

## **May 12, 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 and door prize coordinator); James Choo (transportation and door prize coordinator); Khoal (chaperone); Jessica Yeung (grade 11 parent chaperone); Susan Dessa (grade 11 parent chaperone); Sarita Naidu, Frances Marr, Betty, Khoal Gahunia, Sonia Loretan, Perrier Tsai, , Graeme, Carla Francesca Cernelli, Mel Madrazo, Xiu wen Yu, Summer

**Regrets: Laurie Kravski (communications lead)**

### **Welcome & Introduction**

### **Grad Council Update - Julia & Simran**

### **June 12 - What the evening looks like – Lisa**

#### **● 6pm - 11pm - Dinner/Dance - Organized by School**

- Dinner
- Grad Video
- Parents Visit – (8-9pm)
- 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 (1am to 2am)
- \$145/student (all-in price for dinner/dance/dry grad)

## Budget Overview – Katrina

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

Budget details are viewable at:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1wS6FGoVlYiX\\_861V4c4ogfjB6-pl4oUi/edit?gid=627309819#gid=627309819](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1wS6FGoVlYiX_861V4c4ogfjB6-pl4oUi/edit?gid=627309819#gid=627309819)

### Consent forms, # Buses, Change Clothing/Shoes

#### ● Consent Form

○ the school will provide parents with event consent forms and require them to consent to 1 of the 2 departure options:

- attendees can leave at 11pm, after the dinner and dance event, under their own arrangements; or
- attendees can leave at 1am after the dry grad event, on the buses arranged by the parent dry grad council; buses will deliver them to Cariboo school

**\*\*\*\*Parents will be responsible for students once they have returned to Cariboo by bus**

**\*\*\*the school has extended the cut-off date for ticket purchases to June 12, 2026, the day of the event, due to last minute purchasing school trend**

#### ● Buses

##### ○ Wristband process

- Students will check in at the dry grad table and receive wrist bands that will be coded by bus #; the students will be assigned to take the bus that corresponds with

the number on their wrist bands; students **must** take the bus to which they are assigned

- Meena will confirm whether school will pay for the wrist bands
- Two parent volunteers required to do bracelet check-in; Khoal (chaperone has volunteered to be one of those parents)
- Meena will provide chaperone coordinator with an electronic and paper list of students that have consent to stay at dry grad event and take the bus

○ **in anticipation of growing numbers of attendees and expected last minute tix purchases, likely need to book additional medium bus at \$855 (46 add’nal seats; 154 seats total), with ability to cancel 3 days in advance if not needed**

○ **VOTE** to use surplus to book additional bus (\$855 of projected \$1,300 surplus) is a **YES**

● **Change of clothes**

○ **VOTE:**

■ **Option #1 - School collection & delivery (who would pay for bags?)**

- School would offer designated drop off days to collect items; school will secure the items up until parents collect them and deliver to hotel; Meena will arrange pre-event drop off
- Katrina asked who would pay for bags; Meena confirmed school will
- This option is suggested to add precautionary measure to prevent unauthorized substances at the event
- This option creates practicality issues and a lot of work for potential volunteer/s

■ **Option #2 - Student self-carry**

- Students would bring in their own, self-labelled smaller sized bags and hotel security would do check in; they would be limited from bringing in large bottles, etc.
- Bags are locked away so no access during event
- Vote results: 2 for option 1 and 10 for option 2

**Final Decision: students will self-carry as they have historically done so**

**Other updates**

● **Entertainment** – Sonia will be confirming drop off times with entertainers/vendors and the hotel

○ **Confirm rental pick up assistance required**

- Khoal will pick up larger games from Richmond and return after the event; can pick up on Thursday and drop off by Monday; likely need a van or vehicle with ability to put seats down
- Katrina will pick up other game related items
- Sonia will confirm pick up destinations with vendor and Khoal and Katrina

**The Henna artist that Sonia booked is not responding on time and communication is poor; Sonia asked if school has already paid; likely yes.**

● **Late night snack**

○ **VOTE:** Should we plan for more food in anticipation of last min tix? Katrina has booked 84 pieces of the three selected items; should we use more of the anticipated surplus to order 1 more dozen of each of 3 items (96 in total)– would cost \$280.00 leaving about \$165 in surplus, keeping in mind dinner served will be served closer to 7:30pm (and not closer to end of night)

**Vote Result - YES**

○ **Confirm water/pop available at no cost by hotel until 1am**

● **Door prizes - Sonia, James**

- Sonia has spent over \$500.00 in door prizes; intends to purchase another \$1000.00 worth of items
- Plan to list prizes (other than gift cards) on tags which can be handed out to winners in lieu of actual prize; students can then pick up prizes at school in the week following the event;
- Katrina and Lori will arrange two days for students to pick up items
- all of the gift cards will be issued at venue by the chaperones
- Sonia estimates prizes will be comprised of 70% gift cards and 30% items

○ **VOTE: Use additional potential surplus for door prizes? Once attendee numbers are more finalized, do we do one VERY last-minute gift card purchase with remaining surplus i.e. one larger gift card for amazon with 150.00 value; Vote result – YES**

● **Chaperone update – Lisa**

- Lisa has secured 3 parent volunteers: Jessica, Khoal and Susan
- Lisa has drafted handout/guidelines for chaperones and would like committee to review it
- Lisa needs 2<sup>nd</sup> volunteers for wrist band check in; Khoal has volunteered
- Lisa needs more volunteers, as two volunteers are generally required for each bus and we may need a 3<sup>rd</sup> bus in anticipation of last minutes attendees
- One of the grade 11 parents will see if they can get other grade 11 parents to volunteer
- Grade 12 parents will be needed for the event if there are not enough grade 11 parent chaperones
- Please email dry grad council if you can volunteer

**Who will be contact for hotel, parents, school?**

- Lisa will be there and she can be the dry grad parent contact for vendors and setting up; Meena will be the school contact for the dry grad event in the event of an urgent matter; will need to confirm if we can arrange hotel contact for the vendors i.e. Karla from Pinnacle

● **Ticket sale cutoff, including guests June 13, 2026 day of as suggested to Meena by school**

## Action Items

- Meena VP will confirm whether school will pay for the wrist bands
- Meena will confirm the hotel contact for the vendors (i.e. Karla from Pinnacle) for Lisa, as the dry grad parent and vendors.
- Sonia will share vendor contact information with Khoal and Katrina for pick up arrangements
- James will book another bus; reservations to be reviewed once the school can grasp attendee numbers; generally have 3 days to cancel the bus service without forfeiting deposit
- Katrina will look over chaperone handbook for Lisa before she hands them out to the parent chaperones

**Next Meeting (LAST)- June 9, 2026**

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