

Sands Parent Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Location	Library
Meeting Date:	Sept. 17, 2019
Meeting Time:	7:00 p.m.
Meeting Facilitator:	Razia Khan
Attendees:	Executive: Chairperson: Razia Khan Co-Treasurers: Suzana Topic Secretary: Elaine Addison DPAC representative: Gladys We Principal: Mark Robinson Ken Charnetski, Nicole Bevan, Karen Jensen, Rochelle Chua Regrets: Christine Judge

Call to Order: 7:01

Welcome and new introductions

Adoption of agenda

- approved

Minutes from Previous Meeting

- approved

Principal's Update

- Enrollment
 - Grade 8 131
 - Grade 9 132
 - Grade 10 146
 - Grade 11 159
 - Grade 12 164
 - Total 732
- Grade 8's
 - House visits to welcome to Sands

- School tour and family BBQ late August
- Dance – Wednesday, Sept 18 3:15-4:30
- Peer mentors in Block A and Flex classes for first week
- Retreat – Sept 27 – Delsom Park, peer mentors, T shirts, lunch, community building
- Welcome back BBQ's – all grades on different days.
- Grad 2020
 - Grad council meeting on Wednesday at lunch
 - Boat Cruise – Sept 26 – tickets are on sale this week
 - Co-sponsors – M. Robinson, V. Kenis, D. van Skiver
 - Looking at doing some fundraising
- Pro D
 - Year long focus on ACES and UDL
 - August Pro D – ACES, UDL and School Start up
 - September Pro D – UDL and Mental Health Literacy
- Clubs
 - Updating the website
 - New clubs – Break the Divide, Environmental, Ethics, Fitness, Gardening
 - No longer running – cheer, coding, debate, gaming
 - Calendar will be crated and club advertising will be put up around the school
- Terry Fox Run – Morning of Sept 26
 - Assembly
 - Fundraising
 - Run/walk
- Academic Integrity document
 - Staff revised policy, went over it in flex and emailed copy to all parents
 - TurnItIn.com – website that will scan student work for plagiarism – a learning tool
- Capstones
 - Course in grade 12 replacing Grad Trans
 - More personalized with a passion project attached
 - Mr. R Reefschlager is the teacher in charge
 - He is meeting with Gr 12's to update them
 - Gr 11's will get an introduction this year
- Guest Speaker
 - Admin and counsellors are looking at who to have a guest speakers
 - Safeteen, White Hatter, ICBC, Indigenous, Motivational, etc
- New Teachers at Sands
 - Ms. Ahuja – Teacher, Science

- Mr. Chang – Teacher, Mathematics
- Ms. Chow – Student Data Coordinator
- Ms. Garcha – Teacher, English (replacing Ms. Stubbs who is on leave)
- Ms. Greig – Teacher, Life Skills and Modified Academics
- Ms. Mann – EA, Modified Academics
- Ms. Ness – EA, Modified Academics and Life Skills
- Ms. Randawa – EA, Life Skills
- Ms. Sansregret – Career and Post-Secondary Advisor
- Ms. Tseng – Teacher, Band and Guitar
- Ms. Wasik – Teacher, Tech Ed and Computer Studies
- Ms. Yao – Teacher, Science and Physics
- Scent Free campaign
 - Start of the school year newsletter
 - Reminder on announcements
 - Emails to parents and students
 - Reminder on app
 - TTOC's given notice
 - Conversations with people as necessary
- Orange Shirt Day – September 30
 - Recognition of survivors of residential schools and road to reconciliation
 - Staff and students are encouraged
 - Staff may be teaching lessons which focus on residential school and reconciliation.
- Fees
 - Fee day will be in early October
- School Liaison Office
 - Nathan Porter is replacing Garth Hoffmann
- Pep Rally
 - First ever pep rally Thursday, Sept 12
 - Introduced teaching departments
 - Introduced Clubs
 - Speeches by students running for Student Council, council is open for all to attend and participate
 - Introduced Hank, the school mascot
- School play this year is The Little Mermaid

DPAC update: Gladys We

- no update at this point

Treasurer's Report: Suzana Topic

- over \$2000 left over from previous year as many underspent, will try to carry over, Mark will look to see if any group have receipts to submit
- \$1000 to fund this year's Gr 8 retreat if there are funds left over, motion carried

Dry Grad update:

- no meeting at this point

Other business

- Grant request form drafted and criteria laid out by Mark, PAC input given as to dates
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Next Meeting

- October 15
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Adjourned: 8:00