

Sands Parent Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Location	Online via Zoom
Meeting Date:	Sept. 22, 2020
Meeting Time:	7:00 p.m.
Meeting Facilitator:	Razia Khan
Attendees:	Executive Chairperson: Razia Khan Co-Treasurers: Suzana Topic and Kavita George Secretary: Elaine Addison DPAC representative: Gladys We Attendees: T. Nathan, Nicole, L. Miller, S. Gray, K. Charnetski, Aster, D. Pettigrew, Jasmin, G. Bevan, S. Baumeister

Call to Order: 7:03

Welcome and introductions

Minutes from Previous Meeting

- approved

Principal's Update

- Enrollment: Current enrolment is 682 (down from 730 start of last year)
 - Grade 8: 132
 - Grade 9: 133
 - Grade 10: 134
 - Grade 11: 134
 - Grade 12: 149
- 1701's
 - Busy fixing problems and being as accurate as possible
 - It's a money thing
- Grade 8's
 - Orientation day
 - they meet their Q1 teachers
 - meet some Gr 11-12 mentors who accompanied them to their classes
 - had a tour of the school

- virtual house visit by admin and tour of the school – Sands Secondary Youtube Channel - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC86IGEEEnPOHSqw3vEHj_RZg
- Orientation Grade 9-12
 - Students came in by grade and by alphabet. 30-40 students per session
 - Meet in the gym with distanced chairs and everyone masked
 - Use the same PowerPoint for all
- Learning Groups
 - Trying to have as much as possible face to face classes
 - Cohorts of up to 30 students
 - Courses are coupled for students
 - Trying to give students the courses they want
 - Most students in blocks A and B. Some in B and C
 - C is mostly for learning support by program teachers or classrooms teachers
- Course Changes
 - Allowed very few in Q1- took care of the obvious one, ie gr 9 student in a Fr 12 class
 - Can't change a student's quarter schedule after they have started
 - Cleaning up Q2-4 courses right now. Hope to show students it by the end of the week
- Safety protocols
 - OH&S meet every 2 weeks to discuss issues
 - One way hallways
 - Masks on in common spaces
 - Hand sanitizing when entering school and classrooms
 - 4 doors to enter at 8:20 and 2 doors after that
 - Keeping distant as much as possible
 - Hybrid classes when multiple cohorts are present, reduced class size
 - Students cleaning working area before and after using
- Newsletter
 - Trying to keep staff, students and families up to date.
 - Emailed and posted on website
- Pro D
 - Sept 3 Pro D looked at how to teach, assess and plan for a quarter system
 - Staff met with departments in the am and then there were Learning Services on-line sessions.
 - Sept 25 Pro D will continue with the same focus. Staff will be working with departments and/or on-line seminars.
- Terry Fox Run: Looking at creative ways to do this in learning cohorts for next week
- New Teachers at Sands
 - Arif Khan – ELL and International Coordinator (Q1-2)
 - Michelle Chan – Teacher - Music
 - Litty George – Teacher – Math
 - Connie Wang – Teacher – Math
 - Rajveer Virk – EA –Life Skills

- o Mandeep Rai – Life Skills – still waiting to be hired for Jade’s mat leave
- o Jessica Fang – Teacher – Home Ec (Raman’s mat leave)
- o Barb Capadouca – EA – LD room
- o Julia Smithers – Teacher – Modified Academics
- Scent Free campaign
 - o Start of the school year newsletter
 - o Reminder on announcements and app
 - o Emails to parents and students
 - o TTOC’s given a notice
 - o Conversations with people as necessary
- Orange Shirt Day – September 30
 - o Recognition of survivors of residential schools and road to reconciliation
 - o Staff and students are encouraged
 - o Staff may be teaching lessons which focus on residential school and reconciliation.
- Fees
 - o Fee day will be in October once we have settled course changes
 - o Many fees are being reduced or eliminated due to changes in activities
- School Liaison Office
 - o Nathan Porter is being replaced by Bianca Boyce
- Picture Day
 - o October 6
 - o Students will come down in cohorts to the canteen
- Quarter Dates
 - o Quarter 1 – Sept 14 (M) - November 13 (F)
 - o Quarter 2 – November 16 (M) - January 28 (TH)
 - o Quarter 3 – January 29 (F) - April 20 (T)
 - o Quarter 4 – April 21 (W) - June 25 (F)

Reporting Dates for 2020-21

QUARTER CLASSES	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Interim	02-Oct	04-Dec	19-Feb	14-May
Midterm	15-Oct	17-Dec	04-Mar	27-May
Final	19-Nov	03-Feb	26-Apr	29-Jun

SEMESTERED CLASSES	Semester 1	Semester 2
Interim	15-Oct	04-Mar
Midterm	19-Nov	26-Apr
Final	17-Jan	22-Jun

LINEAR CLASSES

Interim		19-Nov			
Midterm			03-Feb	26-Apr	
Final					29-Jun

DPAC update: Gladys We

- [Joe Muego has resigned](#), there is an acting Chair until elections can be held

Treasurer's Report: Suzana Topic

- Should hear about gaming grant very soon
- Late year's spending, some left over but are committed to grad event and still awaiting a few invoices

Dry Grad update: Suzana Topic

- No meetings yet, date has been confirmed and money spent last year will carry over for this year
- Grad banquet booked for May 27

Elections

- R. Khan re-elected as Chair
- S. Topic & K. George re-elected as co-treasurers
- E. Addison re-elected for Secretary
- S. Gray elected as DPAC Representative
- S. Topic will report from Dry Grad meetings
- S. Baumeister & T. Nathan elected to work on Emergency Preparedness

Other business

- Dates for upcoming meetings: Oct 20, Nov 17, Dec 15, Jan 19, Feb 16, Apr 20, May 18, June 15

Next Meeting

- Oct 20 at 7 pm via Zoom

Adjourned: 8:11