

École Cariboo Hill Secondary School
PAC Meeting Minutes
7 December 2020

Present: Sarb Basi (Chairperson), Tekkie Fulton, Doug Brown, Ronda Field, Cindy Grewal Blaison, Daniela Balenovic, Sandra Da Silva, Sara Thompson, Hetty Alcuitas, Laura Ward, Zhenmeng Ou, Anna Yuen, Katrina Craig, Tasleem Juma, Sherman Woo, Melissa Chow, Tasnim Vegdani, Becky Chen, Amal Kago, Sarah Rocchi, Rachelle, Andy Chin (Principal)

Welcome and introductions

Everyone was welcomed by the Chair.

Approval of agenda

Motion to approve the agenda made by Ronda and seconded by Rachelle. *Carried.*

Approval of minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of meeting on 2 Nov 2020 moved by Ronda and seconded by Sherman. *Carried.*

Student Reports:

Sara Thompson, Student Government Prime Minister and PAC Rep

Student Government

- Nov. 19 Twin Day, first time that a prize was given, photos were posted on Instagram
- Nov 26 Government Retreat, brainstorming for future events, stations set up for more experienced students to teach newer students
- Currently, they are getting payments in for hoodies, orders should be in before Christmas, and distributed in January
- Dec 7 – Party for student government students
- 14-18 Dec – Five Days of Christmas/Countdown to Christmas (Tacky sweater day, guess the # of peppermints in a jar/ gingerbread house decorating, pyjama day on Friday)

Student morale at Cariboo seems good. Everyone is great at wearing masks and keeping to their cohorts. It feels like more people are participating in events since there aren't as many things to do.

DSAC – No report

Dry Grad

Tekkie has set up an account at Return-IT, people just have to drop off their bottles and the staff will sort and money will be deposited to the Dry Grad account, details sent out by email

Doing a few grad council events for fundraising

A Dry Grad planning meeting will take place shortly.

Guest Presenter – Ms. Sandra Da Silva

How teachers have been communicating since the lockdown last school year

Using MS Teams to communicate, students should be reminded to regularly check their Outlook mailbox

Ms. Da Silva provided an overview and a visual presentation of what Teams looks like, some of the features of the program and how it is used to communicate

GRAD COUNCIL

Halloween breakfast in large gym, maximum of 50 students in gym at any given time

Donations received from COBS and The Boathouse

DSAC

Harmen Parmar will be the Student government rep

Principal's report: Andy Chin

- Admin. change in January – Mr. Allen Tsang coming from Alpha Secondary
- Mr. Papathanasiou is going to Montecito Elementary as Principal
- Nov. 4/5 - Numeracy & Literacy Assessments for grade 10 students
- Remembrance Day event video shown schoolwide on Nov. 10
- Quarter 1 finished on Nov. 13 and marks posted on Nov. 24
- 2 turnaround days at end of Q1, November 16 & 17 when there were no classes, Q2 started on November 18th
- Nov. 30 - School Wide Presentation on Diversity and Anti-Racism

Upcoming:

- Grad photos begin Dec 14
- Mid-Q2 reports posted on Dec 18
- End of Q2 will be Jan 29
- Virtual Open House in late January 2021

Survey on Q1 results –Teachers

Worked Well:

- Building strong relationships
- Easy to keep on top of student progress / focused learning
- Longer class times of 2+ hours
- 1 or 2 courses to focus on vs 7
- Flex time
- Homework response was better

Didn't work well - Teachers

- Blocks not balanced – time wise
- Not enough time to absorb material
- Fast paced; not enough time to finish course
- Students away / miss class – hard to catch up
- No time to connect with colleagues
- Hard on struggling students
- Online time not taken seriously

Q1 Survey Results – Parents

Worked well:

- Nothing is working
- 2 classes better than 8
- More focus on curriculum
- Face to face teaching
- Intense
- Felt safe
- Less stress

What didn't work well:

- Length too long for juniors
- Worried they will forget the content by next year
- 2 hours of math everyday is too much
- Difficult when child is away

Q1 Survey of Students

Worked well:

- Focus on 2 courses
- Flex was helpful
- Manageable workload
- Less homework

Didn't work well:

- Lots of tests in a week
- Stress increased a lot
- Boring doing 2 classes only
- Not enough time to finish a course
- Fast pace
- Period 2 not doing anything during online days
- Classes too long

- Will forget by next year

Questions:

When things go back to normal, could a hybrid model be put into place to get the students ready for post-secondary scenario?

For next year, there will also be a quarter system. Only completed one quarter, some courses are more challenging than others. Size of cohorts needs to be figured out before anything can be put into place concretely.

Any feedback regarding some classes lending themselves more to afternoon vs morning and will that be taken into consideration?

Admin and Staff are having these discussions. It all comes down to cohorting.

Online portion didn't seem to be doing a lot - Any changes that will be made this year in remaining quarters?

Admin & staff are discussing now what the afternoon/online learning and teaching looks like.

DPAC report: Mike Gregus & Daniela Balenovic

Meeting was November 16th

16 schools with exposures so far, explained what kind of cleaning, etc is done after an exposure is identified

Fraser Health may do a town hall type meeting in future for parents

Mental Health topic coming up, looking for additional school resources for mental health

Next meeting on Jan 18

Dry Grad

\$1168.52 total profit from Purdy's fundraiser

French Immersion Report – Rachelle

Literacy grant & teacher resource grant

Please let CPF Burnaby know if any additional resources are required

Treasurer's report:

Balances to be updated once books are received from Raveena

Summary report was sent on Nov 30

Trying to get Doug on as a signer, Bank Manager only there once per week

Report from Chair:

Systemic racism in the Indigenous community, report released last week re Health Care was quite bad

Anything happening with Burnaby Schools?

There is a Get Real presentation and Pro-D Day education provided

Covid-19 exposure letter from Fraser Health has changed.

New Business:

No new business

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm

APPROVED