

## Sands Parent Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Location	Online via WebEx
Meeting Date:	May 19, 2020
Meeting Time:	7:00 p.m.
Meeting Facilitator:	Suzana Topic
Attendees:	Executive: Chairperson: Razia Khan Co-Treasurers: Suzana Topic Secretary: Elaine Addison Principal: Mark Robinson  Syed Hasnain, Linda McCague, Ken Charnetski

**Call to Order:** 7:02

### **Minutes from Previous Meeting**

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### **Principal's Update**

- We are going to be working through the protocols that the Ministry has put forward for us to open up school more on June 1. More details to follow.
- There will be a district plan in place by the end of the week and school plans by middle of next week – we are working on them
- School Density = 20% of total student population = 141 students at any one time.
- We currently have students coming into work to school: in the wood shop, writing some tests in the foyer, preparing for AP exams, working in our foyer, Lifeskills classroom, senior supportive learning classroom. A plan, initiated by teachers and approved by Admin, needs to be created before students can work in the building.
- 2020 Spring Trip to London and Paris refunds coming soon.
- 2021 – Spain and Morocco information out there for students and parents
- Enrollment is steady, a little unsure how many internationals are coming. We might be below 700 students
- Teacher staffing is ongoing with internal staffing and posting booklets
- EA staffing is ongoing and should be concluded by end of May
- AP assessment in May

- We will start building a schedule for next year in the next two weeks.
- Weekly update email to parents/guardians
- Grad news letters
- GradsBC celebration
- Taking place in June
  - Video and still photography
  - Will encompass all the grad activities in some form
  - 6/7 Delta high schools are using the same company
  - Video should be available in July
  - PAC is supporting with some money
- We still have \$600 in gift cards to give out to families in need.
- We have lent out 60+ chrome books to students
- 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
- three PC computer labs upgraded has been postponed
- 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.
- Query re: min. requirement of work from teachers: no more than 2 hours work per class, some doing check ins, 30 - 50 % of normal learning is expected but it depends on the teacher as some are doing more.
- Query re: plan for Sept., will there be online: District is planning as if it will be a full return
- Summer school registration opened today for gr 10-12 (full credit), planning for a hybrid approach but could be completely online, expectation is no more than 6 kids per room at a time
- Query re: if finals are being scheduled: not in the traditional sense, may be final projects instead, it will depend on the teacher

**Treasurer's Report: Suzana Topic**

- written \$10000 in cheques, signed and will be dropped off at the school tomorrow
- gaming grant has been applied for, won't hear until September and there is no indication of a reduction in funding

- A request for unused funds to be redirected towards funding a special grad recognition came from the principal via email to the PAC executives. Unused funds are as follows:
  - Drama - \$64.52
  - Grad Bus Transportation - \$2,000
  - IDEAS Program - \$488.03
  - Lunch club - \$3.86
  - Scholarships - \$1,000
  - Hardship - \$615.44
- A vote was taken that \$2500 in funds allotted for Drama, Grad bus transportation and IDEAS program would be diverted to alternate grad activities but Lunch club, Scholarship and Hardship fund would remain untouched and used for their original purpose: none opposed therefore funds will be reallocated

#### **Dry Grad update: Suzana Topic**

- Dry grad has been cancelled, vendors have agreed to transfer reservations and deposits to next year's event which is scheduled for May 28
- Unsure about what is happening with ticket refunds and moneys collected from participating schools for this, she will contact someone on committee to ask, may use carry over from previous year to cover deposits

#### **Other business**

- PAC elections postponed until September
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#### **Next Meeting**

- June 16, 2020
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Adjourned: 7:28