

**CARIBOO HILL SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
**ÉCOLE Secondary CARIBOO HILL**  
**PAC Meeting Agenda February 04, 2019**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of December Minutes – Deferred to Next PAC Meeting
4. Student Report: a) Student government  
b) Student council - DSAC
5. Special Guest – Ms. Sandra DaSilva (Advanced Placement Coordinator) Topic: Surviving and Thriving in Post Secondary: How AP courses help?
6. Principal’s Report: Andy Chin
7. DPAC Report
7. Canadian Parents for French – Gordana Vujanic
8. Treasurer’s report: Raveena Nat
9. PAC Chair Report: Sarb Basi
10. New Business – Cell Phones in the Classroom

Attendees: Raveena Nat, Sarb Basi, Mike Gregus, Sherman Woo, Rishma Vallani, Gordana Vujanic, Ronda Field, Tekkie Fulton, Lita Cole, Tasnim Vegdani, Melissa Chow. Student Participant: Jasmine Parmar, Alim Kaba

## AGENDA

- Ad. 4 a) Student government report – Jasmin Parmar
- Cariboo – working on food and booths, 3 inflatable
- b) District Student Advisory Council (DSAC) – Jasmin Bas

- meet once or twice per month, all Burnaby schools
- 2018 theme: mental health awareness, 2019 theme: homelessness
- will go to budgeting meeting for the whole district
- working event with all DSAC groups in greater Vancouver area to learn what other DSACs do
- Burnaby's got talent will be at Burnaby South school on April 16
- 50/50 draw needs parent volunteers as students are not allowed to sell tickets – the event is on March 14th

Ad.5. Special Guests – Ms. Sandra DaSilva (Advanced Placement Coordinator) Topic: Surviving and Thriving in Post Secondary schools: How AP courses help in postsecondary education?

It is recommended to take at least one AP course in high school if student plans to go to postsecondary school.

AP is university course level taken in high school. 2.8M students participate in 148 countries which offer AP courses which are now recognized globally. 1.5M AP exams taken yearly.

Burnaby has the best statistics in all Canada and Canada in the world for AP exam scores. Technical colleges accept AP credits if challenged.

AP is American program. Regardless of the statistics, AP students do 85% better than students that have not taken an AP course. AP course is sometimes taken as a determinant for University admission.

On average 50% of all applicants get into UBC.

AP exam costs CAD 135 and it offers 6 university credits if students achieve grades 4 and 5. This is equivalent of two courses in one i.e. the full school year. AP exams do not show up on student's transcript.

AP Calculus and AP Psychology are separate courses. Sometimes AP curriculum overlaps with regular curriculum course.

Next year will be the last year for offering AP English 12 course.

AP art history course offered for the first time this year.

Wide breadth of courses are valued by university. It is recommended that students willing to study science also have taken courses in drama, social science or music. Grade 11 course marks are more important than earlier.

French AP course can be challenged. Students often receive grade 4 and 5 in this AP exam.

AP scholar is anyone who receives 3 exams with 3 or higher mark.

AP computer science course is offered online. Teachers must be accredited by AP board.

AP courses provide rigour in high school and teach how to be a university student. A lot of deep critical thinking is required.

Approximately CAD 50,000 is required to pay for a 4 year postsecondary school. With AP programs approximately CAD 10,000 can be saved on courses and students' determination to finish postsecondary school in minimal time.

AP Bio is a two year program.

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

There was no PAC meeting in January. Report cards have been on the portal since December.

December events:

- 1) School concert - well attended.
- 2) Pancake breakfast.

Carnaval will be organized tomorrow. 4 elementary French Immersion schools will visit Cariboo Hill for this event.

Numeracy assessment is required to graduate. Course selection is acceptable until June, including for AP classes. Important to run as many AP classes as possible because universities need wide breadth of courses. There are no prerequisites or any high school courses.

Only 30-35% of Cariboo Hill students end up going to university.

Digipen has double block which is good because students want to stay longer than one block. Digipen is an elective course.

Honour role certificates will be handed out this week (3.0 GPA required).

Feb 18<sup>th</sup> – Family Day. PRO – D day on Feb 22.

Head secretary Amber Seel is taking leave and will be replaced in the next couple of weeks.

The Ministry has changed how they are doing numeracy and literacy assessments. Before literacy assessment needed to be done before student graduates. Now: grade 10 and grade 12. Numeracy assessment: grade 10.

Literacy assessment in French: grade 12. This will change with next student generation as the curriculum implementation progresses.

#### Ad.7. DPAC – Mike Gregus

Meeting held in January. Mandarin language offered K-7 in Forest Grove. Advanced learning offered in Capitol Hill and Suncrest school. AP called capstone diploma, offered in Burnaby North and South school. Arts and Athletics offered at Confederation Park school. Sports academies offered – valley ball and Lacrosse at Cariboo Hill, more sports in Central Burnaby school. ACE it programs, SUMIT, Digipen, Cisco and other programs offered.

BCCPAC will be on Feb 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### Ad. 7. Canadian Parents for French – Gordana Vujanic

CPF September meeting held. Total budget of Burnaby chapter is CAD 30,000. This can be used for different teaching activities and students.

Two funding opportunities available for Cariboo Hill's application:

- teacher support CAD 500 - awaiting receipt for this purchase
- French books for the school library CAD 250 – payment received
- CPF will offer donation for dry grad - CAD 390 payment received

#### Ad.8. Treasurer's report: Raveena Nat

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### Ad. 9. PAC Chair Report: Sarb Basi

Dry grad – bottle drive successful, CAD 1,400, donuts and donations CAD 300 (50 boxes of Crispy cream donuts), expecting total CAD 2,000 after clothing collections.

### Ad. 10. New Business – Cell Phones in the Classroom

Teacher discouraged with students' phones in the classroom.

85% of the kids have cell phones. It is up to the teachers what the rules for cell phones in the classroom.

Kids now understand and accept better cell phone rules during classroom.

Some teachers getting depressed because of the losing battle with students' cell phones. This becomes a union problem for providing a healthy environment for the workers. The district does not have a policy for this problem. Code of conduct anticipates that students will not disrupt other students' learning. Cell phones are addictive. There is no consistent rule.

Code of conduct should at least address it.

One option to get SIM cards out of the cell phones.

Action for next PAC: School principal to provide teachers' feedback on cell phone experience and class rules.