

## Sands PAC Meeting

**February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

In attendance:

Debby Kabesh, Michelle Hebein, Jodie Weststrate, Aaron Akune, Helen Braun, Trish Schaeffer, VJ Kallur

Principal's Update:

- Course Selection:
  - parent info meetings were held at the end of January and we are now in the middle of course selection.
  - The system has been opened up for course selection earlier this year so that we will have a good idea of course needs
  - Course selection will re-open again just after Spring Break so students can make changes should they need to.
  - Kids can meet with school counsellor or Susan Dean the career advisor (by appointment) to ensure they are making choices that fit their future goals.
- Grad Fashion Show:
  - We had just over 250 people attend - well done.
  - The PAC attendees had not heard about the event.
  - Discussion regarding how to get info out to parents/students.
  - It is currently on Parent Connect and Web
- Code Red Drill held on Friday February 12.
  - Code Red is a school lockdown drill for a potential threat to the school/student safety.
- Presentation at Seaquam re: Internet Safety very good.
  - Link to more information is:  
[www.personalprotectionsystems.ca](http://www.personalprotectionsystems.ca) and the presenters were Darren and Beth Laur.
- Michelle will send out information on Pickleball (yes that is a sport!) and the Self Defense course that is running in Spring Break.
- Link between School and Delta:
  - done through Chris Fucco and with Delta staff.

- Fridays starting Feb 26 from 3-5pm, the Delta Police coming to Sands to do a variety of program activities with students. Schedule to be determined
- Pink Shirt day February 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - PE Leadership 10 students are now working with Grade 8 students to do a flash mob (don't tell anyone it is a surprise!) at NDSS. We will be sending about 180 students to this flash mob (all grade 8's and the leadership students).
- RENT
  - March 1-4 Tickets \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Doors open at 6:30pm. Show starts at 7:00pm.
- Parent Teacher Interviews Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Report cards come out on March 10.
- Visioning on March 9<sup>th</sup> 3:30-8:30pm.
  - This is revisit of the District Vision. Representatives are needed from staff, parents, teachers, administration and students.
  - Topics included Core Values, Schools Nurture, Prepared Learners, Students being Engaged.

#### Treasury Report:

- Helen had cheques to turn in for photography club (\$1925.00), library super readers (\$100.00), modified academics (\$203.18), hardship fund (\$232.00).
- She is still missing a bank statement for Sept-Oct. That is the one that the gaming funds came through on so she will look into getting it from the bank.
- We have \$1688.49 carried over from last year. We had budgeted \$1590.00 for Dry Grad and they only used \$1272.00.
- This extra money will provide a buffer for next year that we will earmark for either hardship or for student scholarships.
- Ideas for excess fund were discussed:
  - Would like to steer some money to the hardship fund.
  - Discussed the option of bringing in Gary Anaka for a Fall/Winter date. Michelle to contact to find out cost, size of group, dates available and we will look to doing a partnership with other Delta Schools to put on an workshop for the community. We would not use existing excess funds but would look to use gaming funds instead for this.

- Discussed head set mics for drama group. They are very expensive and are a valuable tool for performances such as RENT.
  - Robotics has purchased a 3D printer so that is no longer on the list.
  - Suggestion to look at revamping the study lounges as they are quite old. There is a desire to move some walls, find more modular furniture for that space and to update it to make it more usable for groups of students to use.
  - ACTION: Michelle to follow up on Gary Anaka, Mr. Akune to provide info on hardship funds that may be needed. We can then decide how to reallocate funds.
- Explanation regarding hardship students and how Sands supports them. Can it be suggested to Me to We group that a local initiative be a food donation program? For example, if a student isn't going to eat the fruit they have they can donate that fruit to a fruit basket that then would go to hardship students for breakfast and lunch support.

Emergency Preparation update:

- Trish and Ginger went into the bin and did an inventory.
- Went to FAST - one day with 800 students is very costly.
- There is currently no food in the bin. Water is expired.
- There are 2000 bottles of water in the bin that need to be dumped out.
- Need to approach ME to WE committee and New York fundraisers to have them do it and share the cost.
- We have 35 water cooler jugs of water (really big ones) that also need to be dumped out.
- Cost to replace 2000 water bottles per year is \$500 (not including environmental costs).
- Cost per year to purchase the tetra packs of water (3 day supply) is \$600. We decided to go with Tetra packs.
- We also need more flashlights, some sort of radio and cell phone charger that can be charged by solar power or hand cranked.
- One day food supply costs \$2308.00. Three days food supply \$6923.00.

- One day water supply \$980 and for three days \$2941.00.
- Currently we have \$2800.00 for Emergency Preparation Supplies.
- To stock one day of food and water is \$3288.00.
- Using funds from Emergency Prep and from the excess funds that exist we can purchase two days of water and one day of food for immediate restocking of the bin.
- Decision of who to buy from will be made by this Friday. Jodie, Trish and Ginger will source out a few suppliers to get the best prices.

#### DPAC

- No meeting last night as it was cancelled for the Internet Presentation.

#### Coupon book fundraiser

- Book was given to Mr Akune to hand out coupons to the kids as needed.

NEXT MEETING: April 12, 2016 at 7:00 pm