

**École Cariboo Hill Secondary School
Virtual Zoom PAC Meeting Minutes
5 October 2020**

Present: Sarb Basi (Chairperson), Sherman Woo, Mike Gregus, Tekkie Fulton, Doug Brown, Ronda Field, Daniella, Katrina Craig, Andy Chin (Principal), Heather Watson (Vice-Principal), Fonda Papathanasiou (Vice-Principal), and several other parents were also present

Welcome

Parents, students and staff were welcomed by the Chair.

Approval of agenda

Motion to approve the agenda made by Tekkie and seconded by Sherman - Carried

Approval of minutes

Motion to defer the May 2020 minutes made by Tekkie and seconded by Mike - Carried

Student Reports:

Student Government

Sara Thompson, is the government representative for now as elections are in progress.

Welcome to school decorations activities were held with everyone in small groups in the small gym.

Decorations put up in foyer.

Cookies delivered to all students.

No Grade 8 Ball this year.

Students received welcome goodie bags this year instead.

Orange shirt day was observed last week. Pencil crayons were strung from the ceiling to depict the number of children put into residential schools.

Small classroom Halloween events being planned instead of their big fashion show.

DSAC

No rep currently. Application process is just starting.

Dry Grad

No rep yet.

Principal's report: Andy Chin

A presentation was shared with the PAC

Many new staff this year:

Warne Sisler - Learning Support Services Dept head

Jennifer Taylor – French immersion teacher

Kelsey Haines – Access

Steve Chercover – Business Ed.

Colin Mah – Social Studies / ELL

Patricia Westling – Drama

Jasmina Jovanovic – School Receptionist

Current enrollment – 644 students

22 International Students – normally 70-80 students

78 - Number of cross-enrolled students for various programs

55 - Other learning options (partially online, etc.)

Goals for the school will be the same as the previous year: Literacy and Mental Health Literacy.

Ms. Priya Binning will be supporting Literacy goals

Ms. Leah Bosello and Ms. Lum will be supporting Mental Health literacy goals

Mental Health week is at the end of October.

Cariboo hosts many exciting programs such as Volleyball and Lacrosse academies. Unfortunately, Lacrosse has been cancelled this year due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Microsoft Office, Palo Alto Cyber Security and Digipen are all continuing and are quite strong this year.

Youth Training Trades programs- Carpentry and Auto Service

French Immersion

A unique Engineering program

Updates:

All grade 10s must complete Numeracy and Literacy assessments this year. There was supposed to be a Grade 12 Literacy assessment as well as French, but these have been postponed by one year.

Computer refresh - most desktop computers have been refreshed or replaced by laptops.

We have about 95 laptops to allow student access.

School Garden – Ms. Moore and several others have worked hard on the garden this year. Crops included watermelon, cantaloupe, tomatoes and sunflowers.

Health and Safety

Masks – wearing masks in class is not recommended but is a choice. In all high traffic areas like hallways or cafeteria they are required. Most students are great about wearing masks around the building. Many students going outside to hang out.

Handwashing areas are limited but there is lots of hand sanitizer around.

As students move from class to class they are encouraged to sanitize.

Students are taking classes in a quarter system – 2 classes at a time for 10 weeks

All students are to access their Microsoft Teams to ensure smooth transition if online school/remote learning is required in the future.

Grade 8 & 9 – Learning groups of 60, Period 1 & 2 classes together

Grade 9 – Learning group together in Period 1 & then 2 learning groups coming together for Period 2

Mr. Chin showed an example of what this looks like.

For seniors, grades 10-12, there are learning groups of 30. Period 1 is considered their learning group. When they move to Period 2, it is not their learning group, it is a class where they attend twice per week with physical distancing and then once per week on Wednesday, where the class is able to meet up online.

Flexible time is available for students from 8:45 – 9:15 am and then from 2:25-2:45 pm where students can get extra support.

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The Bell Schedule is a little different:

Grades 8 & 9 – 8:45 am – 2:45 pm

Grades 10-12 - 9:15 am– 2:25 pm (not including their flexible time before period 1 and after period 2)

Newest calendar:

October 9th is the halfway point of Quarter 1 (Q1), Q1 ends on November 13

Mid-quarter reports will be posted by October 16th

November – there are 2 turnaround days at end of Q1, November 16 & 17 when there will be no classes, Q2 starts on November 18th

In September, there were student orientations, photo days were completed, one class at a time. Welcome back activities, no meet the teacher evening, Terry Fox run postponed to the Spring, UBC virtual event for students, Orange Shirt Day was observed last week.

