

Sands Parent Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Location	Online via Zoom
Meeting Date:	January 18, 2022
Meeting Time:	7:00 p.m.
Meeting Facilitator:	Razia Khan
Attendees:	Chairperson: Razia Khan Vice President: Roshael Slezash Secretary: Elaine Addison DPAC representative: Vijay Kallur Dry Grad Liaison: Rhonda Krushel Emergency Preparedness: Tony Nathan Principal: Mark Robinson Zina Saeed, Andrea Mori, Gladys We, Ken Charnetski, Ruth Kaune, Sandra Baumeister, Gurdeesh, Kawarpardeep Singh, Harpreet Regrets: Suzana Topic

Call to Order: 7:08

Welcome and introductions

Minutes from Previous Meeting

- approved

Principal's Update

- New, revised and reinforced COVID protocols. We had a Teams meeting with all classes and students Monday, Jan 10 at 8:35. Ms. Macintosh went over the rules. We recorded it so that people who missed it could see it.
- Students and staff are doing a very good job following the new rules
- We are now keeping track of "illness" of students and the Ministry is pulling that data daily. They will compare the current rates to historical data.
- Our absentee rate for students is about what it was last year at this time
- Staff so far have been by in large healthy and their absentee rate is consistent with last year
- Delta School District will require all staff to declare their vaccination status by March 1.

We still don't know the procedures for this to happen

- Pro D day on Jan 28 will be collaboration time with departments and a variety of District offerings
- Counseling area lunch grab and going well and we are giving out approximately 10-15 lunches a week.
- Athletics is up and running. Basketball: Senior boys and Girls, Junior Girls, Grade 9 boys and Grade 8 boys. Unfortunately, we are not allowed to have spectators at practice and games
- Literacy and Numeracy assessment for the grade 10s and 11s and Literacy 12 on Jan 24.
- Regular Immunization for grade 9's will be on January 24. Fraser Health is also doing a catch up for all Grade 10's that did not get their shot last year
- Winter assembly was on the last day of classes. We had Grade 11's and 12's spaced out in the gym for it. Some were live and live streamed to classes while the rest was pre recorded skits, video, singing and a good time.
- We are having most of our meetings via Teams.
- Course planning begins in Feb with counselors visiting all students and students making selections.
- Secondary Futures is a group that is going to start meeting at the end of the month to discuss a variety of things related to bell schedules, collaboration, flex blocks, School Act, DTA contract, semester/linear schedules for next year.
- New Grade 8 Parent night for course planning – January 18. Grade 9 and 10 TBA and Grade 11 and 12 TBA.
- New Student registration, Cross Catchment and Out of District applications will be accepted starting Feb 7 – all on-line this year.
- UBC's MDI (Middle Years Development Instrument) survey. The purpose of this survey is to gather information about the health and wellbeing of children in BC ages 10-13. Feb 22
- Fine Arts Night – Band, Drama, Art and Media Arts. We held it in the gym and about 95 family members and friends attended. It was a great night.

DPAC update: Vijay Kallur

- Superintendent gave a report which mainly covered the Covid protocol updates as has been passed on by school
- Neil Stephenson gave a presentation on learning - available at: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1qAgAJdkx_ApOeTlgF-tApcirZZqQCokpYc9Rb7NCcnk/edit#slide=id.g10e8f5089ea_0_106
- an anti-racism presentation given was very powerful
- looked at strategic goals of powerful and inspiring learning, how's it going and where do

we go next

- next mtg, Feb 28, will have the board of trustees present, members were asked to go back to their schools and bring back questions, top issues and concerns

Dry Grad update: Rhonda Krushel

- if you have prize or donations, they are still being accepted
- still scheduled to go ahead on May 27 at this point

Emergency Preparedness: Tony Nathan

- Awaiting word as to whether or not bins were inventoried in the summer

Treasurer's Report:

- nothing to report as still waiting on cheque requisitions

Other business

- Thank you letters from gaming grant recipients: Eric Fahrman, Sukhi Aujla & Kristie Watters, Brad Akeroyd and the Modified Academic team, Kari McGreevey, and Mark Robinson
- A suggestion was made to invite Val Windsor, the school board trustee assigned to Sands, to a PAC meeting

Next Meeting

- February 15, 2022

Adjourned: 8:12