

## Sands PAC Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, September 20, 2016**

### Introductions

Helen Braun, Debby Kabesh, Melissa Sabatini, Jodie Weststrate, Nicole Bevan, Michelle Hebein, Harjinder Beanlands, Ginger Dosanjh, Kristen Spanza, Joanna Macintosh, Aaron Akune

### Positions Filled:

Chairperson: Michelle Hebein

DPAC: Nicole Bevan and Jodie Weststrate

Treasurer: Helen Braun

Co Treasurer: Debby Kabesh

Secretary: Melissa Sabatini

Emergency Prep: Ginger Dosanjh

### Principal's Update:

- Welcome Joanna Macintosh – new Vice Principal!
- Smooth start to the year so far
- 780 students this year, 7 or 8 up from last year this time
- Classes are supposed to be 30 or less, some are sitting at or just above 30
- Possibly 800 students next year
- Grade 7 to 8 transition continues to be a big focus
- This year we will focus on this transition throughout the year for grade 8s involving teachers and mentors
- Film Production/Film Acting program for grade 11/12 this year
- Community Ambassadors – special needs students will embark on projects with other mainstream students
- Canadian Universities
- Friday Sept 30 Grade 8 Breakfast and Retreat

- Sept 30 also Orange Shirt Day in support of residential school victims and survivors
- Oct 11<sup>th</sup>: Online intervention for grade 8's with The Whitehatter, at the rec centre
- Grad transitions hope to be completed by Nov 17<sup>th</sup>
- Oct 19, 20 Parent teacher interviews
- New Sands app is working successfully so far, students and parents using it!
- New youth worker here full time this year
- We have just over 80 international students from a range of countries
- Grade 11/12 Gala will be held in early December

#### Treasurer's Update:

- Forms for PAC fund requests was circulated to teachers
- There are still some extra funds left over from last year
- Next month we will have report of debits and credits from last year and what we have left
- We'll have all the requests put together for next month as well

#### Emergency Preparedness:

- There is currently 1 ½ days worth of supplies for each student
- We need at least 3 days worth of supplies, so we need a top up for this year
- Water supply is sufficient for the year
- We have \$1500 to put towards food (sealed tetrapacks) (\$2 per child)
- First Aid supplies are generally sufficient, still could use some topping up as well

#### Trips:

- Greece (Spring Break)
- Band and Choir trying to put together a trip

PAC:

- Will look at organizing a career/volunteer night at Sands for grade 10 and 11 students
- Options were discussed for improving safe and timely transportation between grad dinner and dry grad (eg. bussing everyone, mandatory end time for grad dinner, announcing big prizes for the very of end of the dinner party to keep students there longer)
- Helen suggested the school host a parent information night for Grade 12 graduation events timeline

Next PAC meeting Tuesday October 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm  
Meeting adjourned @ 8:37 pm