



CARIBOO HILL SECONDARY SCHOOL

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PAC minutes

Introduction and report from Co Prime Ministers Nick Williams & Vishal Reedy:

1st time Cariboo has Co Prime ministers, both happy to take on the role and work together. They have a large cabinet and allows them to create more focused roles. Social and School affairs for example has 4 students carrying the load.

The welcome back BBQ was a success. School wide club event will happen on the 27th all clubs in the school will be represented and all kids are welcome to join any club. Grade 8 Ball on October 4th after school, more of a gathering than a dance, fun activities, games etc to engage and welcome grade 8 students. Looking at two community events this year, similar to the movie night out on the field.

Dry grad council report Nicole LaPointe:

Council has voted on line to secure the “Metro” once again for the main dry grad event. Along with this they have elected to also have a boat cruise which was what the previous grads did.

Halloween Breakfast:

As grad council chairs we will organize everything the council is wondering if some parents and or teachers were able to help with support and cooking of the event. The grad breakfast will cost \$5.00 or \$3.00 with a can of food for the Halloween for hunger drive. The council has access to Ms Roberts room for cooking. They will be offering both gluten free and vegan options.

Pizza sales soon to begin, September 22nd and they will occur monthly, as this is a major fundraiser for the grad council. The date on the school calendar will be changed to March 2nd, as the teachers and students will require more time to rehearse the event and work with the choir. They will also be doing the standard bottle and clothing drive. This year’s teacher sponsor is Mrs. Pippo-Michelli.

Welcome and introductions from Principal Andy Chin, Vice Principal Effie Aadland and Vice Principal Fonda Papathanasiou.

Andy brings much experience from around the district, was previously at Burnaby Mountain, Burnaby South, Moscrop, and was a V.P. here at Cariboo. Andy stated they have learned a lot in the short week he feels that while it has been a busy startup it has also been a positive one.

Effie brings experience from Burnaby Mountain, Burnaby North and has also worked as a school counselor.

Fonda brings experience from Bryne Creek which is one of the first community based secondary schools in the district, brings in experience as a P.E. teacher and Social studies teacher.

All the new administrators feel the pressure to hit the ground running to stay ahead of the curve but all three very happy to be at Cariboo hill. All three are looking forward to include all learning styles and create positive learning experiences for any route the student selects trades or academic.

French Immersion program is fully complimented with teachers and is fully enrolled with 30 grade 8 students. The school currently has 655 students which includes 77 international students. This is above projected enrollment by 35.

Would like to begin the year by focusing on what IS working at Cariboo. While we are a small school and are occasionally dismissed as academic. The assessments for English 10 students who wrote the provincial scored above the school district and above the provincial average.

Math 10 assessments of the provincials' students scored higher than district average and higher than provincial average.

French immersion social studies and math higher than district and provincial averages.

Francis langue 12 above district and provincial average.

Turf field held up due to theft but on track to finish in next two to three weeks.

House block is now 22 minutes will continue while data is being gathered on effectiveness

For the current year the collaboration days and the Tutorial days will continue for the time being while data collection on effectiveness is measured. The collaboration days begin in October. These are days when teachers work with one another to create specific and specialized learning opportunities.

Students and parents spoke on the positive benefits of the programs and why they feel it is a positive initiative. PAC feels there is data available as the previous administration was dedicated to making the initiative a success and regularly brought forward the information. Comment from PAC chair "The data is there current administration simply needs to search for it, believes there are clearly indicated indicators which previous administration collected"

Meet the teacher will happen October 6th

New curriculum all about personalized learning and core competencies, communication, critical thinking. This is a government initiative above the school districts level, there is a website which parents can access to explain the shift.

Andy presentied a slide show which described in detail the shift in curriculum broken down by grade effected this year and in the coming years. Discussion about having this presentation placed on the school website.

Andy committed to ensuring parents involved and informed. Very glad to see the large turn out and hopes to see continued parent involvement.

Question raised: Will there be more options for healthier food served to the students this year?

New catering company "Corporate Classics" brought in this year. They must follow the healthy food guidelines and have brought in new equipment.

Questions raised:

Where is the school district with the installation of the basketball hoops which were part of the grad legacy of 2016. A work order was raised in June who would we need to contact to follow up?

Andy Chin would like an opportunity to follow up prior to any letters or inquiries from parents to the district.

Comment: The Cariboo website has a slide show presentation which speaks to how welcoming and inclusive the school is, however the wall featured in the presentation was painted over this past summer. We may want to update this presentation or to remove the reference of the welcoming wall.

Question raised: Some of the legacy doors which make Cariboo warm friendly and welcoming have also been either removed or painted over, is this an error in maintenance and will the students be able to repaint these?

Question raised: Small libraries have been made by students under Greg Bernard's direction when will these be installed at 2nd street and Armstrong. One was meant for Seaforth School as well but required more consultation. Will the one built for the outdoor learning area here at Cariboo be installed while the work crew is on site installing the basketball hoops? All these small libraries were funded in part by PAC last year and the previous administration had discussions about the locations of these at the feeder schools.

Next meeting October 3rd elections will be held for all positions on the PAC.