

## **To All Parents**

Congratulations to parents of children who have entered secondary school. Welcome back to those parents who are returning to Cariboo Hill Secondary.

Entering high school is significant transition for the entire family. For those of you returning there is a significant transition as well, in the administration of the school. Some of you may be aware that both the Vice Principals and the Principal are no longer at Cariboo. We will have a new Administration team beginning this school year.

You may wonder what a parent's role can be at this stage in your child's education. While it is not frequently the hands on bake sale, volunteering experience of elementary school, there are many ways in which parents can remain actively involved and informed about their children's education. One way is to attend the Parent Advisory Council, (PAC) here you will have direct access to the school administrators. While we do not talk about specific student needs we are informed on what the schools culture is and how this affects students. There are also an opportunities to sit on the District Parent Advisory Council, (DPAC). Here all schools get together for monthly meetings and this is your opportunity to access both the school superintendents and the trustees, and learn what other schools in the district are doing.

One of the most common questions asked by parents is what the \$10.00 voluntary line item on registration is for. The PAC is funded in two ways, the BC Gaming Commission which is based on a student enrollment, this fund is augmented by YOUR optional voluntary contribution during the students' registration. The Gaming funds cannot be used for curriculum, though the volunteering funds can be used to add to curriculum which can add significant learning bridges for students. If you wish to see what the PAC funded last year either email me directly or look through the past minutes where you will find a document referred to the "wish list"

Supporting your student in secondary school is a crucial component of student success in secondary, as I mentioned earlier it is a significant transition. Supporting your student can be involvement in PAC, DPAC, or simply accessing the school website for resources. I can assure you despite the complete change in administration, Cariboo teachers, administrators and support staff are all focused on what is best for each and every student. All welcome teachers and administrators have emails which can be accessed through the website and all will respond to any questions you may have.

I look forward to my final year as part of making Cariboo hill a school where students are challenged, engaged, supported, and mentored to become strong leaders wherever or whatever they choose to do.

The first **PAC Meeting** will be on **Monday, September 12 at 7pm (Room 321)**. All parents are invited to attend this meeting and to meet our new Principal, Mr. Chin and Vice Principals, Ms. Aadland and Mr. Papathansiou.

Thanks Ed LaPointe