

**École Cariboo Hill Secondary School**  
**PAC Meeting Minutes**  
**7 March 2022 (Online)**

**Present:**

Sarb Basi (Chair), Sherman Woo (Vice-Chairperson), Ronda Field, Cindy Grewal Blaison, Tekkie Fulton, Doug Brown, Jan Radford, Jane, Lisa Young (DPAC Rep), Tasnim Vegdani, Howard Lau, Ben, Simran Biring (Co-Prime Minister), Keeyan Vegdani (Dry Grad Chair, DSAC Rep), Andy Chin (Principal), Karen Jackson (Teacher)

**1. Welcome and introductions**

The Chair welcomed everybody and everyone introduced themselves to the group.

**2. Approval of agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda made by Ronda Field and seconded by Sherman Woo. *Carried.*

**3. Approval of February minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of 7 February 2022 made by Ronda Field and seconded by Sarb Basi. *Carried.*

**4. Student Reports:**

**Student Government**

Spirit Week – different events were held during the week  
An event for new international students being planned  
Possible Spirit Week later in the year

**DSAC**

April – Mental Health Conference – open to all students (virtual)

**Grad Council / Dry Grad**

Spirit Day on Wednesday – bring your stuffie and get free candy  
June Spirit Week leading up to the Dinner/Dance  
Dinner/Dance Fundraising – they have enough funds for this year and to leave for next year – possibly a car wash later in the year  
Dry Grad – has given a list of activities that the students are interested in having at their Dry Grad (given to Ronda)

**5. Presentation - Work Experience Options & Industry Training Programs – What are they?**

Presented by: Karen Jackson (Career Education Advisor)

Government requirement that all students have 30 hours of career-life exploration hours prior to graduation.

Option 1 - They can use their own part-time paid job or any volunteer experiences outside of the school.

Option 2 – WEX 11/12 is an elective course where they do 80 hours of work experience, this is set up by Ms. Jackson

Option 3 – Post-Secondary training while in grade 11 or 12, start working towards their apprenticeship Burnaby pays their tuition

- The program helps get experience before making post-secondary decisions
- Build relationships that may lead to part-time employment
- Build your resume and earn a letter of reference
- 30 hours for grad requirement
- Strengthen scholarship and post-secondary applications

Questions?

*Do the volunteer hours have to be organized by the school?*

All work experience does have to be vetted by the school as they have to be able to visit and also ensure the organization has safety standards in place

*Can students use 30 hours of any volunteer work towards this requirement?*

Yes, as long as they are able to provide the paperwork needed to verify their volunteer time

*Can the 80 hours of work experience be used towards the 30-hour requirement?*

Yes, you do not have to do both. 30 of the 80 hours satisfies that requirement.

*Could volunteer hours at their church count towards their volunteer time?*

As long as the skills their learning and experience relates to their career or post-secondary interests. They should be able to show how the skills attained will help them in the future.

*Do the "Academy" classes count towards the 30 or 80-hour requirement?*

No, these are actually District courses, which count for credit towards graduation and is not part of the 30-hour volunteer or 80-hour work experience

## **6. Principal's report - Andy Chin**

New Staff:

**Mr. Edmond Leung** – Math / Science

- Rapid Test Kits – Distributed on Feb. 22
- COVID Protocols have scaled back to what it was in September
- School Schedule for Next Year 2022-23\

- Linear Schedule – 8 courses full year. This works much better for Cariboo and also for a more balanced class schedule
- Flex time will continue in the next school year
- Parent Teacher Interviews - Thursday
- **Early Dismissal on Thursday and Friday**
- Mid – Semester Marks posted – April 28

**7. DPAC report: Lisa Young**  
**Presentation on Mental Health. Given by Nick Christofides . Principal of Safe and Caring Schools.**

**8. Dry Grad Parent Update: Ronda Field**  
 Purdy's Easter Chocolate Fundraising open now  
 Gift Card orders are also being taken  
 Samosa & Doughnut Sales – looking to do this in mid-May

Tekkie is looking into decorations – would like the event to be as “disposable-free” as possible. Sarb mentioned that there are some items available at the school to use (Ms. DaSilva will know where this is). Tekkie will go visit the school and see what is available.  
 Ronda is going to organize another site visit.

A formal invitation will go out to all students once the District receives the go-ahead. Mr. Chin will let us know as soon as he finds out.

Motion for the PAC to provide an additional \$500 to Dry Grad for the school to provide complimentary tickets to those students who may not otherwise be able to attend

**9. Treasurer's report - Doug Brown**  
 Current balances as of February 28, 2022:

\$1315.24 General Account  
 \$20,789.61 Gaming Account

**10. Report from Vice-Chair/Chair – no report**  
 Link to be added to the school website so that scholarship list is available and accessible to parents.

**11. Gaming Funds Requests for School Year 2021-22**  
 Motion to provide \$70 to the Dungeons and Dragons Club moved by Cindy Blaison and seconded by Sarb Basi. *Carried.*

Is it possible to create two new PAC bursaries/scholarships for this school year with gaming funds? Yes, Ronda and Cindy will work on preparing write-ups for two additional PAC bursaries/scholarships to be given to students that are not necessarily awarded for academic excellence or headed for post-secondary.

**12. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at pm.