

Ecole Sentinel Secondary PAC Annual General Meeting

Dec 11th, 2025, 9:00am, Library

Nora Gambioli	Chair	Gem Chu	Events Team Lead	Steve Qu	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	Kerry Farhadi, Dana Renaud	Grad Team Leads	Echo Wu	Grade 12 Rep
Joy Zhou	DPAC Rep	Zoe Li	Communications		

Other attendees: Ms. Tanafara

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

Approval of Agenda and Previous Minutes

Motion by Joy to approve today's agenda, seconded by Steve, **CARRIED**

Motion by Joy to approve minutes from Nov 13th, seconded Steve, **CARRIED**

DPAC – Joy Zhou

On December 3, DPAC held a World Café Workshop in place of the regular meeting, followed by the Annual Holiday Luncheon.

Participants rotated through topic tables focused on Policy and Procedures, Fundraising and Volunteers, Traffic and Safety, Hot Lunch, Creating Inclusive PACs, and High School engagement. Each table's discussion was summarized by DPAC Executive members, including Sentinel PAC representatives Tonia and Diane.

Prior to the workshop, DPAC welcomed Ms. Corinne Kinnon, District Principal of Inclusive Education, who spoke about the district's inclusive education framework and the importance of ensuring all students regardless of learning profile are seen, supported, and able to thrive.

Grade Reps

Grade 10 Parent Social

- Well attended and positively received
- Parents covered their own food and beverages
- Interest expressed in holding similar events more regularly

Grade 12 Parent Social

- Event Included counselor and post-secondary representatives
- Parents appreciated the supportive environment as students approach graduation
- Event remained within budget, with sufficient food

Grad Team – Kerry & Dana

- Successful recent event with strong attendance
- Upcoming January semi-formal planned, including parent involvement
- Early planning underway for the Grade 12 grad gift to the school
- Budget includes approximately \$500 for the grad gift

Wishlist Team – Tonia

The PAC Executive shared challenges experienced with delayed provincial grant funding due to a technical application error and changes to the grant submission system.

Despite initial confirmation, funding was delayed, causing stress. The grant has now passed review and is in final processing. Funding expected very soon; teachers will be notified once authorization is received.

School Administration Update – Crystal Tanfara

School administration expressed appreciation for PAC support and shared highlights:

School Highlights

- Holiday decorations and festive atmosphere, PJ drive today as traditional in Sentinel
- Jazz band performances during morning arrival
- 7 active basketball teams
- Largest wrestling team in school history (60+ students)
- Ski team preparations underway
- Successful lockdown drill with West Vancouver Police, receiving positive feedback
- Student mural presentation at the Board meeting received strong praise

Upcoming updates

- Winter Concerts: Next week (Wednesday & Thursday)
- Early Dismissal: December 19 (12:00 pm)
- Winter Break: December 20 – January 5
- Open House: January 7
- Out-of-Catchment Applications Open: January 15
- Parent-Teacher Conferences: End of January
- Winter Formal & Pro-D Day: Late January

Parent Education Report – Diane Shoar

Post-Secondary Information Session

- Well attended and informative also counselors from multiple schools participated
- Resources and presentation materials will be shared with PAC members

Student Presentation: “Stop the Traffic” Initiative

- Promoting walking, biking, and alternative drop-off locations
- Identifying **24 designated drop-off spots** within walking distance
- Volunteering multiple mornings per week to guide traffic
- Applied for city mini-grant funding and got the grant

Events – Gem

- Parents decorated for the holiday season on December 1
- Holiday luncheon preparations completed
- Donations currently exceed \$2,800, sufficient for staff gift cards
- Valentine’s initiative to be combined with holiday efforts to reduce multiple fundraising asks
- MCL (March 5) planning to begin in January

Legacy Team Report – Zoe (in absence of Tenzin)

The Legacy Team provided an update on a **three-year fundraising plan** with a total goal of **\$100,000**.

- Current year target: **\$25,000**

- Suggested contribution: **\$100 per family** to support: (Academics, Arts, Athletics, school life & social spaces)
- Donations over \$25 are eligible for tax receipts
- Communication plan includes two-page letter with executive summary and will be sent on January

Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:39 am by Chair.