

Sands PAC Meeting

May 30th, 2017

In attendance:

Debby Kabesh, Michelle Hebein, Jodie Weststrate, Aaron Akune, Helen Braun, Nicole Bevan

Community Ambassadors

- Course came about 1 ½ years ago to increase inclusion
- Content needs to be modified in most classes, so community ambassadors is a program where all students can come together
- Student led and student driven community service projects
- Has been an incredible and gratifying program for all involved
- Stephanie: Community Ambassadors means being part of a community and making a difference in the world. Everyone should be a part of this program! I never would have been involved in projects like these. I've made many friends and experiences.
- Rebecca: my friends are in the community ambassadors class. I love it and it's heartwarming!
- Stephanie and Rebecca shared a video they made highlighting all of the community projects the class has completed this year, including running a blood donor clinic, raising money for various charities and visiting a seniors' home.

Principal's Update:

- Our grade 10's went to the Trade and Technical Fair
- We had Cabaret music night – inviting, warm atmosphere
- Every Tues/Thurs, 2 grade 12 boys have putting on an Intramurals program
- Senior foods class visited Grey Elementary grades 1 and 2 to teach simple nutrition lessons
- Community ambassadors brought 60 grade 3's from Grey to Sands to play and make crafts
- Psychology students also went over to Grey to do some surveying/interviewing
- Game of Tiaras ran from May 16-18th, a smashing success

- Grad was last week. On a whole, things went very well.
- The banquet went very well. The prizes kept the students there until the end! 30 students on the bus there, just over 20 on the way back. The bus was money well spent!!
- PAC discussed strategies for informing grade 12 students and their families about the calendar of grad events for next year, and hopefully help families to be prepared for events and expenses throughout the year. Possibly even setting up a payment plan? The plan is to inform families early on.
- PAC looking into Cinderella Project for dresses/tuxes.
- PAC agreed that for next year there will be a mandatory bus ride from banquet to Sands, and then from Sands to Dry Grad. Students will have the option to arrange their own transportation, or take the bus from the school to banquet.
- Flex Time is going to run next year on Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri. (42 minutes after first block)
- For the first few weeks, students will spend time during flex periods learning how to properly use the time to plan, organize and manage their workload.
- All Wednesdays will start at 9:30 without flex time.
- Coming up:
 - Fine Arts night June 7th. Artwork on display and showcasing films
 - June 8th: Awards Night – 6:00 start
 - June 14th: band and choir concert
 - June 15-16, 19-20 will be an altered bell schedule.
 - June 20th at 2:30: we will have graduating former Grey students walk the halls at Grey
 - June 21st: Valedictory

Treasury Report:

- A few groups have not submitted requests yet
- Library overspent by \$125
- Our account is balanced to the penny

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

NEXT MEETING: June 20th, 2017