

February 17, 2026 Dry Grad Parent Committee Meeting Minutes Cariboo Hill Secondary School

Attendees: Meena Mangat (Vice Principal), Katrina Craig (treasurer), Lisa Young (chairperson), Karen Bajwa (committee member and minute taker), Carla Cernelli (parent), Khoal (grandparent/guardian) Julia Craig (grade 12 student and grad council co-chair), Simranjit Kaur (grade 12 student and grad council co-chair); Betty Palmer(parent); Zaki Haidari (parent); Sarita Kumar(parent)

Regrets: Namita Sahni (committee member and bottle fundraiser and parent chaperone planner), Laurie Kravski (communications lead), James Choo (committee member bus transportation planner)

Agenda

Welcome & Introduction

Review of Previous Action Items – Lisa

- Proceed with communication to the parents, indicating that the provision of transportation service from dry grad is to be determined - **DONE**
- VP Mangat informed group that should the parent dry grad committee be compelled to exclude end-of-night bus service, due to budgeting constraints, the administration team has confirmed it will not take issue with this.
- Plan is to decide on bus service cancellation in **March 2026** (after profits from the upcoming 60/40 raffle fundraiser are realized)
- Book entertainment - **DONE** (casino tables, artists, games)

Grad Council Update (Simran and Julia)

Simran:

- Valentine's Day fundraiser was not profitable
- Order Forms for grad caps and gowns need to be submitted in February of 2026; graduates cannot cross stage without them
- VP Mangat clarified that form includes sizing guidelines

Julia:

- encouraged students to buy their dinner and dance tickets as sales are currently low

Budget Overview – Katrina

Budget details are viewable at:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1wS6FGoVlYiX_861V4c4ogfjB6-pl4oUi/edit?gid=627309819#gid=627309819

Budget Summary

- BUDGET: \$12,800 (\$11,800 if exclude bus)

- REMAINING FUNDS TO RAISE: approx. \$4,000 if bus service provided or \$3,000 if bus service excluded.
- Online Raffle (60/40 split) - late Feb/early March - goal \$2,000
- Anyone over 19 can participate in raffle
- To meet, but preferably exceed goal of \$2000, everyone needs to share the raffle with their social networks
- Donations, other fundraiser - \$1,000 - \$2,000
- Note: Sonia is still researching another entertainment booking in place of extending DJ, who requires an additional \$2000.00 to provided extended services and a photo booth, beyond the dinner and dance (over budget)
- Katrina noted that to meet the \$4000.00 budget (\$3000.00 if bus service excluded), everyone should be soliciting donations
- If the funds are not raised through donations, someone may need to run another fundraiser
- Katrina noted that charitable donations are eligible for tax receipts; alternatively, businesses can donate prizes

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 online raffle tickets - forward link to friends, family, neighbours (will be run late February/early March)

Buy tickets for the event

- Grads needs to purchase tickets for the event – current sale of 38 vs goal of 85
- Parent dry grad budget is based on an estimation of 85 attendees

Additional Questions from parents on the call:

Sarita asked how many parents are required to help.

Katrina clarified that historically grade 11 parents help and chaperone students to the next venue, following the grad dinner and dance, however, as there is no change in venue, grade 11 parent involvement will look different. Also, hotel security expected to be on site.

Next Meeting?:

Meeting will be moved up to Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 7pm (instead of March 17 due to spring break and availability).

Questions? - Contact Email: drygrad.cariboo@gmail.com

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