

April 21, 2026 Dry Grad Parent Committee Meeting Minutes Cariboo Hill Secondary School

Attendees: Meena Mangat (Vice Principal), Katrina Craig (treasurer), Lisa Young (chairperson), Laurie Kravski (communications lead), 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); Tejomayeesingh; Khoal

Welcome & Introduction

Grad Council Update - Julia & Simran

- Plants sale sold 60-80 plants
- Pizza sale on April 23
- Grad ceremony on May 19, 2026 at 6:30pm; students must be there no later than 5:30 and ready to start at 6:15pm
- Grad families are provided with two tickets; additional tickets are \$5.00, available for purchase at school office from beginning of May through May 19/26.
- School has provided students with more detailed information
- Gowns will be ready for pick up on May 11 in the cafeteria at the end of Period 4
- Ms. Da Silva instructed that students, and not their friends, pick up their own gowns
- Ms. Mangat added that in the last block on May 11, ICBC will provide grad students with a safe driving presentation in relation to grad events

June 12 - What the evening looks like – Lisa

- 6pm - 11pm - Dinner/Dance - Organized by School
- Dinner
- Grad Video
- Parents Visit – **Meena (VP) confirmed that parents may attend event between 8 and 9pm for first dance and pictures.**
- Dancing
- Photobooth
- Casino & other games; artists
- Dancing (until midnight)
- “Midnight” Snack
- Door prizes
- 10:30/11pm - 1am - Dry Grad - Organized by Parents (chaperoned by Gr 11 Parents)
- Transportation back to school (1am to 2am)
- \$145/student (all-in price for dinner/dance/dry grad)

Prior meeting action items – Lisa

- Additional entertainment booked?
 - 4th casino table – confirmed for additional \$500.00
 - Dance, Dance Revolution NOT available
 - Jumbo Cup Pong or Air Hockey Not Available
 - Alternatively, will rent jumbo puck, zombie knock down and jumbo raffle draw (tickets go into raffle drum as part of door prize activity) for a total cost of \$715.00, in addition to the 4th casino table (\$500)
 - Likely within budget and is approved
 - Katrina received a donation from a new west game store but not enough games; will use these games as door prizes at end of night; money available in budget for Katrina to buy 2 more board games (i.e. 100.00) that can be placed in quieter space;
 - Sonia mentioned space may be an issue
 - **Sonia visited venue to space out the games and flow of students**
 - **Needs to confirm seating with school staff so that she can confirm space availability for games; Meena will ask the grad council teachers to respond**

- Late Night Snack booked? Booked by Katrina
 - Pulled Pork Sliders
 - Veggie Spring Rolls
 - Soft Pretzels
 - Katrina additionally ordered small veggie plate to provide diversity, all under \$2000.00; enough food for 84 attendees

Budget Overview – Katrina

- **Projected income budget: \$13,600 (current \$12,800)**
- **Expense budget: \$12,400**
- **Potential surplus: \$1,200**
- **Tickets sold as of April 13: 79 (budget based on 84)**

Costs description	Budget Amount
Entertainment	\$4,300
Late Night Snack	\$2,000
Bus Back to School	\$1,075
Door Prizes	\$1,500
Chaperone Thank You's	\$240

- Katrina reported budget largely met; there may be a surplus of \$1200.00 which can help meet entertainment over costs
- Donations pending from BC liquor stores and the clothing drive (cheque outstanding but expected)
- Sonia and James are open to buying additional gift cards for door prizes should there be a surplus
- To date, 79 tix purchased according to the school; budget is based on 84 sold tickets;
- Meena VP expects more tickets will be sold; based on Cariboo school past trends, the ticket sales may reach 120 (\$10.00 of each tix sale is apportioned to dry grad event)
- This brings to question if already reserved buses will have enough capacity
- If 100 students attend (purchase tix late) we will need to order two of the larger buses with a capacity for 100 students
- Late night snacks have been ordered for 74 attendees
- Meena VP noted that some kids may leave sooner; The school, when sending out grad event consent forms, may propose two separate consent options: consent for student to stay for dance only and leave at 11am by their own means and consent for student to stay for dance and dry grad until 1am and leave by provided bus service; this may resolve the bus capacity issue and budget issue
- **Cut off deadline for tix sale is May 15** according to Cash Online
- Difficult to change decision on buses at this late stage

Budget details are viewable at:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1wS6FGoVLYIX_861V4c4ogfjB6-pl4oUi/edit?gid=627309819#gid=627309819

Chaperone coordination – Lisa

- 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 vendor by Monday)
- Escort students on bus back to school

NEEDED – Chaperones – minimum 5

- Lisa has three chaperones confirmed one is Khoal (meeting attendee)
- Khoal accepted tasks of setting up; picking up large game items before the event on Thursday/Friday and returning them on Sunday/Monday; providing general supervision
- The vendors will be responsible for every other item (other than large game items that Khoa will manage)
- Vendors are in Richmond
- Lisa will arrange for the two chaperones to attend the last two meetings or she will communicate final plans with them separately.
- As we should have 5 chaperones, Katrina suggested asking Ms. Amber Seele to send email to grade 11 parents contacts for more chaperones
- Lisa has created a Whats APP group for chaperones

Note: Hotel security remains throughout the evening

Entertainment & Door prizes update -Sonia, James

1. Entertainment - any outstanding items?
2. Door prizes - to be purchased & do not need to be wrapped
 - ideas – Sonia has a list: LED lights, mini fridges, shower caddies, digital camera, cariboo hill swag, gift cards i.e. starbucks, sephora, hotpot
 - gift cards will be presented in lieu of larger items due to space at venue and they will include item, pick up info (at school) up until Jun 19,
 - Katrina has a gift basket donated by a realtor, and games donated by Raincity games (which will also be distributed as door prizes by way of gift cards)
3. Who can we give door prize donations to?
 - James plans to deliver door prizes to venue on June 12; Sonia will be the purchaser Will need to confirm a hotel drop off time
 - Budget of \$1500 confirmed

Consent forms, etc

● Consent Forms:

- As noted above, attendees to select departure time (11pm or 1am)
- parent sign off
- Buses – will be provided; as space is limited to 53 students per bus, need consent forms completed by May 15, 2026 so any potential changes can be made in time
- Change of clothes – no (there is no change of venue and the post-dance dry grad event is shorter than usual and this becomes an unnecessary logistical challenge)
- Dry Grad co-chair preferred a change of shoes, at a minimum, thus, Lori agreed to arrange for a shoe pick up (clearly placed in clear and labelled bags) at the school, in the week of the event, and deliver to the hotel (all of which is arranged to avoid allowing students to bring their own bags which can be potentially cause safety issues (i.e. liquor)

Outstanding items

- Any missing items? Addressed above
- Any additional decorations needed? No (cannot account for them in budget in light of uncertainty around numbers of attendees and the potential need for changes to other costs)
- Any additional mementos? No
- Jumbo game pick up & drop off? Khoal (chaperone) has accepted responsibility as noted above
- Guests fee is \$65.00- they can attend dry grad portion of event only; this may further impact bus capacity issue

Action Items

- Meena VP will inform the grad council teachers to connect with Sonia re: venue spacing and seating arrangements
- Sonia will connect with Khoal RE: pick up of jumbo games
- Bus reservations to be reviewed once the school receives and reviews consent forms, to be due by May 15, 2025
- Laurie to look into shoe drop off/pick up arrangement

Next 2 Meetings

Next Meeting: need to change the May 19, 2026 meeting as it falls on same day as Grad Ceremony

Moved to May 12, 2026 at 7pm

Last Meeting confirmed for June 9, 2026

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

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