

Sands Parent Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Location	Library
Meeting Date:	June 20, 2023
Meeting Time:	7:00 p.m.
Meeting Facilitator:	Roshael Slezash
Attendees:	Chair: Razia Khan Vice President: Roshael Slezash Secretary: Elaine Addison DPAC representative: Catharine Russell Dry Grad Liaison: Ken Charnetski Emergency Preparedness: Tony Nathan Principal: Rick Mesich Gladys We Regrets: Suzana Topic

Land Acknowledgement

Minutes from Previous Meeting

- Approved

Principal's Update

- Sands anniversary will take place in May, next meeting in Sept.
- School Exterior Painted
 - It has been confirmed that our school will be painted this summer. The colour combination will be "Misty" for the major portion of the building, "Inverness" for the larger trim and "In the Navy" for the accent trim. Painting will be finished by the start of school in September.
- Student Recognition Award
 - Next year, I am implementing a weekly recognition award where staff nominate students for performing positive acts at school, in the community and improvement or excellence demonstrated in their course work. Students will be provided something to recognize their efforts and informed which staff member nominated them.
- Relay for Life:
 - The Relay for Life took place last Friday and was an overwhelming success where

this student-led event raised close to \$15, 000 to donate to the Cancer Society. This event is an example where students took on a challenge and exceeded the expectations of everyone. The most impressive aspect of the event, other than the amount raised, was the students pivoting from having the event outdoors to moving everything indoors due to the inclement weather. Congratulations to all the students who participated in this event and especially to those students who organized the entire event. This is an example of providing students with leadership opportunities and letting them navigate through the organizational process. Typically, they surprise the adults, and this is one example of how students can create magic.

- Year End Processes
 - As we move closer to the last day of classes on Friday, June 23rd, students will be required to complete the following processes prior to moving onto their summer holidays:
 - Empty out all contents from their lockers by Friday, June 23rd, including taking their locks home.
 - Check in all textbooks to their subject teachers and return all library books to the Library by Friday, June 16th. Starting on Monday, June 19th, students will need to check in their textbooks or library books into the office to ensure any textbooks owing are cleared from their student fee accounts.
 - Attend “I” days on June 26th or 27th if invited by their subject teachers to finish some last-minute assessments to hopefully help students pass a particular class.
 - Collect their Yearbooks from the gym on Friday, June 23rd from 8:30am to 9:25am
 - Register for Summer School
- Year End Processes
 - Long Blocks Schedule – June 21st & 22nd
 - To facilitate end of semester assessments, we will be having long block schedules on Wednesday, June 21st and Thursday, June 22nd.
 - The schedules will be: Wednesday, June 21 – Block B and D (Day 2); Thursday, June 22 – Block A and C (Day 1)
 - Office Hours: 8:30 – 9:15
 - Period 1: 9:30 – 11:40
 - Period 2: 12:30 – 2:40
- Adjusted Schedule – Friday, June 23rd
 - We will be having an adjusted schedule next Friday to accommodate the

distribution of Yearbooks and to celebrate the last day of classes for the 2022-23 school year. After period 4, we will be having a Grad vs. Staff softball game and be serving hamburger or veggie burgers for all students provided by M & M Meats. The schedule for the day will be:

- June 23rd Schedule
 - 8:30-9:25am Yearbook Distribution
 - 9:30-10:15am Period 1
 - 10:20-11:05am Period 2
 - 11:05-11:25am Nutrition Break
 - 11:25-12:10pm Period 3
 - 12:15-1:00pm Period 4
- Awards Night Celebration
 - We will be having an Awards Night Celebration on Thursday, June 22nd starting at 6:00pm in the Main Gym. We will be celebrating the achievements of our students in various areas around the school. Families whose children will be recognized will be contacted. We are looking forward to honouring our students for their excellence.
 - Fine Arts Night – Monday, June 5th
 - The Fine Arts Department hosted a Fine Arts Night on June 5th where student work was displayed, student made videos shown and our One-Act Play team performed their play that was written by Katelyn Foubert. Awards were given based on voting from the audience. Also, there were students who performed for the first time in front of an audience and their voices were tremendous. Many wonderful surprises.
 - Valedictory Ceremony – Wednesday, June 28th 6:30pm NDSS
 - We will be celebrating our Grad class of 2023 on June 28th at North Delta Secondary. Meet at 5:00pm for a rehearsal at NDSS. The ceremony will be live streamed by Sportswave. The link to access the ceremony is below:
<https://sportswavetv.yaretv.com/watch/1749-sportswavetv-sands-secondary-graduation>
 - The link can also be found on the right side of the home page on Sportswave.ca
 - Job Fair – June 8th Sun God Arena
 - Ms. Sansregret and Mr. Campbell are organizing a field trip to the Job Fair on June 8th. Students who are interested should contact Ms. Sansregret to obtain a permission form and have several copies of an updated resume on hand to take to the fair. Employers will be hiring at the fair. 85 students participated and 8 students volunteered
 - Athletic Banquet – June 15th
 - There will be a year end Athletic Banquet on Thursday, June 15th celebrating all

student athletes for their participation in our teams. M & M Meats will be providing hamburgers and hot dogs and each team will recognize team members for their contributions over the course of a particular season of play. Thank you to Ms. Viveiros for her work facilitating our Athletics program.

- Schulich Scholarship Winner – Alex Charnetski
 - Congratulations to grade 12 student, Alex Charnetski, who won the national Schulich Scholarship worth \$120, 000. Congratulations to Ken & Laurel for providing Alex with many opportunities to succeed in his life to warrant this award.

Treasurer's Report: Suzana Topic

- Cheques have been signed, scholarship cheques to be cut soon

DPAC update: Catharine Russell

- Review of the district's Vision 2030, encouraged to bring it to PAC meeting in new school year
- District will be forming a community safety committee and an anti-bullying self confidence committee with liaison officers, principals, parents, and trustees
- DPAC may host a Capacity Cafe
- Some meetings will be held in North Delta, Sands to host initially

Dry Grad update: Ken Charnetski

- kids were happy, buses made it less expensive for parents and easier for all
- attendance was good

Emergency Preparedness: Tony Nathan

- nothing to report
- may need to relocate food and first aid supplies to avoid heat damage

Other Business:

- Thank you to our departing PAC members, Tony, Ken, Razia, and Gladys. We greatly appreciate the time and effort you have made over the years and you will be missed.
- 2023 meeting dates:
 - September 19
 - October 17
 - November 21
 - January 16
 - February 20
 - April 16

- May 21
- June 18
- Elections for PAC positions will be held at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

- September 19, 2023

Adjourned: 8:02