

Sands Parent Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Location:	Online via Zoom
Meeting Date:	Oct. 20, 2020
Meeting Time:	7:00 p.m.
Meeting Facilitator:	Razia Khan
Attendees:	Chairperson: Razia Khan Co-Treasurers: Suzana Topic & Kavita George Secretary: Elaine Addison DPAC representative: Sheryl Gray Dry Grad Liaison: Suzana Topic Emergency Preparedness: Sandra Baumeister & Tony Nathan Principal: Mark Robinson Attendees: N. Bevan K. Charnetski, G. We, V. Kallur

Call to Order: 7:02

Welcome

Minutes from Previous Meeting

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Principal's Update

- Orange Shirt Day – September 30 – over 50 staff wore their shirts
- Terry Fox Run – we staggered students out onto two different routes. We also took pictures of each cohort and some dressed up in a theme. Pictures in the hallway by the office.
- Fee Day – October 19, some paid in person and most of using an on-line version in Parent Connect. Some fees have been reduced (student activity fee), eliminated for this year (PE and Emergency preparedness) and some are the same (art, media)
- Photo taken in the canteen. We also took a Grade 8 picture. It looks like they all came together for the photo but the images were taken in cohorts and stitched together
- Great Shake out was Oct 16 – went well. School went out in two groups.
- Grad Council had their first meeting and 20 grads came to it. Good conversation. We are talking about grad clothing as the next thing to do. We are also looking at booking a boat cruise in April just in case.

- Capstone and Career Life Connections first meeting is next week.
- Student Council and Ethics club are set to get up and running soon. All participants in clubs will need to get a permission form signed by a parent/guardian
- Midterm Report cards were available on October 15 through the student portal on MyEd.
- School newsletters continue each week.
- Athletics – admins at schools are working athletic directors to create a plan to allow for training in the fall. More information coming soon to parents and students. Likely will start with volleyball and then basketball.
- Provincial Pro D day on October 23
- New Term Dates
- Q1 = Sept 14(M)- Nov 17(T) = 43 teaching days
- Q2 = Nov 18(W) - Feb 2(T) = 43 teaching days
- Q3 = Feb 3(W) - April 22(Th) = 43 teaching days
- Q4 = April 23(F) - June 25(F) = 43 teaching days
- Last day of each Quarter will be an I day and attendance is optional for students. It is a day designed to catch-up/finish off learning or assessment for the quarter.
- Interims from teachers to families will be in the form of either a phone call or an email. These Interims will be for students who are struggling or have a mark below 60%. Not all students will get an Interim. Midterms and Final report cards will be formal and can be viewed on MyEd using the student portal when they are available.

Reporting Dates for 2020-21

QUARTER CLASSES

		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Interim	Send by	02-Oct	04-Dec	19-Feb	14-May
Midterm	Send on	15-Oct	17-Dec	11-Mar	27-May
Final	Send on	25-Nov	11-Feb	29-Apr	29-Jun

SEMESTERED CLASSES

		Semester 1	Semester 2
Interim	Send by	15-Oct	11-Mar
Midterm	Send on	25-Nov	29-Apr
Final	Send on	11-Feb	29-Jun

LINEAR CLASSES

Interim	Send by	25-Nov		
Midterm	Send on		11-Feb	29-Apr
Final	Send on			29-Jun

Treasurer's Report

- some money previously allocated still to be spent and cheques need to be cut (approx. \$3000)
- Gaming grants funds coming to Sands this year in the amount of \$14 560 has been allotted, M. Robinson has put a call out to staff for requests to be returned by the 6th, he will scan requests and S. Topic will put it into a spreadsheet in order to make voting on Nov 17 easier
- fiscal reporting to be done by Nov 30

DPAC update: Sheryl Gray

- Sheryl has not received any notification from DPAC so will look to their website for meeting dates
- Attended 2nd information night with Doug Sheppard, mostly parents queries including those about graduation and university requirements, as it is a global pandemic universities are adjusting their expectations

Dry Grad update: Suzana Topic

- no meeting to date
- vendors have already been rolled over to May 28/21

Other business

- Emergency prep account has approx \$6000 to send to replace any items in the emergency bins that have expired, bins will be looked through Oct 21
 - notice to be put on Sands website to advise parents of the vote taking place at next PAC meeting
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Next Meeting

- Nov 17, 2020 Vote on Gaming Grants dispersals
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Adjourned: 7:40