

Sands PAC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

Introductions

Helen Braun, Debby Kabesh, Melissa Sabatini, Jill Gillette, Jodi Weststrate, Betty Marchiori, Nicole, Sarah Pickery, Ginger Dosanjh, Pat Lavery, Olivia, Shawn Khan, Aaron Akune, Jeff Johnstone

Positions Filled:

Chairperson: Michelle Hebein

Co Chair: Bettie Marchiori

DPAC: Jodie Weststrate

Treasurer: Helen Braun

Co Treasurer: Debby Kabesh

Secretary: Melissa Sabatini

Emergency Prep: Ginger Dosanjh

Principal's Update:

- Welcome new vice principal Jeff Johnstone
- School focus on grade 8 transitions this year
 - Grade 8's put into mentor groups (8-10) with grade 11 and 12 mentor students
 - Successful transitions for grade 8's this year
 - Have implemented new program: One teacher teaches two courses for grade 8's to limit transitions, develop relationships with teachers/students, and encompass/blend curriculum areas
 - Chrome Books being used with 6 pairs of teachers in classrooms, in correspondence with Google Classroom
- Leadership in Numeracy: Grade 10, 11 and 12's to act as peer tutors at the grade 7 and 8 level

- Aboriginal Studies will be an important piece over the next years
- Phones so far not a big problem
- Internet Safety session for grade 8's was a success
- Grade 8 breakfast and Retreat coming up Sept 24th.
- Grade 9-12 will do Terry Fox Run in the PM Sept. 24th, rain or shine! Assembly, and Donations will be collected on the day of the run.
- October 8th Grad Cruise
- EdCamp Conference Saturday October 3rd: for parents, teachers, and **students** (Encourage people to take part)
- Sports getting started: volleyball
- Looking for coaches for boys' basketball in the spring
- Difficult to find coaches for specialty sports such as track
- Parent Teacher Conferences scheduled for Oct 21st, 22nd.

Pat Lavery

- Thank-you cards from scholarship winners from last year

Clubs (School will create a clubs tab on Parent Connect)

- Me to We Day
- Grade council
- Student council
- Tea and colouring club
- Robotics

Trips:

- New York fine arts (April 2016)
- Silverstar ski trip (late January 2016)

Next PAC meeting Tuesday October 20th, 2015 at 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned @ 8:

