



CARIBOO HILL SECONDARY SCHOOL

ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE CARIBOO HILL

April 4, 2016

PAC Minutes

Present: Ed LaPointe, Money Dosanjh (student), Margaret Widmer, Rishma Vallani, Sue Montabello (principal), Sandra Berry, Raveena Nat, Jennit Duink, Greg Bernard (teacher), Norm Jansen (teacher), Francesca Bonanis (teacher), Teresa Lim, Gordana Vujanic

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Ed welcomed everyone and everyone introduced themselves.
2. **Approval of agenda:** Moved by Rishma and seconded by Margaret to accept the agenda as circulated.
3. **Approval of minutes:** Moved by Rishma and seconded by Margaret to accept the minutes as corrected.
4. **Student Report:**
 - Student Government: April 7 is Thursday night live. Comedy show - \$2.00 per person. Free popcorn. Doors open at 6:00 show starts 6:30 and will finish about 8:30.
April 15 is cancer all nighter. \$25 of which \$5.00 will go towards pizza.
April 22 is Grad senior sail.
 - DSAC: Burnaby's got talent Tuesday, April 5 (tomorrow night)
 - YAC: Will run concession at Thursday night live. Working on Mental Health Week.
5. **Guest Speakers:** Mr. Bernard, Ms. Bonami and Mr. Jansen talked about the Changing Assessment Practices. Mr. Bernard talked about "Why" and explained how it will work with the shop kids. He talked about how students seem to work towards numbers rather than quality whereas this system will be more towards quality of work. Ms. Bonami talked about how it is being used in English by having the students evaluate their own work and that of their classmates. They should have a clear understanding of why they receive a certain mark and how they can improve the mark if they want to do better. Mr. Jansen talked about how this is opening discussion with students on their mark and why they are receiving a certain grade. He feels the students will have more

control over their own learning. They all said this will open dialogue between students and teachers, the openness of marks and will reduce the bartering for marks.

6. **Principals Report:**

- The last week of April (Wed April 27 to Sat April 30) will be the drama presentation. Trevor Found always has his students put on an innovative production and this year is not different. It will be in two parts. The first part is “Made to Order” and is an Interactive Theatre production including 7 small plays. The audience will select what they want to see. This will be on the shows for all days. The second part is a production called “I Hate You on Monday” and will be shown on the Friday nights and both shows on Saturday. It is a production written by a teenager which deals with issues such as cutting, drug use and sexual orientation. This part will be advertised as “Mature Content” and will start ½ hour after Made to Order. This will allow those that do not want to stay time to leave. After this show there will be a talk back portion with the students in the show. This will be shown in school for a select group of students.
- April is busy with Thursday Night Live, Cancer All Nighter and the Grad Boat Cruise.
- Twelve staff members are working with Fay Brownly on structures they use to engage students. The teachers at Cariboo are way ahead of the game as they have been thinking that way already.
- A teacher has been hired to cover for Mme Destouche’s maternity leave as well as a second teacher to help with the French Immersion science classes. They are hoping to hire a teacher who did her practicum at Cariboo to cover for Mme Osachoff’s maternity leave.

7. **Treasurers Report:** The account has received a deposit from the Provincial Government but to date no one has received a letter of explanation for this. The usual practice is for the Government to deposit money and then send an explanation as to why. A cheque will be written for \$600 to assist with student support.

8. **DPAC:** No report as the March meeting was postponed until tomorrow night.

9. **Fundraising Coordinators Report:** Applied for and received raffle licence.

10. **French Immersion Report:** The students have been preparing and competing in Conours. Grade 8 French Immersion – 1st Place – off to provincials in May, Grade 8 Francophone – 3rd Place. Grade 9 French Immersion – 1st Place – off to provincials in May, Grade 9 Francophone – 2nd Place. Grade 10 French Immersion – 3rd Place. The Grade 11 and 12 competitions are later in the week. One winner for the Burnaby Writing contest in Grade 9.

11. Dry Grad:

- Fundraising is continuing.
- Drive a Ford was successful, we will know the total amount we made in a few weeks.
- Spring Plant Sale has started. Potted plants or Hanging baskets \$30 each. Strawberry Hanging Basket for \$20.00 each. Order forms are at the office and can be filled in and returned to the office. If you have any questions please contact Shannon Gillin at Shannon.Gillin@gov.bc.ca. All orders need to be at the school by April 21, 2016. Plant pick up is May 6 at the school from 3:00 to 5:30.
- Dry Grad Raffle is ongoing tickets are \$5.00 each if you would like to sell a book of 10 tickets please contact Margaret Widmer at kw1909@telus.net or to purchase a ticket.
- Choices Hot Dog Sale is May 14 from 11:00am to 3:00pm.
- We are looking for parents to supervise the Dry Grad from 11:30 to 4:00am, please contact Margaret Widmer at kw1909@telus.net.
- Thank you to everyone for your support of our dry grad.

12. **Report From Chair:** None.

13. **New Business/open discussion:** None.

Next meeting is April 4, 2016 at 7:00 pm.