



CARIBOO HILL SECONDARY SCHOOL

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October 5, 2015

PAC Minutes

Present: Ed LaPointe, Money Dosangjh (student government), Sue Montabello (principal), Margaret Widmer, Rema Sanghera, Sarb Basi, Tracy Purcello, Gordana Vojanic, Aman Sanghera, Rishma Vallani, Sandra Berry, Simon Patterson, Teresa Lim, Jennifer Duinkerke.

1. Ed welcomed everyone and then we introduced ourselves.

**2. Student Reports:**

Student Government:

- Grade 8 Ball went well.
- Student Government Retreat Oct 15 & 16
- Halloweek – week of Halloween themed activities. Dance Wed Oct 28<sup>th</sup>. Cost will be \$8.00 with can for food bank and \$10.00 without can.
- Student Government and Youth Action Committee (YAC) will be collaborating this year. More fundraising for YAC and more volunteers for Student Government. Any student can volunteer to help with activities.
- Fundraising will go to Coats for Kids, Halloween for Hunger, Homelessness in Burnaby.
- Outdoor movie (June last year) went well.
- Jaz Café will be Dec 3 to kick off start of 12 days of Christmas.

**3. Principals Report:**

- Grade 8 numbers are down – less French immersion from Seaforth and both Armstrong and Second Street were down by 2 to 3 classrooms (aprox 90 students). Populations in the younger grades are up again.
- Grade 8 students have settled very well. Sent letters to the parents asking for 2 to 3 names of friends. They organized house blocks to include at least 1 friend. Next year will get names from Grade 7's when they visit.

- Have had several new teachers start this year and while the teachers that left are missed the new teachers are bringing a new energy and new ideas to the school. The teachers, staff and students are enjoying their classes. Welcome.
  - There is a combined grade 8/9 math and science class. Working on essential understandings and teaching those. More manageable and more hands on learning. Also have 4 blocks of grade 8 and 9 students with two teachers. This allows for more individual help even with a larger class.
  - This year there were not enough Grade 8 students for a Grade 8 band. Some have joined the grade 9 band and a couple of French Immersion students have joined Grade 10's. Their time table did not enable them to join the Grade 9.
  - There is a very positive tone to the school and a great start!
  - Curriculum changes from the Ministry of Education beginning this year will work on core competencies such as Communication (reading, writing), Thinking (creative thinking, arts) and Social (personal). Sue handed out a sheet to everyone with more information and this will be discussed in more depth at future meetings.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** No report. Draft list of one time requests handed out but as we have not yet received gaming grants this was tabled until November meeting. Discussion on \$10 PAC fee and having an option to donate more or to donate \$20 or more to the school and receiving a tax receipt.
5. **Elections:** Elections were held and results are:
- Chairperson – Ed
  - Treasurer – Raveena
  - Secretary – Sandra
  - Fund Raising Co-ordinator – Margaret
  - French Immersion – Shannon
  - DPAC Representative – Teresa (would like more if anyone interested)
  - Dry Grad – President – Margaret, Secretary - Brenda
6. **DPAC Report:** Coaching for Kids courses Oct 6 and 17th. Teresa will find out location. There are a couple of parent education sessions. Social Emotional Learning in District 41 on Oct 28<sup>th</sup> and Dr. Young Zhou on November 28. Please see DPAC website to register. [www.sd41.bc.ca/dpac.parentinfo](http://www.sd41.bc.ca/dpac.parentinfo).
7. **Fund Raising Coordinator's Report:** No Report
8. **Dry Grad Report:** The dry grad will be June 17<sup>th</sup>. Next committee meeting is Oct 20 at 7:00 at Cariboo Hill.

9. **Report from Chair:** Nothing new to report. The school has a new website which will be updated before the next meeting.
10. **New business:** An outdoor learning area has been started. Sue will invite Wendy Palmer to come to next meeting to talk about it and weather permitting take us out for a look. Teachers and Sue will talk more about Core Competencies at future meetings.

**Next meeting: Monday November 2, 2015. 7:00**