

## Sands Parent Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Location	Online via Zoom
Meeting Date:	November 17, 2020
Meeting Time:	7:00 p.m.
Meeting Facilitator:	S. Topic
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: G. We, T. Akiyama, Rahul, Romelly, Rosario. V. Kallur, D. Pettigrew, MacKenzie, Christy, Nicole, Sarb

**Call to Order: 7:02**

### Minutes from Previous Meeting

- **approved**

### Principal's Update

- Quarter 1 ended today, Q2 starts Wednesday
- Some more hybrid classes – 50% students and 2 days a week of face to face, typically in Block B
- COVID letters – one exposure and one self monitor. Health Authority does not give the school the names of those who test positive but tells them what classes may have been exposed
- News letters home each week. Last one had a first page focus on health protocols and reminders. Stay home if sick
- We are reminding staff again of the protocols and to make sure they are happening
- Remembrance Day acknowledgement – amazing job by the band, leadership students, drummer and singers, Mr. Evans and students who filled and pulled it all together
- In discussions with Principals and companies about a June event for Grads and their families
- Costume day for Halloween, door decorations

- Sands wear is for sale, Grad Wear is for sale
- Transcript verifications started for Grads
- Career and Post-Secondary advisor has been visiting grads in classrooms
- Some clubs have started up – Student Council, Ethics Club, Hosa club, Grad Council
- We have put out a call for some athletics – training in Volleyball and Basketball. Starting next week. Very specific requirements and similar safety protocols as classrooms
- Cohorts are reshuffled at the start of a new quarter, many will be the same as previous cohort especially for Gr 8
- Nutrition break is only 20 minutes so when masks are removed for eating, it is for a limited time
- eSports program may be coming to Sands next year, no money will be taken away from physical sports for this
- Answered a query regarding staff morale, said staff are being professional, polite, empathetic, awesome all around, keeping heads up and always looking for ways to build community within the school
- Answered a query asking if staff are ready for online teaching if a school closure happens, said teachers are ensuring that Google classroom is up and running so most are ready to go.
- Absenteeism is low amongst staff is low and they are staying home when unwell
- Answered a query regarding the possibility of Christmas break starting early, said no information has been passed on to the school regarding this. Until directed by the government no plans will be made for adjusting dates or schedules.
- Answered a query regarding whether any additional cleaning is done after the exposure, said classrooms are cleaned very well everyday and exposure letters arrive days after the students are diagnosed, but the school has a fogger to mist the rooms
- Answered a query about how student workload is handled and what time is available for children to get assistance, teachers are appreciative of having prep time and have made time for students to meet with them
- Revisiting the question of the storage issue for band instruments, reply is to have them come to the office and their instruments can be stored there.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- nothing to report

#### **DPAC update: Sheryl Gray**

- Meeting covered rules of running a meeting and PAC
- Elections held but 3 or 4 empty positions available
- Next meeting Jan 18

**Dry Grad update: Suzana Topic**

- nothing to report as there has been no meeting

**Other business**

- PAC looked through the requests for funds and voted on which requests to fill and how much to allot to each
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**Next Meeting**

- December 15
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Adjourned: 8:12