

January 13, 2025 Dry Grad Parent Committee Meeting Minutes Cariboo Hill Secondary School

Attendees: Meena Mangat (Vice Principal), Katrina Craig (treasurer), Laurie Kravski (communications lead), Lisa Young (chairperson), James Choo (committee member), Karen Bajwa (committee member), Rahul Haridwar (committee member), Lucia Silivestru (parent), Carla Cernelli (parent), Julia Craig (grade 12 student and grad council co-chair), and Simranjit Kaur (grade 12 student and grad council co-chair)

Regrets: Namita Sahni (committee member)

Agenda

Welcome & Introduction

Review of Previous Action Items – Katrina

- Bottle/Clothing Drive - various actions - COMPLETE
- Entertainment - research - COMPLETE
- Krispy Creme Fundraiser - Jesse Momrath to do Jan 20 at Open House (target goal is to sell 35 boxes; \$15 selling price; \$6 profit/box; confirmation that payment tap is available)

Grad Council Update (Simran and Julia)

- **The Krispy Creme fundraiser** is now scheduled for January 20, 2026 at 9am to 3pm at Lougheed mall (during learning opportunity and assessments week); no tap is available cash only; VP confirmed students will not be selling leftovers at subsequent open house on same evening concurrently with dry grad parent, Jesse
- **Other updates:** for semi-formal, they need student volunteers for decorations; Bombay restaurants, as the semi-formal food sponsor, asked that student dry grad council or Cariboo community to promote their upcoming promotion that offers free food for kids from 1 to 5 with purchases; Simran asked that we please encourage your children to share the news

Clothing/Bottle Drive Debrief -Rahul & Namita

January 10, 2026

Fundraising Goal: \$1,000

Great job! Rain held out for the most part! Lots of volunteers including students! Thank you!

Estimated Profit: \$600 bottles; \$100 clothing

- 6,126 bottle (57 bags) sales made and Big Brother will mail cheque
- Recycling Company will e-transfer funds to school

Entertainment Research & Recommendations - Katrina on behalf of Sonia

Vote Required

- Sonia Loretan - research completed; contacted 10+ vendors -
- pricing, booking time minimums, June 12 availability, etc
- Budget = \$4,000 (including DJ incremental costs)
- RECOMMENDATIONS: \$3,100
 - Recommendations fall within budget; see table below for cost details
 - 6 meeting attendees voted in agreement with suggested costs and services
 - Before finalizing costs, dry grad treasurer needs to confirm DJ's incremental cost and whether he will additionally provide karaoke set up; already have confirmation that he will have photo booth.
 - VP will confirm incremental costs with DJ and update treasurer.

Vendor	Activity	Cost Estimate
MonteCarlo	Casino - 3 tables incl dealers	\$1,250
Gigtoonz	2 caricature artists	\$840
Tattoos for Now	Airbrush tattoo artist	\$735
Party Rentals	Large party games	\$200

Budget Overview – Katrina

RECOMMENDATION:

- Cancel bus transfer back to school
 - Saves \$1,000 - reduces fundraising effort
 - Students/families responsible for own way home at 1am

REVISED BUDGET: \$11,800

We had budget of \$12000 but bottle fundraiser did not raise targeted goal

Reasoning for Bus Service Cancellation:

- Underlying challenge is that we do not have sufficient traction/participation from the grade 12 parent community with respect to fundraising and we are falling short on fundraising targets
- to alleviate costs, and as there is no change in venue from the dance to dry grad this year, it is suggested that we cancel offering bus transfer back to school at end of evening.
- the event ends at 1am and not 4 am

- parents/students would be responsible for their travel arrangements.
- the students who do not attend dry grad would leave the dance on their own as they have done so in previous years.

Decision to cancel bus service will be deferred until such time that we have realized the sales from upcoming fundraisers and have discussed the logistics of transportation and any concerns with the school administration.

Plan is to make a final decision in March 2026

Lynch bus service policy requires 48 hours cancellation notice

The following discussion relates to the potential cancellation of bus service:

- sales from the upcoming online raffle fundraiser will be known in March 2026
- Crispy Crème fundraiser is on January 20, 2026
- VP will confirm school administration's perspective and any potential concerns on transportation
- VP also suggested a smaller group meeting with the teacher grad coordinators to address event logistics i.e. bus service (given that the grad dinner and dance and dry grad will be held at same venue)
- Katrina, as treasurer, and Lauri, in communications, who will prepare the newsletter and messaging to parents, and likely Sonia, as the entertainment coordinator will tentatively attend the meeting
- If bus service is cancelled, the dry grad parent committee, together with the VP and/or admin team, will need to decide on an appropriate date to notify parents
- discussion on reducing entertainment costs (i.e. tattoo artist) if we need to maintain bus service is deferred
- treasurer suggested we start soliciting for donations in the community and amongst businesses
- as a marketing tactic, solicitors should inform potential donors that the school district is a charity and that a cash or online donation over \$20.00 renders a charitable tax receipt
- discussion on recruiting parents or committee members to contact companies, for example, in the Crest shopping centre, to make donations i.e. dominos gift cards (for door prizes)
- a donation request letter, legitimized on school letterhead, is available on google drive
- If anyone wants to solicit donations, the dry grad committee will provide them with the letter
- Communications will soon begin marketing the online raffle; if we can forward the information link to our personal network and promote sales, we can expect a boost in raffle sales; anyone in the prov of BC, 19 years and over can buy a raffle ticket

- **REMAINING FUNDS TO RAISE: approx. \$3,000**
 - Krispy Creme - Jan 20 Open House - \$200
 - Online Raffle - late Feb/early March - \$2,000
 - Donations, other fundraiser - \$500 - \$700

Next Steps – How you can help!

Donations - financial, door prizes - deadline May 31

- email for donation letter, if required
- email drygrad.cariboo@gmail.com when you collect a donation

Support fundraisers

- buy box of donuts - Jan 20 at Open House
- buy online raffle tickets - forward link to friends, family, neighbours (will be run late February/early March)

Anticipated dinner and dance costs

- A parent asked about dinner and dance costs
- \$55.00 for dinner/dance with 10.00 additional cost for guest – **TO BE CONFIRMED**

Action Items

- Proceed with communication to the parents, indicating that the provision of transportation service from dry grad is **to be determined**
- Plan is to decide on bus service cancellation in March 2026
- If school administration shares their input/perspective earlier, we will still finalize decision in March 2026

Next meeting February 17, 2026 at 7pm

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