Carson Graham Parent Advisory Council Society

General Meeting MINUTES

March 6, 2019 7:00 PM, Carson Graham Library

PRESENT- Executive: Cheryl Mitchell (Chair), John Taylor (Treasurer), Rene Cravioto (DPAC rep), Lucy Cayuela (Secretary), Kevin Barefoot (FOS rep), PARENTS AND GUESTS: Tina Grazier, Rob Walker, Dina Thiersch, Andrea Zollner, Leslie-Maier, ADMINISTRATION: Ian Kennedy, Suzette Dohm, Jenn Tieche.

1. 7:15 PM - Welcome and call to order
2. Introductions

* Executive
* Administration

1. Opening Remarks – Cheryl D. Mitchell, Chair
   1. Cheryl first mentioned that:

We would like to start by acknowledging and thanking the Coast Salish people whose unceded traditional territory Carson Graham Secondary School resides on.  
  
We express our gratitude to the Squamish Nation and Tseil-Waututh Nation, and we value the opportunity to learn, live and share educational experiences on this traditional territory.

She also mentioned that, as part of trying to incorporate a First Nations topic into every meeting, she would like to recommend the book: “Seven Fallen Feathers” as a reconciliation related book to read.

1. Review of previous meeting’s minutes –

MOTION: Accept the previous meeting’s minutes (of Jan.30, 2019) by Lucy. PASSED

1. Financial Update: Treasurer John Taylor

**VanCity Gaming Account** (as of March 3, 2019)

Daily Banking $20,245.04

Term Deposit (12 month renewable) $22,000.00

BC Gaming Grant (Oct. 1st deposit-$30,816.06)

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**$42,245.04**

**VanCity Operating Account** (as of March 3, 2019)

Daily Banking $1,807.75

Term Deposit (12 month renewable) $26,000.00

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**$27,807.75**

**School District Held in Trust** (as of Jan.4, 2019)

Scholarships/ PAC-approved **$10,843.56**

purchases \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL FUNDS: $80,896.35**

1. Family of Schools (FOS) Report: Kevin Barefoot
   1. Kevin gave a recount of the latest event where FOS were invited to attend a basketball game at Carson which was successful and created interest in having a similar event every year to connect the FOS grade 7 with Carson Graham.
2. DPAC Report: Rene Cravioto

* Sangha – explained the ways the communication system has worked and how SD44 is the one “testing” it. He mentioned that the idea is to use communications better by sending information once (rather than for each kid in different schools). He confirmed that all suggestions are taken into consideration to make the system work better.
* Emergency Preparedness – The presenter at the DPAC meeting was amazing and confirmed that Carson Graham is well prepared for emergencies.
* Budgeting – He mentioned that even though parents do not prepare budgets for the school, there is a chance to provide input when asked and schools should take advantage of this budgeting time to make recommendations to the school district (which may be could be reviewed by the district when preparing the final budget)

1. Emergency Preparedness: Vice Principal Ireland
   1. Mr. Ireland confirmed that Carson Graham is well prepared by having just replenished emergency supplies. Each class has a bag and there is a good system to discharge students. He mentioned that just this morning there had been a “lock down” drill and it was incredible to see a 1400 student school be completely quiet with no students to be seen during the drill.
2. MYP Self-Study & Evaluation: Principal Kennedy and Jenn Tieche
   1. Jenn confirmed that it had been an amazing journey the school was very proud of. It started in December of 2016 and staff collaborated during the two+ years with feedback that generated a report of 96 pages which resulted in a very positive response from the IB Evaluation team with praises for Carson Graham (with a mention to allow the team to use Carson Graham as an example) and also provided new goals to work towards. All the details can be read in Ian’s blog.
3. Carson Graham Music Parents Association – Update from Heidi Degenstein
   1. Tabled to next meeting as she could not attend tonight.
4. Vancouver Model United Nations Presentation -Brooke Glazier
   1. Brooke explained the advantages of the Model UN and how it helped her become a better student and how she recommends it as a great learning experience. She thanked the PAC for the support.
5. Funding Requests

* Fine Arts – Rob Walker
  + Rob presented his proposal which resulted in the motion below:

MOTION: Recommendation to accept funding request of $3,300 for production computer and QLab software (Funding Request A)- which includes the top of the line computer with enough capacity to provide better service to the school; and $2,705.00 to underwrite production royalties for Little Shop of Horrors and professional artists Matt & Joel Grinke (Funding Request B- to be paid back to the PAC if revenues generated from the event exceed $2,705.00). PASSED

1. Principal’s Report & Farewell – Principal Ian Kennedy
   1. Ian acknowledged the amazing opportunity that working at Carson Graham has presented and was very grateful. He mentioned that we were in very good hands with Suzette Dohm who knows the school very well.

* Debrief on Pink Shirt Anti-Bullying Day
  + Students confirmed that this is now a student led assembly which has a more positive focus as in the past everyone leaves the assembly feeling sad and hopeless. They created a video with the theme of a student going through high school from grade 8 to 12 to the tune of the song “HAPPY” which is truly a happy video.
* Blog – Ian confirmed that this was his way to communicating the great activities in school.
* Suzette confirmed her excitement to take on the Principal role and did not know yet who would be a second vice-principal.

1. Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 10, 2019
2. Adjournment at 8:30 pm