In October, photo re-takes will happen on Oct. 19, grad photos will be in December, no date for Clubs Day yet, Grade 11/12 Information Evening may be presented during the day, recorded and then post onto the website, more info to come on this!

Pro-D day on October 23

Mental Health Week during week of October 26

There was not a 'normal' leaving ceremony in June 2020, however, teachers put together something as special as they could.

Hoping that this year, the grads will get to have a special leaving ceremony even though it will look different again this year.

The feeling in the school is that students are glad to be here. No real problems with mask wearing but physical distancing can sometimes be an issue, but they move apart when it is brought to their attention. Mr. Chin is enjoying being outside to greet students as they enter the building.

Questions:

Ms. Watson and Mr. Papathanasiou are also available for questions

How was the decision made about which classes were the everyday classes and which classes were every other day classes?

- Schedule was built for the linear annual system where Day 1 had Periods 1-4, Day 2 had Periods 5-8.
- In August, when it was decided that a quarter system would be in place, the periods were simply just split up so Period 1 & 2 became Q1, Periods 3 & 4 became Q2, Periods 5 & 6 became Q3 and Periods 7 & 8 became Q4.

Are there any clubs taking place? Environmental Club?

- Ms. Moore will be in charge of this and will run this club. Details of school clubs are in progress such as meeting using physical distance.

What happens for students who do not have internet access at home?

- The District has a program with Telus where internet access can be provided for families who require it.

For Seniors flex time, are the teachers available for student support?

- Yes, it is instructional time.

How are students informed of school clubs?

- Announcements are made, posters put up, communicate through student government and their own social media such as Instagram.

For online learning in the afternoons for period 2, is there attendance being taken on these days? Is there a protocol for instruction or is it self-learning?

- Teachers are taking attendance for physical classes. For online, there is an "Offsite" tab. Students are supposed to be available and working on their schoolwork during this afternoon time, it is class time. But it might look different from class to class, teacher to teacher.

Is there any fundraising for the grade 12s?

- Protocols will have to be followed to keep everyone safe. If someone has an idea, they can bring it forward and we can see how to make it work safely. What will the funds be used for? Mr. Chin is willing to work with parents/students to make it work but must be done following safety protocols.
- School Fees have been deferred for now. Typically, grade 12s pay \$80 in fees each for a leaving ceremony/event, but these things may not happen this year.

PAC Elections

Treasurer:

Tekkie nominated Doug Brown

Seconded by Ronda

Nomination accepted

Carried

Secretary (amended):

Sarb nominated Cindy with Tekkie as backup
Seconded by Mike
Nomination accepted
Carried

Fundraising Coordinator:

Basically the job entails gaming licence applications
Sarb nominated Sherman, seconded by Mike
Nomination accepted
Carried

French Immersion (CPF) Liaison

Rep for this position has been deferred. This is not an elected position.

Katrina Craig will contact Rachelle Tambeau as she was part of the District French Immersion group to see if she might attend once per month just to give an update as to what is going on with French Immersion in Burnaby.

DPAC Rep

Will attend a meeting once per month where a representative from each Burnaby school attends. All meetings will be held online.
Sarb nominated Daniella and Mike to be reps for the Cariboo PAC
Seconded by Sherman
Nomination accepted
Carried

Dry Grad Parent Rep

This role is for a parent of a grade 12 student. If any money is raised it could be used to provide bursaries or scholarships this year, other ideas can be brainstormed.
Sarb has nominated Tekkie (Mike will also assist with this role)
There was some discussion about what dry grad could look like this year.

DPAC report: Mike Gregus

Minutes from the DPAC meeting have not yet been received. Will share at next meeting. Next meeting is October 19th.
DPAC Chair – Laura Ward
Vice-Chair - Dave Dye
Secretary – Ashley Sandquist
Treasurer – Calvin Taplay
Members at Large – Maria Gunner, Doris Mah

Treasurer's report:

No report.

Sarb will connect with Raveena about the gaming grant report that is due.

Handover for Doug and to get Doug onto the bank account so that he can sign cheques etc.

Gaming grant has not yet been received for this year.

Report from Chair:

Nothing new to report.

Administration has done a phenomenal job getting our kids into class.

New Business:

No new business

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

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