

Sands Parent Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Location	Online via Zoom
Meeting Date:	April 20, 2021
Meeting Time:	7:00 p.m.
Meeting Facilitator:	Suzana Topic
Attendees:	<p>Co-Treasurers: Suzana Topic Secretary: Elaine Addison DPAC representative: Sheryl Gray Dry Grad Liaison: Suzana Topic Emergency Preparedness: Tony Nathan Principal: Mark Robinson</p> <p>Christy</p> <p>Regrets: Razia Khan</p>

Call to Order: 7:04

Treasurer's Report

- 3 cheques sent out, still leaves \$5500 to be spent. Some has been allocated but not yet spent such as \$2000 for grad bus, \$1000 for scholarships, \$500 for teacher appreciation, some is still left for the breakfast/lunch club
- some receipts will be forthcoming for items purchased for our families in need

DPAC update: Sheryl Gray

- DPAC meeting yesterday
- DPAC will release draft budget concept later and holding a virtual meeting on May 4 looking for public input, Trustee Sheppard was positive about budget for next year
- District's Vision 2030 is in progress, working on a visioning board but not yet ready to share with the public, has had lots of input from a range of groups ,
- presentation on anti-racism work that is being done thanks to a provincial grant of \$10000. A video made by Sands students, in conjunction with our Vice Principal, was shared at the meeting and received kudos from the DPAC group
- AGM is on May 10 and they are still looking for people to sign up for some of the positions
- Sheryl will prepare a write up for the newsletter to encourage others to attend the AGM

Dry Grad update: Suzana Topic

- nothing to report, may be sending out emails to vendors regarding deferring again this year

Principal's Update

- Regular enrollment is down about 15 students so far. We are expecting up to 55 international students, we might get more, we might get less. We have 23 right now.
- Going over our course selection and looking to see if we need to cancel any courses and shift student requests. We must match staffing to course selection.
- AP assessment in May – Art and Psychology
- Continue to plan for next year, staffing, scheduling, etc
- Weekly update email to parents/guardians
- PAC spending for vulnerable students is underway. We might buy gift cards with some of the money to support families but also to allow us to have food for September and October.
- Grad newsletter went out to families and grads – things being organized, valedictory, walk across the stage speech, working with Grads BC
- Scholarship applications have a due date of April 27
- Still working on what a schedule will look like next year. Likely quarters, learning groups, morning prep for staff, and flex block. District is going to give us some parameters. We need the flexibility to move through the stages.
- We are getting three PC computer labs upgraded the spring/summer
- Adobe Creative Cloud will be available
- A steady stream of COVID early exposure notices. We currently have students in self-isolation by Fraser Health and some by family self-isolation.
- We are fully over to Outlook and Teams.
- PAC might want to move to Teams and off of Zoom at the end of the year.
- Badminton training is underway.
- Q4 starts on Friday.
- We created new t-shirts and used some of the PAC money for staff appreciation.
- Vision 2030 – staff, families and students will be asked to participate in the coming months. May 12th, 7-9:30. Invites will go out soon.
- Most staff got their vaccinations Friday, Saturday and Sunday
- Video highlights of Sands – inclusion, social media, anti racism, peer mentoring

Other business

- Emergency prep meeting was held at 2 PM so representative was unable to attend

- PAC constitution and bylaws to be deferred to next meeting but discussion led to the decision that a shorter, more succinct version may be the better option
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Next Meeting

- May 18
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Adjourned: