

## **Carson Graham General PAC meeting**

### **Minutes**

**September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 at 7pm**

**Attendance:** Emma Tymm-Nash, Sandra Tweed, Greg Tweed, Mark Heieis, Jennifer Vincent-Jones, Doug Mackay, Todd Spooner, Lindsay Dawkins, Lucinda Pentin, Lisa Michelacci, Chena Binns, Anastasiya Yakovenko, Cecilia Hipol, Rosalia Anin, Hamid Pourkazimi, Jessica Jen, Mario Telentino, Colin Metcalfe, Judy Edgar

**Staff:** Karim Hachlaf (principal), Suzette Dohm (vice-principal), Pam Craven (vice-principal)

#### **Approval of tonight's agenda:**

Carried.

#### **Approval of last meeting's minutes (May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015)**

**MOTION:** move to accept the minutes—GREG TWEED

Carried.

#### **Administrative Report - Karim Hachlaf (please see attached Principal's report plus 2 flyers regarding speakers)**

##### ***1. Questions from parents:***

- What was the cause of the scheduling problem this year? It is a brand new system so there were a few hiccups. But most kids got their first 2 choices of electives.
- On the websites, there seems to be multiple calendars that don't match? We are working on that now
- No SPC this year? Normally the SPC is 3 parents plus students with Karim Hachlaf. Ministry has updated and has abolished the current style of SPCs. They are looking to evolve them to include teachers as well. This year is a transition year.
- How many students are at Carson now? Over 1350 students this year
- Has the problem with the lack of soap in the girls' washroom been resolved? Pam will look into it.
- Can we have something set up so that we can have a trusted source to find tutors for the kids? You can ask your counsellor for recommendations. We also have a Homework club where older students can help younger students.

#### **Treasurer's report—Doug Mackay (please see budget report 2015- 2016)**

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1. Budget—The budget was tabled and approved at the May AGM. The new fiscal year is July 1st-June 30th (please see budget report 2015- 2016)

2. Financial update - please see attached Financial Report for the year ending June 30, 2015

**Fundraising Report--Emma Tymm-Nash** [fundraising@carsongrahampac.ca](mailto:fundraising@carsongrahampac.ca)

1. April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 is a possible date for the Gala this year

**Chair Report--Mark Heieis** [chair@carsongrahampac.ca](mailto:chair@carsongrahampac.ca)

1. Big Goals this year:

- Convert the grassy area into a grass practice field at front of school--Is this something that PAC would like to consider pursuing?  
-after much discussion at the PAC meeting, we did not come to a conclusion and feel that we should make an electronic survey and put it out to a larger audience

**ACTION:** -First of all, we need to check that PAC funds can be used for this  
- Then need to make a survey to see if this is what the parent body would like to spend the PAC money on

- School Spirit Committee
  - 1 We would like to have PAC representation and include students & teachers-- One initiative is to have the words "Carson Graham" inside the school somewhere. Perhaps a mural outside? The name of the school outside is not very visible either.
- Other suggestions—a website to show the achievements of the kids in sports and all aspects of their school life

**ACTION:** Colin Metcalfe and Mark Heieis need to discuss this more and get it going

2. Donations and Scholarships

- For the past several years, parents have provided generous donations towards computer purchases for the school and towards scholarships. With the evolution of technology, there is less of a need and focus on traditional computer equipment, but "needs" have increased in many other areas.
- Our goal for CGPAC is to increase the learning experiences and opportunities for our students beyond what is available from the school budgets. We fulfill this mandate by the many fund raising efforts we sponsor and through the generous, tax receiptable donations we receive from you, the parents and the community.

**MOTION:** For 2015-16, it is proposed to broaden the range of support funded by parent donations to include Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) initiatives and investments.

Motion made by---MARK HEIEIS

Seconded by—JENNIFER VINCENT-JONES

Carried

**MOTION:** It is proposed to ask for \$50 (same as last year) towards STEAM and \$25 (\$10 previously) towards scholarships as a default ask. This is completely voluntary and parents can define any alternate amount they wish to contribute. (Tax receipts are issued for amounts greater than \$25)

Motion made by---MARK HEIEIS

Seconded by—JENNIFER VINCENT-JONES

Carried

3. **Positions to be filled** – DPAC - 2 to be filled

**ACTION:** tabled to October meeting

**Communications-Jennifer Vincent-Jones** [communications@carsongrahampac.ca](mailto:communications@carsongrahampac.ca)

1. Jennifer is working on the Facebook page and other ways to get the word out to families. She updates the Facebook page every time she hears about a speaker, activity, sporting event, fundraiser, or anything else that is relevant to Carson parents, students, and staff. If you have anything you would like her to post, please send her the info. Also, if you aren't already a "friend", do that now to get instant information. Her goal this year is to get more students interested in the Facebook page.

### **Other Business?**

1. Coaching question—there seems to be a lack of coaches, what can we do about it?—talk to Ryan Kerluck the Athletic Director
2. How can we get a boys' soccer team for boys under grade 11? Right now, there is nothing at Carson for this age group and if your son doesn't play football or rugby, they don't have too many options for sports.—talk to Ryan Kerluck
3. If I have a problem with my child's counsellor, what do I do?—please talk directly to your counsellor first to try to resolve the issue.

*Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm*

**Next Meeting: October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 at 7pm**

If you have any questions or comments regarding the minutes, please feel free to contact the secretary at: [secretary@carsongrahampac.ca](mailto:secretary@carsongrahampac.ca)

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### Carson Graham Secondary School Parent Advisory Council Society

Financial Report for Year Ending June 30, 2015

Amounts in \$

	PAC Held		NVSD Held		Total
	General	Gaming	Computers	Scholarships	
<b><u>Statement of Revenues and Expenditures</u></b>					
Fund Balance - September 1, 2014	19,252.91	21,728.74	15,776.68	6,727.00	63,485.33
<i><u>Revenues</u></i>					
Interest Earned	20.86	32.02			52.88
Donations – School Held			7,802.37	1,910.00	9,712.37
Province of BC Gaming Grant		24,160.00			24,160.00
Fundraising Event – Gala	34,002.54				34,002.54
	<u>34,023.40</u>	<u>24,192.02</u>	<u>7,802.37</u>	<u>1,910.00</u>	<u>67,927.79</u>
<i><u>Expenditures</u></i>					
PAC Administration	173.77				173.77
Fundraising Event – Gala	12,823.26				12,823.26
PAC Funding Allocations:					
2013/14 Wishlist		8,372.21		2,500.00	10,872.21
2014/15 Wishlist	2,946.31	11,481.23	1,572.85	2,000.00	18,000.39
Event Sponsorship – Year End BBQ		1,227.48			1,227.48
	<u>15,943.34</u>	<u>21,080.92</u>	<u>1,572.85</u>	<u>4,500.00</u>	<u>43,097.11</u>
<i><u>Fund Transfer</u></i>					
Additional Scholarships	(4,500.00)			4,500.00	0.00
Fund Balance - June 30, 2015	<u>32,832.97</u>	<u>24,839.84</u>	<u>22,006.20</u>	<u>8,637.00</u>	<u>88,316.01</u>
<b><u>Outstanding Commitments (Estimated)</u></b>					
2013/14 Wishlist		1,000.00		500.00	1,500.00
2014/15 Wishlist	2,150.00	12,763.87	2,505.30	8,000.00	25,419.17
Fund Balance after commitments	<u>30,682.97</u>	<u>11,075.97</u>	<u>19,500.90</u>	<u>137.00</u>	<u>61,396.84</u>

Outstanding commitments reflect wishlist items approved but not yet paid. Amounts are estimated until invoices are received.

## Principal "Welcome Back" Report to PAC - September 23, 2015

### *First Week*

A busy and exciting first week that included grade assemblies and our school wide photo on Friday on the field. We have moved away from first week seminars in order to provide various opportunities throughout the year for larger grade assemblies. For instance, we have scheduled on October 9 "Love the Skin You're In: Media, Mental Health and Mindfulness" with Brie Mathers and Carol Todd will be providing the introduction (see attached pdf).

In October, we have booked Wak Kinew for a school wide presentation as he will engage and educate our youth on reconciliation and maintaining respectful relationships. You can visit his website at [www.wabkinew.ca](http://www.wabkinew.ca) to find out more.

### *Staff Development: 2015-16*

Staff are preparing for a presentation from Lou Marchesano as departments will continue to update their IB units of inquiry. This presentation is part of a larger collaborative project with Mulgrave and Rockridge Secondary schools as we continue to improve our IB curriculum.

### *Grade 8 Student & Parent Night*

Thank you for the PAC support sponsoring our first Grade 8 BBQ that allowed parents, staff and students to connect prior to our formal meeting. Based on the feedback received, we would like to continue for next year. A invitation will be going out to all parents to host another assessment forum as we hope to target our new parents and review our IB marking system.

### *Fall Awards Ceremony*

Our annual awards ceremony will now take place in the fall in order to acknowledge last year's academic awards. The ceremony begins at 7pm on Thursday, September 24 and student award recipients have been asked to arrive at 6:15pm.

### *Emergency Preparedness*

Last summer, we purchased a new emergency container that will house our emergency supplies and will be asking for PAC support to assist with equipping our container with the necessary supplies.

### *MyED BC*

As you may have seen in the media, schools have adopted a new information system that has not been without growing pains. At this time, many of our parent contacts have not transferred over to the new system and we are working quickly with our IT department to rectify the issue.

### *Let's Talk Shop - October 28 (5:00-9:00pm)*

Carson Graham will be hosting a facilitated parent / youth forum on alcohol and drugs designed to promote positive communication and understanding between parent and youth populations.

### *Family of Schools Parent Presentations*

The Carson Family of School has organized a parent presentation series that will rotate throughout our schools. The first presentation (see attached flyer) will be hosted by Queen Mary Elementary on "Emotional Resiliency" on October 7 at 7pm.

Upcoming Presentations include:

November 18: Jesse Miller (mediated Reality/Social Media) at Carson  
January 13: Martin Davidson (Anxiety/Addictions – teens) at Carson

*Upcoming Events*

Grade 12 Parent & Student Evening - October 1 @ 7pm  
Terry Fox Run - October 7 at 12:15pm