

CARIBOO HILL SECONDARY SCHOOL / ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE CARIBOO HILL

PAC Meeting Agenda October 02, 2017

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of June Minutes
4. Student Reports: a) Student government
 b) DSAC
 c) Dry grad
5. Principal's Report
6. Election for officers and committees:
Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Fund raising coordinator, French immersion, DPAC and dry grad representatives
7. Treasurer's report: Raveena Nat
8. Report from Chair: Sarb Basi
9. New Business
10. Open Discussion

Attendees: Raveena Nat, Sarb Basi, Lita Cole, Vivian Ramos, Tasnim Vegdani, Helen Merkens, Sunny Naidu, Mike Gregus, Rishma Vallani, Amal Kago, Gordana Vujanic

Principal Andy Chin, Vice principals Effie Aadland and Fonda Papathanasiou were in attendance, and students Shyla Chandra, Rickesh Mysuria and Hannah Laing

Motion to approve the minutes from the PAC meeting on June 05, 2017 – deferred to November meeting

Agenda:

Ad. 4 Student government Report by Shyla Chandra

- Back to school barbecue event successful.
- Halloween Dance Oct 26
- Planned events: Hohoho Down Friday Dec 22nd and Jazz Cafe.
- Student leadership retreat taking place in October.

New Student government is composed of 3 reps from school and 2 international students. 2 students from grade 8 will also be part of the Student government.

Dry grad report by Hannah Laing

Metro hall, movie-theater, Aquarium, Science World, and a gym are all possible venues for dry grad. Recommended venue by Cathy Nielsen is based on last year experience with dry grad: Cariboo gym.

Ad. 5. School Report by Principal Andy Chin

- School upgrades include
 - Exterior paint
 - 9 sets of doors replaced
 - Portables removed
 - Further updates will happen to outdoor area
 - Old reader board replaced by digital reader board

The number of students for 2017/2018 school year: 600 + 67 international students, above the projection. School has 40 teachers in school and 6 specialists, some new, such as Marquis Lung new safe school specialist. New school dedicated RCM Constable is Jari Koskelainen. New receptionist: Tamara Southall.

Changes from 2016/2017 school year:

- New bell schedule implemented
- Students are no longer in home rooms during the house block. Students don't miss it.
- Collaboration was not structured before, which is also changing to more structured collaboration.
- More school updates, WIFI for personal devices, 30 new laptops and iPads, 2 virtual Reality Kits,
- New sound system, vending machines can use Interac, new special sink
- Cariboo Hill 2 Go App – teachers are increasingly using it and it is a good tool for students and parents, trying to get as many users as possible.

Cariboo students continue to match provincial averages.

Grad Updates – Photo Studio Artona will do grad photos in the school.

Grade 12 dinner and dance will be at the Pinnacle Hotel downtown on June 15, 2018, dry grad venue to be determined.

Curriculum changes:

Grade 12 are on 2004 program, will only need to write one example to graduate (English 12 exam).

Grade 11 and below will need to do numeracy and language exams. As these exams are being revamped, students will need to do it before they graduate. They will have 3 opportunities to write it. There will be a proficiency mark: 1,2, 3 or 4 (where 4 is the maximum mark). The first opportunity will be in Jan 2018 – practice. 87 Cariboo students are interested to write it and write it again in June. Postsecondary institutions have not confirmed yet if they will use the new proficiency exams for entrance. It is assumed that they will mostly base entrance on the student marks, on the proficiency test. The new numeracy exam is not connected to the course.

From Sept 2018 English 10 course will change to 2 literacy related courses. English 11 and English 12 courses unchanged.

Ad.6. PAC leadership for school year 2017/2018:

Chairperson: Sarb Basi

Secretary: Gordana Vujanic and Sunny Naidu

Fund Raising coordinator: Sarb Basi

Treasurer: Raveena Nat

Dry Grad: Teri Sabo, Sunny Naidu

French Immersion: Gordana Vujanic and Amal Kago (Ms. Bernard coordinates French immersion events at Cariboo Hill)

DPAC representative: Mike Gregus

Ad. 7 Treasurer's report: Raveena Nat

Due to a small accounting error of adding up the receipts, PAC has motioned to issue a cheque for CAD 40\$ to correct the error.

Expense requests for school year 2017 / 2018 will be discussed and approved by PAC during the meeting in November.

Ad. 8. No report by chair

Ad. 9. No new business