

CARIBOO HILL SECONDARY SCHOOL / ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE CARIBOO HILL

PAC Meeting Agenda December 04, 2017

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of November Minutes
4. Student Report:
 - a) Student government – Shyla Chandra
 - b) DSAC – Shyla Chandra
 - c) Dry grad – Hannah Liang
5. Special Guest: Trevor Bertness (Math Dept. Head) – Preparing Students for the Provincial Numeracy Assessment
6. School Report by Principal Andy Chin
7. DSAC Report: Mike Gregus
8. Dry Grad Report – Sunny Naidu
9. Treasurer’s report: Raveena Nat
10. French Immersion Report: Amal Kago and Gordana Vujanic
11. Report from Chair: Sarb Basi
12. New Business

Attendees: Raveena Nat, Sarb Basi, Mike Gregus, Sunny Naidu, Amal Kago, , Vinh Nguyen, Rishma Vallani, Tasnim Vegdani, Alessandra Mendes Pires, Rafini Aui, Gordana Vujanic. Student Participant: Shyla Chandra, School Staff attendees: Andy Chin, Trevor Bertness

Motion to approve the minutes from the PAC meeting on November 06, 2017.

AGENDA

Ad. 4 a) Student government Report by Shyla Chandra

- Next event Jazz café – Dec07 , Tickets \$10
- Pancake Breakfast – Dec 19th, Tickets \$5
- 12 Days of Christmas
 - b) DSAC report
- Student Voice Initiative about mental illness Tickets: \$5
- Burnaby’s got talent, April 16, 2018
December 11th meeting to discuss survey about healthy lifestyles.

Ad.5. Trevor Bertness - Preparing Students for the Provincial Numeracy Assessment

Provincial exam – no resources to learn from, only one example online available (39 pages) – print and spend time with child
24 multiple choice questions (online) + 2 longer task problems (on paper) – planning, reading, solving and justifying the answer

3 hour long exam

75 student volunteers for test in January 2018.

Recommended that each student does the test at least twice

Each task will be scored from 1 (worst) to 4 (best), marker dependent.

Tasks are low floor – high ceiling (student with basic math skills can solved, but it can also be resolved with higher levels of skills and thinking).

The task response should include good logic, correct math answers, strong solving and justification of the result:

Ways to prepare kids for the provincial exam:

Peter Liljedahl from SFU prepared the exam, available on the internet. 4 tasks available to work from, so that kids become more familiar with them. This will be discussed with kids to match the system.

Language is a big part of the exams – low levels of English will impact the test results.

In Cariboo Hill school Math and English departments will cooperate on preparing kids for this exam.

Pilot exam in January is result of feedback to math teachers, volunteer schools are doing the pilot exam.

There is no fail on the January exam.

The exam will not be used as an entrance exam. The exam is only a requirement to finish high school, but it has no bearing on math marks.

The best score will be on students' transcript (after 3 attempts). Ministry's recommendation is to write as many times as required to reach the score 4.

This is not only Math issue. The result of the test will reflect on school's capacity to approach this from multi-disciplinary approach.

The biggest challenge is the literacy portion of the test.

More than one answers may be correct and they all need to be marked as correct, otherwise the answer is incorrect.

Recommended 7 class periods to prepare kids for this exam in the classroom.

This approach requires years of analyzing problems in this way.

Two task examples, if one is chosen it is not possible to go back and select the second task choice.

Four example solutions are available

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca> ... exam samples

Google: BC numeracy exam sample.

Teachers are responsible to change the regular math curriculum to the new curriculum mandatory change.

Ad. 6. School Report by Principal Andy Chin

Parent – Teacher interview, 500 sessions, school bell was not used so that the time of the interviews was off in some cases. Suggested 2-3 minute break between the meetings.

Postsecondary event on Nov 21st very successful because all the students were in the school.

End of term 01 last Friday

Offering 5 new programs in school:

- sport academy #1 (volleyball 07:45-09:45 AM),
- academy #2 working with SFU (lacrosse with SFU coaches)
- organization CCI learning will provide computer course. Students will get school credit and can be certified in Microsoft suite. Kids can go on their pace (Excel, Word, Power Point, Photoshop).
- Palo Alto program – computer network security program. Three of four courses will be done for students' certification in computer network security. Other kids from the district can apply. Grade 11 and 12, 3 or 4 courses per week, Day 1 and Day 2 , similar to carpentry program
- Digipen will teach game development programs. Courses will be offered from grade 8-12 for Cariboo Hill students only.

New computer lab will be opened. Course selection begins in January

Ad.7. District Parents' Advisor Council (DPAC) Report – Mike Gregus

Burnaby D.P.A.C. AGM Minutes are enclosed.

Aboriginal parents are underrepresented in DSAC. PAC can encourage representation. Michele Rhodes will reach out to aboriginal parents.

Cariboo Hill SOGI meeting last attracted about 40 attendees.

Ad. 8. Grade 12 Report – Sunny Naidu

SFU Diamond Alumni venue has been selected. \$20/person menu. Outside food can also be brought in. Two casino tables, photo booth and DJ have been secured. Up to 8 people can take pictures at the photo booth.

Gift card fund raising has been very successful. 30 parents participated. Financial goals achieved in 6 days only. The second fund raiser, point settia sale has also been successful.

Second Saturday in January is the last fund raiser – bottle and clothing drive. Purdy's Chocolate fund raiser may also happen. Hollywood theme has been chosen. Each grad will receive a T-shirt.

Ad.9. Treasurer's report: Raveena Nat

YAC funding will be required for 2018/2019 school year, not required this year.

All but one funding requests have been accepted.

Ad. 10. Canadian Parents for French – Amal Kago and Gordana Vujanic

French Immersion School activity: Cariboo Hill teachers and students organized traditional Carnaval event at school.

District CPF activities: district CPF meetings were held in December and January.

December activities were focused on Carnaval skating event at 8 Rinks and provision of French books to school libraries. Information on the skating event was posted on Cariboo Hill school web site.

Funding requests have been approved for French immersion teacher's support during the CPF meeting in December. Two funding equests received from Cariboo Hill refer to student activities and will be approved upon receiving more information from CPF teachers. The funding requests are to support of Spelling Bee competition on Burnaby high schools district level and FI graduation ceremony.

Current District CPF activities: French course for parents (any parents can register) and French film festival on Feb 09th. Cariboo Hill FI teachers and students will participate in the French film festival.

The next district CPF meeting will be on 15 Feb, 2018.

Ad. 11. No report by chair

Ad. 12. No new business