



CARIBOO HILL SECONDARY SCHOOL

ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE CARIBOO HILL

November 7<sup>th</sup> 2016

### PAC minutes

Approval of agenda and October minutes motion moved and carried.

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

Halloweek events went well the signature event the dance had 145 people attend and the DJ was great. Preparations underway for the 12 days of Christmas. The kick off for the 12 days begins December 2<sup>nd</sup> with the movie night, this is a fun community event. The Jazz café will be on December 13th, it is by donation to enter and is an event all are welcome to attend. Students and teachers perform, small snacks and coffee served.

DSAC. The discussions at the executive meeting included the expanding the initiatives of Who has talent to expand it to include all student voices all the way from elementary schools to secondary still working on the framework of the events. Student government retreat will be at Burnaby Mountain on the next scheduled pro "D" day.

YAC. Wrapped up Halloween for hunger Armstrong pulled out and there was a miscommunication issue with 2<sup>nd</sup> street. The YAC will run workshop is going to happen moving forward. Though the donation drive did go well despite the miscommunications.

Dry grad council report Nicole LaPointe:

The Halloween breakfast went well, the dry grad council would like to thank the catering staff who opened up the cafeteria and allowed the volunteers to work in the area. They also extend a thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Lim, Yoko Tamai and Sue Montabello for their assistance. The next event will be photos with Santa. Mr. Found has agreed to be "Santa" and photos will be \$1.00

Presentation by Trevor Bertness on Math pathways

He introduced the current pathways and the new changes. The new curriculum is more condensed with less content to allow both students and teachers to focus on foundational skills. This will make it more flexible and more adaptive, one of the biggest changes is having students use methods to explain the process to others and demonstrate the process which leads to a deeper understanding. The core competencies will also align more directly to how it fits into their life, how it matters and what can they do with these math skills.

Trevor also mapped out the current math pathways along with the new ones, in his very detailed presentation. Many parents had questions and comments and it was agreed this slide presentation would be placed on the website for reference. Trevor closed by inviting parents to be involved to ask questions and to contact himself or others in his department via emails or face to face meetings should they want any more clarification.

Principals report: Andrew Chin

October has been busy, the meet the teacher event was well attended with over 150 parents. This event may move up next year to an earlier date. The school participated in the big shake out and was the only high school in Burnaby to register for the event. On the 24<sup>th</sup> of October Natalie Warkentin was honored at the school board meeting for her outstanding achievements and commitment to others. She took over 19 courses in her final 2 years and attained a 95% average and co-founded the Best Buddies program. She was also a Student Government representative and volunteered with the Homeless task force. She was a recipient of the Governor Generals Academic medal. You can see her many achievements on the Sd41 website.

Interim reports were distributed in house block. House block is part of the curriculum and parents are reminded that students are expected to be present, it is not optional despite what your students indicate. House block is unique to Cariboo, has advantages of social learning but will only be really effective if well attended. Currently only 300 to 350 students attend the house block, the administration is looking at ways to engage and improve this number.

The school has partnered with EA Sports to get the “stem” program which allowed grades 8 & 9 to look at video gaming then to explore how it applies to their real life situations and learning outcomes. The grade 8 students are also using the NHL program from EA sports with a few more lessons slated.

The school ran a lockdown drill, which went very well. Students and teachers all complied and strictly observed the silent requirements in the classroom setting. The lockdown drill is signaled by the bell tone of 5 times and this process can be done for various scenarios and is constantly being updated. The 5 tones indicate teachers are to gather all students close to them and shelter/ barricade in place and stay away from windows and be silent.

22 Students attended We day. Cariboo students took part in a district skills competition and were first in construction and 1<sup>st</sup> in collaboration. Over 3000 Canadian flags were placed throughout the George Derby veterans’ property by Cariboo which joined other schools taking part.

November 14<sup>th</sup> is a presentation for those parents who have a grade 12 student who will be graduating, this will be followed by a post-secondary information event at the school on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Literacy committee is looking at how to assess the junior grades to get a measure of where they currently are and ways to improve their literacy.

Collaboration days are for teachers to look at assessments and strategies to improve student learning outcomes. How these are structured is critical for teachers to be effective, yes there could be some improvements however lots is going well. There currently is no specific structure for collaboration days and the administration is looking at this fact.

Treasurers report: Raveena Knat See attachment.

Money from gaming funds came in at 12,140.00. We received 1,100.00 from parent donations. The One time requests we tabled by Andrew Chin and much discussion surrounded on the funding requests which always exceed the available funds. A spreadsheet attached illustrates the funding allocations for this year.

DPAC: Mike Gregus See Attachment.

Dry Grad: Cathy Moroney

Continuing to work on funding the after party, encourages parents to take part by purchasing the fund raising campaigns which come home or you see on the list serve. Please also look for opportunities to pitch in especially for the largest fund raising campaign on January 7<sup>th</sup> the clothing and bottle drive. Save your clothes and bottles!!!

French Immersion: Gordana Vujanic

No FRIMM activities planned for November. Carnival is coming back to Cariboo though which will run on January 24<sup>th</sup>, and planning of this event is already underway. This is the top priority as it did not happen last year and the elementary schools are very eager to attend this year.

Open discussion/ report from the Chair:

Question asked on the status of the outdoor learning libraries and the Basketball hoops:

The libraries have been delivered to the schools and awaiting placements. The installation of the basketball hoops remain in the Queue.

Andrew also reported that the sound system PAC purchased in the past are also in the queue for installation.

Next meeting December 5th