

Sands Parent Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Location	Online via Zoom
Meeting Date:	April 19, 2022
Meeting Time:	7:00 p.m.
Meeting Facilitator:	Roshael Slezash
Attendees:	Chairperson: Razia Khan Vice President: Roshael Slezash Treasurer: Suzana Topic Secretary: Elaine Addison DPAC representative: Vijay Kallur Dry Grad Liaison: Rhonda Krushel Principal: Mark Robinson K. Charnetski Regrets: Emergency Preparedness: Tony Nathan

Call to Order: 7:01

Minutes from Previous Meeting

- approved

Principal's Update

- Addams Family musical last week was a huge success
- Grad Boat Cruise this week
- Semesters next year, we will continue to work with district committee on the bell schedule and instructional hours
- Girls junior and senior soccer, track and field, badminton are on going
- We have our dry run staffing and working through that
- Soccer Academy might run again next year
- Student Council doing a variety of things: food for Vaisakhi, Easter egg hunt, clothes day, book collection, etc
- Enrollment numbers are about the same as last year - 710. We should have a larger grade 8 group, around 125.
- International students will be about 80. Some will come for only one semester

- Scholarship applications have a due date of April 27 and May 4. Ms. Sansregret sent out information on them to Grads and families
- We did new T shirts and sweatshirts and used some of the PAC money for staff appreciation.
- Yearbook has been send off to print
- Ukraine Fundraiser – over \$4000 raised, 3000 perogies and so many volunteers
- Vision week – worked with staff and students to make connections with it
- A group of students presented at the “Education for a Living System” conference. It was in Paris and they Zoomed in
- Rapid tests went out to students
- We hosted Nathan Wilson, Indigenous Mentor, for the Monday morning acknowledgement on April 11. During flex on Mondays we are tuning in to this from classrooms

Treasurer’s Report: Suzana Topic

- no receipts have come through since last meeting
- bus funds still to be spent for grad banquet
- M. Robinson said gift cards will be purchased for food for students in need

DPAC update: Vijay Kallur

- special mtg last week
- emphasis on the importance of community and communication with all the stakeholders
- a disconnect with families of Gr 8 & 9 as parents haven’t been able to come into the schools due to Covid

Dry Grad update: Rhonda Krushel

- approximately 80 tickets sold at Sands
- tickets for \$55 will be available for sale again on Friday, April 22
- 8 - 10 tickets given to each school to be given to students who cannot afford them
- it has been harder to get material prizes because of the pandemic but fortunately, monetary donations have been forthcoming
- still looking for a photo booth

Next Meeting

- May 18
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