

## Sands Parent Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Location	Online via Zoom
Meeting Date:	September 21, 2021
Meeting Time:	7:00 p.m.
Meeting Facilitator:	Razia Khan
Attendees:	Chairperson: Razia Khan Co-Treasurers: Suzana Topic Secretary: Elaine Addison DPAC representative: Sheryl Gray Dry Grad Liaison: Suzana Topic Emergency Preparedness: Tony Nathan Principal: Mark Robinson  Attendees: M. Cheung, C. Russell-Smith, Sabina, J. Rak, A. Mori, Ivy, N. Price, Paul, K. Charnetski, V. Kullar, Chi, R. Slezash, T. Whitely, L. McCague, Nusaibah, Aster, J. Nager, Yanji, Gurds A

### Welcome and introductions

#### Adoption of agenda

- adopted

#### Minutes from Previous Meeting

- approved

#### Principal's Update

- Enrollment
  - Current enrolment is 720 (17 of which are international students that are not here yet, but will be for second semester)
  - Grade 8: 112
  - Grade 9: 138
  - Grade 10: 145
  - Grade 11: 165
  - Grade 12: 160
- Safety protocols:

- OH&S meet every 2 weeks to discuss issues
- One way hallways
- Masks all the time
- 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
- Students cleaning working area before and after using
- Newsletter mailed weekly and posted on website
  - trying to keep staff, students and families up to date.
- Terry Fox Run on Tuesday, Sept 28
- Truth and Reconciliation Day recognition – September 29
  - Recognition of survivors of residential schools and road to reconciliation
  - Staff and students are encouraged to wear orange
  - Staff may be teaching lessons which focus on residential school and reconciliation.
  - There will be a 30 minute ZOOM presentation that each class will watch
- Altered bell schedule
- School Liaison Office is Constable Bianca Boyce
- Retakes Picture Day on October 6
- Sports
  - Volleyball is in full swing
  - First games are starting this week
  - We are working out a policy about spectators at the games
- Grad
  - Grad council has its first meeting Wed Sept 22
  - Looking at getting grad clothing going
  - Boat cruise booked for April, Dinner and Dance in May and Valedictory in June
- Canteen
  - Hot and cold food will be for sale starting Monday, Sept 27
  - Vending machine are currently empty and waiting for the vending company to tell us when they will fill them
- Flex
  - Back up and running this year
  - There were some technical difficulties at the start
  - The grade 8's and 9's have never used it and are new to booking flex times
  - Semesters
- We will have two semester this year and students will take 4 courses at one time
  - Semester 1 ends Jan 31
  - Semester 2 start February 3

- Clubs are up and running
  - Ethics Club, Grad Council, Student government
  - More are coming and some proposed by students
- Musical will be in the spring – the Addams Family
  - Ms. Thomson is doing tryouts

**Treasurer's Report: Suzana Topic**

- shared the spreadsheet, looked at any monies not spent which were move to 2021-22 budget
- funding has been applied for, will hear in time for October meeting
- Normally fund a portion of Dry Grad and Gr 8 retreat but not during Covid, any Dry Grad payments originally allotted for rom 2020 have been forwarded to current year
- applications for Gaming Grant fund distribution will be sent to staff by Mr. Robinson

**DPAC update: Sheryl Gray**

- Jennifer Rak reported that Doug Sheppard spoke about sports and Secondary schools opening to school to school activity
- Vision board of 2030 was discussed
- Antiracism information is going up on DPAC website
- Grants available for speakers to be brought in to school
- Delta Covid number were among the lowest , ages 12 and up is about 85% vaccinated

**Dry Grad update: Suzana Topic**

- no meetings as yet, hopeful that event will go ahead for May 2022 date
- unsure who will return to the committee as it had been 2 years since it was run
- whether dry grad goes ahead or not will depend on PHO guidelines
- venue is booked

**Emergency Preparedness: Tony Nathan**

- district has appointed a coordinator to help schools meet requirements and only has district directed items within the container

**Business from previous meeting:**

- vote on constitution and bylaws: after minor changes it was moved to adopt by Suzana, seconded by Elaine, passed 11/12
- Elections of new PAC executives  
Positions all open:  
PAC Chair: Razia Khan  
PAC Vice President: Roshael Slezash

Secretary: Elaine Addison

Treasurer: Suzana Topic

DPAC: Vijay Kallur

Dry grad rep: vacant until dry grad is confirmed

Emergency Preparedness: Tony Nathan

Elected by acclamation

**Other business**

- Thank you letter from Janice Gaudry, Bryce Murray, and recipients
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**Next Meeting**

- General PAC meeting October 19
  - Executive meeting November 9
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Adjourned: 9:04