

Carson Graham General PAC Meeting Minutes

March 29, 2017 at 7:00PM

Attendees: (quorum met)

Mark Heeis, Linda Dawkins, Lesley Heeis, Wiley Ho, Greg Tweed, Sandra Tweed (by phone), Jason Montecillo, Brandy Schofield

Staff:

Karim Hachlaf, Frank Li, Rob Walker, Stephanie Maki, Heather Maier

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Mark welcomed all attendees.

2. Introductions

The Agenda was circulated and adopted.

3. Department Presentations and Funding Requests

a. First Nations:

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- Stephanie Maki and Heather Maier invited PAC to participate in this powerful exercise

b. Music:

- Frank Li thanked PAC for last year's funding which was used to purchase new microphones and sound board
- CG Vocal Jazz Ensemble came first in the National Vocal Jazz Festival recently! Promotional announcement to follow from Frank Li. Next performance at Granville Island on June 24, 2017
- Request for funding for various instruments (see handout).
- Top priority request: to replace Grand Piano (current one collapsing in the middle and hard to keep tuned. Price is \$18,800 plus taxes (see handout for pricing)
- Funding must come from General Account (piano for curriculum)
- **PAC to set aside \$10,000 from General Account and remainder to be raised by Music Program: Motion moved and carried**

c. Drama:

- Rob Walker announced CG Improv Team won silver medal in 2016 National Competition and qualified again to compete at 2017 Nationals in Ottawa
- Request for travel funding support
- **Max per CGPAC Policy \$2,500 from Gaming Account: Motion moved and carried**

d. Rugby and Football Program:

- Tackling machine
- **Request for \$3,074.58 from Gaming Account: Motion moved and carried**
- e. School request for concourse custom furniture in student gathering areas (2nd and 3rd Floors in the C and D wings):
 - **Request for \$7,530 from Gaming Account: Motion moved and carried**

4. **Administration**

See attached Principal Report to PAC - March 29, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM

Next Meeting: Annual General Meeting May 24, 2017 at 7:00PM

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Principal Report to PAC - March 29, 2017

Staffing (Current and projected 2017-18)

Carson Graham received the highest allocation of additional staffing as part of the recent Supreme Court ruling. Specifically, we received 20 additional blocks that will be used to implement a co-teaching model with 20 of our current classes. The classes identified include Math, Science, English and Social Studies at all grade levels.

As we enter the staffing process for the 2017-18 school year, it is too early to project how we will be able to accommodate certain class size and composition challenges with our current enrollment.

Video Surveillance

Consistent with our Board policy, Carson Graham has now been able to implement video surveillance. Over the Spring Break, cameras have been installed at main entrances and common areas. Over the years, we have dealt with incidents of vandalism and security issues with the amount on rental activity in our building. Further, incidents of theft have increased this past school year and we are hopeful that we will be reverse this trend and ensure student safety along with protecting their belongings.

June Calendar

With the removal of most provincial examinations, we have drafted our June calendar that includes classes ending on June 22. Additionally, we will continue to offer review and completion classes from June 23-28 and offer a more robust enrichment schedule that will include multi-grade lab activities, Art and Tech workshops and other engaging enrichment activities.

Culinary Dinner Series

Please come join us on Wednesdays and Thursday (March 29-May 25) for dinner from 5:30-6:30pm. Enjoy a two (\$12) or three (\$15) course meal from our culinary students. Eat in or take out.

School Planning

We have moved to a more authentic school planning model that includes collaborating with all of our partner groups. Ultimately, school planning enhances and supports meaningful learning and development in the classroom and school. To this end, we have a staff leadership team working with departments on a number of annual initiatives that connect to our school goals:

- 1 - To develop inquiring, knowledgeable, confident and caring students.
- 2 - To enhance student academic achievement, student empowerment and sense of belonging.



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3 - To increase student engagement and connection to Carson Graham at all grade levels with a particular focus at the Grade 7/8 transition stage.

Parents have and will be continue to be included in representative sub committees that support the above goals. A more detailed annual report communicating our progress will be released near the end of the school year.

Save the Date - September 26, 2017

The Carson Graham Family of Schools is excited to host the “Blanket Exercise” - a moving and powerful teaching tool to share the historic and contemporary relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. More information will be forthcoming and space is limited - please visit <http://www.kairosblanketexercise.org> for more information.

Upcoming Events

April 6 - Parent/Teacher Interviews

April 28 - School Based Professional Development Day: No Classes

May 8 - District Wide Professional Development Day: No Classes

June 14 - Graduation Ceremony @ Queen Elizabeth Theatre

June 22 - Last Day of Classes

June 28 - Final Report Cards released

June 29 - Graduation Banquet @ Westin Bayshore: