Carson Graham Parent Advisory Council Society

General Meeting MINUTES

April 10, 2019 7:00 PM, Carson Graham Library

PRESENT- Executive: Cheryl Mitchell (Chair), Mark Grazier (Vice-Chair), John Taylor (Treasurer), Lucy Cayuela (Secretary), Sarah Sykes (Communications), Kevin Barefoot (FOS rep). PARENTS: Tina Grazier, Allie Hayhurst, Rob Olson, Kristy Lowell, Mario Tolentino, Jason Montecillo. GUESTS: Jesse Tracy (BCIT), John Grant (Working Experience), Genevieve Dillmore (Nurse). ADMINISTRATION: Suzette Dohm and Justin Wong.

1. 7:00 PM - Welcome and call to order and introductions
2. Opening Remarks – Cheryl D. Mitchell, Chair

“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.”

Cheryl also expressed that she will attend some seminars at the BCCPAC May 3 conference relating to social and emotional learning, parent voice at PACs and PAC learning tips. She will report at the May 22 meeting to parents.

Cheryl explained that according to the bylaws, a call for nominations for the upcoming year must be made a month in advance to the AGM which is on May 22. She mentioned that she has enjoyed her time as Chair and will now step down to open the position to new candidates and that she will continue to be part of the executive as Past Chair. She urged anyone interested in becoming part of the executive to contact her for any details.

Positions available include: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, and 5 members at large (including Communications, District PAC rep and FOS rep)

1. Nurse Genevieve Dallimore – Vancouver Coastal Health

* She explained the role of the school nurse. She has been a school nurse for 13 years and 12 at Carson Graham which includes the Carson feeder schools. The role involves support to teachers on health issues. Vaccination updates to students. She also is involved with the Foundry which is a Provincial initiative that was created for children older than 12 years and includes a one stop shop for all health issues and transfers throughout the Province.
* Vaccines happen in K, G6 and G9. She was happy to report that G9 students were mostly up to date.

1. Review of previous meeting’s minutes

MOTION: Accept the previous meeting’s minutes (of March 6, 2019) – PASSED

1. Financial Update: Treasurer John Taylor

**VanCity Gaming Account** (as of April 6, 2019)

Daily Banking $20,246.76

Term Deposit (12 month renewable) $22,000.00

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

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**$42,246.76**

**VanCity Operating Account** (as of April 6, 2019)

Daily Banking $1,677.87

Term Deposit (12 month renewable) $26,000.00

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**$27,677.87**

**School District Held in Trust** (as of April 8, 2019)

Scholarships/ PAC-approved **$ 4,198.01**

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**TOTAL FUNDS: $74,122.64**

1. Communications Report: Sarah Sykes

Sarah mentioned that the new website is easy to navigate and tries to have the must updated and relevant information available. If there are any items parents wish to highlight on the website to please contact her at communications@carsonpac. Ca

1. John Grant – School Work Experience Program

John presented the school’s work experience program and a good option for getting 16 credits toward High School certificate.

He explained that program is designed to contact students with employers and provide a contact with trades. There is also an opportunity to obtain a $1000 grant if they register to continue their trade training.

He explained that there are about 100 trades and 51 of them are red seal certificate transferable around the Country.

1. BCIT – Speaker Jesse Tracey, Program Advisor

Jesse provided a very good presentation with all BCIT options. He explained that this year was the first time returning to high schools to promote the Institute. BCIT is specific in the areas it teaches and allows to start as Certificate continue to Diploma and allow to continue as a Degree.

He explained the requirements to apply in November the year before starting on the following September.

The website has great information for Prospective Students, Parents, Counsellors and allows setting up a “spend a day as a student” almost throughout the school year (except exam period) to allow students to get a “taste” of the school.

1. Funding Requests

* Wrestling Competition – Student Nik Montecillo, Carson wrestling coach Ian McDonald

MOTION: Recommendation to accept funding request of $500 to subsidize student’s attendance at National Wrestling Championships hosted by the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton April 5-7, 2019 upon proof of attendance/receipts. PASSED.

1. Introduction of new Vice-Principal: Justin Wong

He confirmed he is very happy to be at Carson. He is a North Shore kid now working and living in the North Shore. He has worked in Argyle, Handsworth and now Carson.

1. Principal’s Report – Principal Suzette Dohm

She is happy to be Principal. She will continue Ian Kennedy’s Blog format as means to communicate with parents.

The blog has all the June important dates and all upcoming events in school and it tries to capture as many activities the school is involved in as possible.

1. Other Business: any other questions or issues?

No other business.

1. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 22, 2019 (AGM; Election of 2019-2020 PAC Executive)
2. Adjournment at 8:06 p.m.