

March 10, 2026 Dry Grad Parent Committee Meeting Minutes Cariboo Hill Secondary School

Attendees: Meena Mangat (Vice Principal), Katrina Craig (treasurer), Lisa Young (chairperson), Karen Bajwa (minute taker), Julia Craig (grade 12 student and grad council co-chair), Simranjit Kaur (grade 12 student and grad council co-chair); Sonia Loretan (entertainment coordinator); James Choo (transportation and door prize coordinator); Sarita Naidu (parent); Marilyn Flores (parent); Khoal (grandparent/guardian); Anne Walker

Regrets: Laurie Kravski (communications lead)

Agenda

Welcome & Introduction

Grad Council Update (Simran and Julia)

- Grad Council will run the Mayflower Mother's day fundraiser
- Pick up will be first week of May
- Reminder for Parents to pay for grade 12 student leaving ceremony, and dinner/dance fees by May 15, 2026 (based on deadline cited in cash online)
- School will send out fee deadline reminder after spring break

June 12, 2026 – What the evening looks like

- **6pm - 11pm - Dinner/Dance - Organized by School**
 - Dinner
 - Grad Video
 - Parents Visit- **Parents typically come in for the beginning of the event at about 6pm to take photographs; VP Meena will confirm**
 - Dancing
 - Photobooth
- **10:30/11pm - 1am - Dry Grad - Organized by Parents (chaperoned by Gr 11 Parents)**
 - Casino & other games; artists
 - Dancing (until midnight)
 - "Midnight" Snack
 - Door prizes
 - Transportation back to school (2am)

\$145/student (all-in price for dinner/dance/dry grad)

Budget Overview – Katrina

- Original income budget: \$12,100
- Original expense budget: \$12,575
- Projected deficit: \$475

- Projected income budget: \$12,400
- **Revised expense budget: \$12,400**
- Difference: \$0

Budget details are viewable at:

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

Based on:

Online raffle net \$1,500 (could be more)

Committed donations of \$2,100 (\$1,000 received to date) (could be more)

BC Liquor Distribution Donation \$480 (could be more or less)

85 attendees (44 tickets purchased to date)

Entertainment \$4,300 including taxes

Keep bus transportation (2 buses for 85 students and chaperones)

Increase food spending by \$500 to \$2,000

Decrease door prizes by \$1,000 to \$1,500 (approx 15 items @ \$100 each)

Caveat - if donations or raffle higher, increase door prizes or food last minute

Three Decisions to be made:

1. **Additional Entertainment: \$1,200 available (including taxes)**

-3D Video Booth - \$1,000

OR

-Jumbo Red Cup Pong (\$250)- \$1,100

-Air Hockey Table (\$250)

-Dance Dance Revolution (DDR) or Rock Band (\$600)

Or

-Another Casino Table (4 in total instead of 3)

-plus 2 of the 3 options in above

VOTE RESULT : 4th Casino Table, DDR

Pending power requirements, replace DDR with Cup Pong & Air Hockey

- If limited electrical capacity, look to replace DDR with cup pong and air hockey
- Sonia will be attending venue to confirm spacing and electrical capacity

2. “Midnight” Snack - \$2,000 (hotel will not permit outside food thus costs for hotel provided snacks have increased)

- Pulled Pork Sliders - 60 pieces
- Veggie Spring Rolls - 60 pieces
- Soft Pretzels w/ mustards - 60 pieces
- Vegetable Platter with hummus & herb dip - 35 servings

*Hotel provided some other options:

- French fries - 90 servings - \$1,400
- Homemade potato chips - 90 servings - \$1,400
- Quesadillas - 90 servings - \$1,500

VOTE: Sliders, Spring Rolls, Pretzels - up # pieces to \$2,000; no veggies

- Based on dry grad council’s discussion with dry grad teachers, access to bottomless pop (from dinner and dance) will be extend to 1am for duration of dry grad event
- VP Meena will confirm

3. Transportation vs Door Prizes:

Options:

Keep both but lower door prizes to \$1,500 (approx 15 - 30 items)

OR

Eliminate transportation and keep door prizes at \$2,500 (25 - 50 items)

VOTE: keep Transportation with reduced door prize budget of \$1,500

- Treasurer noted possibility of obtaining door prizes directly from service providers outside of the \$1500.00 spending budget
- Bus costs are approximately \$1100.00 for 90 students including chaperones

Chaperone role

- General supervision
- Assist vendors during set up/keep kids in main space until Dry Grad setup complete
- Assist with jumbo games
- Give out door prizes
- Gather table centrepieces and decor end of evening
- Gather jumbo games and return to Sonjia, the games coordinator, at the end of the night, as she must return them to vendor by Monday.
- Escort students on bus back to school

Lisa Young will be the new chaperone coordinator (the grade 11 coordinator is no longer available)

- # of chaperones required: minimum 5 (Rahul the grade 11 bottle fund coordinator and one other parent may still be interested – to be confirmed)
- Hotel security will be present for the entire night

Next steps - How you can help!

Chaperone Coordinator - Volunteer needed (Gr 12 or 11 parent)

- May to June 12 (approx 8 hours effort)
- Understand shape of the evening
- Update Chaperone details instructions on google drive (use prior years as starting point and update for this year)

Lisa Young agreed to be Chaperone Coordinator

Chaperones - 4-5 Volunteers needed (Gr 11 parents)

June 12 (approx 5 hours effort - 10pm to 2am)

Door Prize Coordinator - Volunteer needed (Gr 12 parent)

- Deadline June 6: (approx 14 hours effort)
- Purchase door prizes (Use personal funds and then reimbursed through school using funds available)
- Wrap door prizes
- Organize door prize distribution (i.e. how do grads win them? Random draw? Earned through games?)
- Get door prizes to Pinnacle or Chaperones on June 12

James Choo & Sonia Camara agreed to co-coordinate

Donations - financial, door prizes - deadline May 31

-email for donation letter, if required

-email drygrad.cariboo@gmail.com when you collect a donation

-Ideas:

-gift cards (restaurants, clothing stores, activities, groceries)

-small appliances - kettle; coffee maker; rice cooker

-tech items - headphones; airtags; phone cases

-sports gear

Buy tickets for the event

--Grads needs to purchase tickets for the event – 44 (purchased) vs goal of 85

Other matters

- coat check will be available in hotel storage
- As there is no change in venue, clothing racks for change of clothing (provided in past years) are not being considered as a necessary amenity

- Only 2 more hours for dry grad so most students won't necessarily want to change

Next Meeting

Tuesday April 21 at 7pm

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

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