

Sands PAC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

In Attendance:

Aaron Akune, Debbie Kabesh, Nicole Bevan, Melissa Sabatini, Ginger Dosanjh,

Principal's Update:

- Boys basketball program has done a 180 degree turnaround with Matt McKay!
- Grade 12 girls running the afterschool program have also had an amazing turnout - they advertised and invited grade 8's out last week and brought in many new students
- After basketball season, there are plans for afterschool intramurals program
- Community Ambassadors program has about 30 students working in the resource room class together with exceptional students on various projects
- Dance for grade 8-10 being planned by one of the Community Ambassadors groups
- Winter Gala was a fun and positive experience for grade 11's and 12's
- Pink Shirt Day Feb 22
- Grade 8 and PE leadership will be participating in a flash mob at NDSS on Feb 21
- Silverstar ski trip Feb 2nd – 4th
- Famine planned for the night of March 3rd
- Flex Time models being proposed for next year – a 42 min period between 1st and 2nd periods when students self select where and what they will be doing and working on (will choose a classroom or workspace to go to and/or a teacher to go to with questions). Has proven successful in

other schools. Flex Time may or may not begin in the Fall of 2017 depending on how quickly it can get up and running. Time is trimmed from other classes to provide the Flex Time.

Treasurer's Report:

- Not too many invoices have come in yet, but Helen has been paying them as they come along
- Helen wants to email parent education grant application – so we need to find an education focus and organize an event or an information open-house (Aaron's suggestions: education around social media, and conversation around growth mindset and choosing language that promotes a positive growth mindset (for example: I can't do it – YET!)
- Grad door prizes for the grad banquet should be purchased soon (\$600 has been allocated by the PAC).

DPAC report

- Any PAC can apply for a small group grant of \$300 and large group grant of \$600 (for parent education)
- Apparently we applied for this and got it last year, but never received it because we haven't given them an invoice. We need to call and clarify.
- DPAC meeting minutes are attached to this email as well

Emergency Preparedness

- Joanna and Ginger visited the storage container recently
- We have a 3 day water supply (pouches)
- We have extra big jugs of water that frozen and thawed several times that will be removed because they have cracked
- Food supply – we are supposed to have a 3 day supply
- Looking back at November minutes – PAC has \$2700 for emergency prep food supplies.

- Ginger will have 72 Hours invoice us for the extra supplies.
- We will also replace other items like hydrogen peroxide and saline.

Next PAC meeting Tuesday February 21st, at 7:00pm
Meeting adjourned @ 8:30pm