student social spaces; benches and seating inside the school.
- Grade 12 BBQ, Grade 8 info night, Terry Fox Run, Truth & Reconciliation week activities.
- Peer leaders supporting Grade 8s through team-building.
- Clubs Day upcoming in early October.
- **New Staff Hires:** Woodwork, English, Science, Business, and office staff.
- **Grad Year:** 260+ students. Banquet & commencement facing cost pressures.
- **Cell Phone Policy:** Not permitted during class unless teacher-directed. Students expected to use Chromebooks/laptops. Loaners available if needed.
- **Online Courses:** Encouraged caution that risks with marks reporting, integrity issues, lack of oversight.
- **Mural Project:** Collaboration with Squamish Nation artists, students designing 120ft mural on the wall. PAC may help fund.
- **Future Idea:** “Wall of Fame” recognition area for Sentinel alumni

At the end principal Finch guided all parents to show them the gym and social spaces.

Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am by Chair.