

Sands Parent Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Location	Library
Meeting Date:	October 16, 2018
Meeting Time:	7:00
Meeting Facilitator(s):	Razia Khan, co-chair
Attendees	Aaron Akune, Joanna Macintosh, Amy Burden, Razia Khan, Elaine Addison, Gladys We, Nancy Baily, Sandra Baumeister, Christine Norton, Parame Swary, Ken Charnetski, Kavita George, Brianna McRae, Alison Valcamp, Trina Selgensen, Christine Judge, Suzana Topic, Cheryl Vaz, Jagadeesh Kini Regrets: Ruth Armstrong

Call to Order: 7:01

Welcome and new introductions

Adoption of agenda

- Approved

Approval Minutes from Previous Meeting

- Approved

Principal's Update

- Orange shirt began with 10 students from the Indigenous learning class led drumming as the rest of the students came into school in the morning. It was impactful and significant for all students
- North Delta presentation to the Gr 8 and their Gr 12 mentors, by the White Hatter, regrading digital presence and footprint, was on Monday, Oct. 15. Those who attended met in the library on Oct 16 for a debriefing about the presentation in and looked at a scenario to facilitate further discussion
- Gr 8 have their annual retreat with mentors but administration is trying to find other ways and times for the connection to continue throughout the year and into the hallways
- Grad boat cruise was in late Sept. and, characteristic of previous years, was a positive evening, approximately 25 staff members attended, 130 grads participated out of about

145

- From August on, the staff focus on adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) to understand the impact on brain development, the more ACEs the more challenging school will be for a student, District and Sands staff are looking into how to improve students' resiliency to enable better coping skills, such as through relationship building

Treasurer report: Suzana Topic

- Suzana connected with previous treasurers and will meet to pass over signing authority
- There is \$333.05 left from the previous year's grant, current year's grant is \$18,648
- Suzana will take care of purchasing the BCPAC membership

New business:

- Discussion of curricular based requests for grant allocation that have been removed from consideration as the basis of the grant is to cover extra curricular requests only
- Voting by all present resulted in all items with funds allocated passing

DPAC update: Nancy Baily

- DPP officer spoke about cannabis and how they plan to interact with school board and liaisons, police are less worried about smoking than about the edibles when they become legal. Marijuana brownies, for example, have 10 times the dose of THC as a joint (40 mg vs 400 mg, gummies have 1000 mg). DPAC wish to find a speaker to educate parents in Delta on the impact of cannabis especially edibles. Nancy bring forward to DPAC a query about the feasibility of recording or live streaming that speaker in order to reach a wider audience
- DPP officer spoke about vaping and the modes used, such as ones that looks like a USB. With the low smoke or smell emitted, it makes it easy for kids to hide use even in class
- School board chair spoke about the funding formula being changed by the government but there seems to be no public consultation regarding this matter
- The North Delta track is due for an upgrade. The district is looking in having various levels of government to help fund as it is used by the community not only the school
- DPAC advises parents to be informed voters when choosing school trustees, School Board minutes are online for all to access
- There is about \$300 available per school from DPAC for parent education
- DPAC addressed the issue of emergency preparedness and queried why are the district is not funding this but leaves it up to parents and school PACs to collect. Joanna and Ginger take care of Sands bins and will be inventorying supplies soon and replacing expired items. Bulk purchasing of emergency supplies is done thru FAST <https://fastlimited.com/>
- Delta Prepared can be found through school board website

<https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/resources/deltaprepared/>

Other Business: Aaron Akune

- Aaron spoke about a program instituted during his tenure at DSS and hopes that parents will take the time to learn more about it. The program is called “Breaking Down The Walls” and is intended to build trust and relationships in schools. More information can be found through several websites, such as, <http://learningforliving.com/breaking-down-the-walls/> and <https://www.fractuslearning.com/breaking-down-the-walls/> . Please also google videos about Breaking Down The Walls.

Dry Grad: Christine Judge

- Previous meeting was held on Oct. 9. All positions were filled for organizers
- Recreation centre has been booked for May 24 for the event which takes place from 11-5
- The committee will still need at least 50 volunteers from Thursday evening set up through to helping with clean up the next morning, prize committee, or ticket sellers
- Nov 13 is the next meeting which is open to all parents

Next Meeting

- November 20

Adjourned 8:17