

Sands Parent Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Location	Library
Meeting Date:	April 18, 2023
Meeting Time:	7:07 p.m.
Meeting Facilitator:	Roshael Slezash
Attendees:	President: Razia Khan Vice President: Roshael Slezash Dry Grad Liaison: Ken Charnetski Emergency Preparedness: Tony Nathan Principal: Rick Mesich Regrets: Elaine Addison, Suzanna Topic, Catharine Russell

Land Acknowledgement

The Sands PAC acknowledges the traditional territory of the Tsawwassen and Musqueam First Nations and all the Hun'qumi'num speaking peoples who have been stewards of this land since time immemorial on whose land we live, learn and play. We would also like to offer our respect to all the Elders who have gone before us, to the elders and First Nation people who are with us today and to all Canadians who are on the journey of Reconciliation.

Welcome

Minutes from Previous Meeting

- Approved by Ken Charnetski

Principal's Update

- Early Dismissal on Friday: Students will be dismissed at 1:00 pm this Friday for teachers to prepare for the upcoming Mid-Semester Report Cards that will be available on May 1. Students will have 1-hour classes with a 20-minute Nutrition Break.
- May 9 will be Teachers and Parents Meetings.
- Delta Summer School Program: Every year, the Delta School District offers a variety of Summer School classes for students for either remediating a class that they did not pass or taking a completion course. The Delta School District has now opened registrations for students and families for the Summer of 2023. I would encourage students to contact their Grade Counsellor for advice on the potential courses to take over the Summer. The Summer School offerings in Delta can be found in the link below. Space is limited and we recommend that students register as soon as possible.

<https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/programs/continuing-education/summer-school-registration/>

- Semester Schedule: The decision to maintain a semester schedule next year with more linear courses being offered to provide students with opportunities to experience year-long classes, like with support blocks, has raised some questions from families about the Hybrid Schedule model. Students will have the same experience with the schedule as they had this year with more linear (full-year) course options. There will be a rotation between A1 and A2 Blocks per day.
- Brooke Elementary 50-Year Anniversary: On Friday, May 5th, Brooke Elementary will be hosting a celebration to commemorate its 50 year anniversary. All former Brooke Elementary students and families are welcome to attend this celebration which will take place from 4:00-7:00 pm. There will be a meet and greet, a cake presentation, a Lions BBQ and PAC concession, Zumba classes, and much more. The Brooke Elementary students and staff hope for a large turnout to help them celebrate this milestone.
- Homestay Families for International Students Required: The Delta School District's International Program has a history of providing fantastic opportunities for our international students who come to Delta to study and to experience Canadian culture. Recently, the Delta School District was again one of five School Districts in Canada nominated for a Star Award for Excellence in International Programs. Part of our excellent rating is the homestays that provide international students with a family experience to supplement and support their experiences at school. International Programs needs more families willing to be homestays.
- One-Act Play Festival: Theatre Company students will be participating in a One Act Play Festival at North Delta Secondary on Thursday, May 4th. We are thrilled to be premiering a play written by Sands student, Kaitlyn Foubert, titled "Friendship Fananza". Event: One Act Play Festival, Date: May 4th, Location: ND High Theatre, Tickets: \$5 (ND online site), Times: Show starts at 7pm
- Student Learning Survey: During the months of February to April, Delta School District is participating in the 2023 Ministry of Education Electronic Anonymous Student Learning Survey in cooperation with all other school districts throughout the Province. Students in Grades 10 and 12 will be completing the survey in April. Parents/guardians can complete the online anonymous Student Learning Survey to confirm the effectiveness of learning at Sands High before midnight April 29, 2023.
- Dry Grad 2023: The Delta North Dry Grad Event includes the graduating classes of Burnsvew, Delview, North Delta, and Sands, and will take place at the North Delta Recreation Centre from 11:30pm Friday, May 26, 2023 – 5:00am Saturday, May 27, 2023. To support and celebrate the success of the 2023 Delta North graduating classes in the safest way possible, a volunteer committee of parents is planning the annual Dry Grad event. The Dry Grad event happens after the school's graduation banquet. Graduates will enjoy a night of fun, food, prizes, and entertainment in the company of their graduating friends. Dry Grad allows the graduates to celebrate in a safe and fun environment, with the activities going until the wee hours of the morning! The event ends at 5:00am on Saturday, May 27, 2023. There will be AMAZING prizes, GREAT food,

and ENDLESS entertainment! Tickets will be sold during lunch in the foyer of each school on the following dates only: April 20: Last Chance Tickets \$55

Tickets can be purchased by cash or cheque payable to "Delta North Dry Grad Committee"

- Grad Red Carpet & Dinner & Dance: In conjunction with Grad Council, we will be following the same format as students experienced in the past. The only change to the students' experience is that students will be bussed to the dinner venue and back instead of getting to the venue on their own. This step is to reduce any risks of poor decisions being made. Students will be bussed back to the school where they will drop off their formal clothes, then the buses will take them to the North Delta Recreation Centre. We are also going to be subsidizing the ticket price by using our Affordability Grant to offset costs to students and families.
- Relay for Life – Canadian Cancer Society Fundraising: Student Council is organizing a Relay for Life event in mid June as a fundraiser to donate funds to the Canadian Cancer Society. The Student Council will launch this endeavor with a schoolwide assembly on Monday, May 1 st during Flex Time. There will even be some students shaving their heads for donations. The fundraiser has students continuously running for a period and sponsors donate according to the number of kilometers the students run.
- Student Behavior- Still searching for a speaker for next year. Possibly Brooke Moore.
- Intramural Sports- Requesting for staff to run the program next year. No fees will be needed from the PAC to run it.

Treasurer's Report: Suzana Topic

- Still have most of the budget left to spend. Please encourage teachers to spend the money as soon as possible and submit their receipts to the PAC..
- It is time (April 1-June 30) to submit the application for 2023-24 BC Gaming funding to PACs. It will be submitted soon.

DPAC update: Catharine Russell

- Away

Dry Grad update: Ken Charnetski

- Next meeting will be held tomorrow April 19 at Delview High.
- Last ticket selling date will be on April 20.

Emergency Preparedness: Tony Nathan

- Joanna MacIntosh had gotten into the Emergency Bin and had confirmed that the bin must have enough for 72 hours.
- Action: Tony will be emailing Joanne to set up a date and time with Roshael to help do a thorough inventory of the bin contents.
- Two important supplies needed are Hydrogen Peroxide and Oxygen. Sands High will pay for any supplies needed.

- Joanna MacIntosh had suggested that $\frac{1}{3}$ of the Food and Water will be purchased every 3 years rather than all of it every 3rd year to ensure the freshness of the supplies.

Other Business:

- Razia Khan suggested that the current Grade 7 Parents from Gray Elementary and Brooke Elementary be invited to attend the May 16 PAC meeting so that they have an opportunity to see how the Sands PAC meeting operates and become interested in joining next year.
- Action: Principal Rick will contact the Gray Elementary and Brooke Elementary Administrators to announce our invitation.

Next Meeting

- May 16, 2023

Adjourned: 7:28pm