

# CARIBOO HILL SECONDARY SCHOOL / ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE CARIBOO HILL

## PAC Meeting Agenda February 05, 2018

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of December Minutes
4. Student Report:
  - a) Student government – Shyla Chandra
  - b) DSAC – Shyla Chandra
  - c) Dry grad – Hannah Liang
5. Special Guest: Ms. Sandra Da Silva - Cariboo Hill's AP Program & Scholarship Opportunities
6. School Report by Principal Andy Chin
7. DPAC Report: Mike Gregus
8. Dry Grad Report – Mike Gregus for 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, Ms.Sandra Da Silva

Motion to approve the minutes from the PAC meeting on Dec 04, 2017.

### AGENDA

#### Ad. 4 a) Student government Report by Shyla Chandra

- Past events:
  - o Pancake Breakfast – last week before Christmas break, reached goal with 110 tickets, compliments on the food
  - o Jazz caféBoth events have been financially successful.
- Future events:
  - o Valentine's day – each student receives a heart
  - o Carniboo – carnival that disappeared and is now back – Planned for May 31<sup>st</sup>
- b) DSAC report
  - o Student Voice Initiative about mental illness
    - Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> auditions for Burnaby's got talent (which will take place on April 16, 2018), Tickets: \$5
    - Mental health initiative, school data will help for positive change
- c) Dry grad - Singing telegrams the main initiative

#### Ad.5. Ms. Sandra Da Silva – Cariboo Hill's AP Program & Scholarship Opportunities

For university applications it is becoming more important that students show resilience, leadership and contribution to community.

Advanced Placement (AP) is a university/college course offered in Burnaby district high schools. AP courses provide students with university experience in high school class.

AP courses cover the same material as they would at the university level. Cariboo Hill offers AP Statistic, AP economics-micro and macro, psychology, math not offered this year.

Students encouraged to take AP courses which give them 6 or 8 university credits. AP Psychology and AP English can be taken in grade 11. Psychology 11 is not a prerequisite for AP psychology.

AP credits can be kept for the rest of student's life. IB program is disappearing.

Applications should be submitted by (payments required by) Feb 15<sup>th</sup>.

Exams start on May 07 and continue until the end of school. Refer to school calendar for the AP exam dates. Cariboo Hill student wants to study on their own, a teacher can mentor him and a student can challenge an AP exam.

Students that have AP experience from high school do better at the university level.

Douglas college does not accept AP credits, but you can challenge it. Other colleges and universities accept AP credits (except for BCIT).

Scholarships: parents are encouraged to start speaking with their students about postsecondary school as soon as possible. Discuss how to get scholarships: volunteerism well rounded students, good academic grades. UBC looking for video applications.

Universities are looking for 90%+ grades for enrollment. Private schools and colleges enroll students with C+ grades.

Find a volunteering opportunity – elementary schools are offering them.

How can you help your child- come with kids for an information evening, get involved, update resume, get references, apply to many places. \$500 or \$1000 scholarships add up. Parents can't apply for students. Mrs. Da Silva can help students, but can't apply for them. Follow Ms. Da Silva on Twitter, Instagram or School App (download). SFU gives a lot of scholarships of \$4,000 to \$5,000.

BC Excellence scholarship – \$5,000, the best Cariboo Hill student can apply.

Pathways to Educations 5,000 scholarship for Teacher college.

District Dogwood \$12,050 ACE IT - a Cariboo Hill student won \$10,000 last year for acting program specialization.

Burnaby District – 13 school scholarships available.

School scholarships – donated by Cariboo Hill staff, previous students (first job – \$1000 ) or parents.

Statistics: 9 years ago \$150,000 per school won in scholarships, most years \$200,000 per school, last year Cariboo Hill won \$400,000 in scholarships – 31 kids won (6 from French Immersion), 6 different kids received top scholarships from \$30,000 up.

For any questions contact Mrs. Sandra da Silva (sandra.dasilva@burnabyschools.ca)

#### Ad. 6. School Report by Principal Andy Chin

School posted SFU and UBC admission requirements for Sept 2019 – big changes noted. UBC video is long and talks about what universities are looking for in new students. Preferred that students take wide range of courses to be well rounded. Tour about 2 hours conducted by 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students. Admission is no longer about 95% grade in the top 4 or 5 courses. Looking at how engaged students are in learning.

Early Admission in grade 11, but students need to maintain it in grade 12.

Current grade 10 will do numeracy and literacy assessment, it is not sure yet what will be required yet for university admission. A mix up has happened with a pilot numeracy exam. The exam in June will look different – students will need to be properly registered.

Term one report was sent before Christmas.

Course selection has started.

Students had concerns with honor roles as they were not properly calculated.

Carnival on Jan 31<sup>st</sup> was very big.

Began advertising valley ball and la cross academy. On Feb 21<sup>st</sup> there will be another event to promote the academies.

Valley ball academy will run every second day at Cariboo Hill. Students will have to attend Cariboo Hill to enroll in la-crosse academy.

Cariboo Hill school offers three tech academies – gaming, Microsoft programs and cyber security program. Digipen gaming university, cyber security from Palo Alto \_ Burnaby teachers will be teaching these courses.

6 students out of district already applied for the tech academies. In late April it will be know which courses will run in September.

School has space for up to 1,000 students. Currently 600 students attending the school. Long term plan is to hire more teachers.

Bought new equipment for mechanics program and new water-fill station.

School district has changed email addresses to first name.last name@burnabyschools.ca

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

Presentations on promoting mental health and committee reports are available on BC DPAC web site.

Explaining what councilors are doing in schools and what they are trained on.

What is school's responsibility to inform parents? Privacy ensured, but parents are always informed about possible dangers.

The content of 25 online courses is being moved to become more interactive. Planning 10 online will disappear and is now being taught in the classroom. The online course needs to be finished by June.

#### Ad. 8. Grade 12 Report – Mike Gregus for Sunny Naidu

Half of the required funds have been raised.

- 1) Bottle drive - flyers didn't go out, but \$1,700 raised.
- 2) Clothing drive – \$730 collected
- 3) Easter and spring flowers events planned as well as frozen pies and cookies sale.

#### 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 Carnival event at school.

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

December activities were focused on Carnival 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 requests 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 09<sup>th</sup>. Cariboo Hill FI teachers and students will participate in the French film festival.

The next district CPF meeting is on 15 Feb, 2018.

Preparing for French immersion Summer Camp. Cariboo Hill student volunteers are encouraged to sign up.

#### Ad. 11. No report by chair

#### Ad. 12. No new business