

Sands Parent Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Location	Online via WebEx
Meeting Date:	April 21, 2020
Meeting Time:	7:00 p.m.
Meeting Facilitator:	Razia Khan
Attendees:	Executive: Chairperson: Razia Khan Co-Treasurer: Suzana Topic Secretary: Elaine Addison DPAC representative: Gladys We Principal: Mark Robinson

Call to Order: 7:05

Minutes from Previous Meeting

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Principal's Update

- 2020 Spring Trip to London and Paris rescheduled
- 2021 – Spain and Morocco information out there for students and parents
- Enrollment is steady, a little unsure how many internationals are coming
- Going over our course selection and looking to see if we need to cancel any courses and shift student requests.
- Interims on April 30 will be delayed or cancelled.
- AP assessment in May
- Continue to plan for next year, staffing, scheduling, etc
- Weekly update email to parents/guardians
- Teachers, students and families working through what continuation of learning looks like
- We are using the PAC vulnerable student fund to buy \$1700 worth of Superstore gift cards. They have donated \$400 recently. We have given out over \$1000 so far.
- We have lent out 40+ chrome books to students
- Grad, we still have reservations for banquet and buses
- Lots of Webex meetings: vulnerable students, SBT, staff meetings, team check ins, Admin meetings, etc.

- Admin, office staff and custodians are still in the building regularly
- Committee is looking at Flex and how to make it better
- Band Concert was held March 12.
- Band trip to Victoria, start of March
- We are getting three PC computer labs upgraded the spring/summer
- Adobe Creative Cloud will be available
- Staff are having to check in and out each day and have a weekly face to face meeting – Work Safe regs.
- Teachers have to report students they have not connected with at least one a week. Calls will be made to parents
- Counsellors are connecting with every grade 12 regarding graduation and how they are doing.
- A number of international students have returned home. Some are continuing with distance learning and some have withdrawn.
- Almost all teachers are using Google Classroom as their platform of choice. Also using Google Meet and Webex for VC meetings.
- If grad activities are cancelled funds should roll over to next year's budget considering the circumstances but will need confirmation from the province gaming grant program
- Unsure yet as to how to handle grad, may be a virtual grad, ideas are being floated around but still looking for options
- Scholarships still going ahead and committee has been formed
- Please reach out if you know of any vulnerable students or families that need assistance and the counsellors will contact them

Treasurer's Report

- Will meet with co-treasurer to get some cheques signed

Other business

- Vancouver Foundation has neighbourhood grants of \$50-100 for families to create small projects for the community, such as baskets to those in need, submit ideas to their website to qualify
<https://neighbourhoodsmallgrants.ca/our-grants/neighbourhood-small-grants/>

Next Meeting

- May 19
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Adjourned: 7:34