

Members Present: 20

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Approval of the minutes and agenda

MOTION: to accept the agenda for Oct 16, 2013 meeting and the minutes of May 15, 2013 – **PASSED**

3. Administrative Report - Karim Hachlaf

- IB Diploma Program and lack of calculus 12 math component - response to query from last meeting followed up with the Math department and this has surfaced before - we can incorporate more calculus but to offer the higher level courses with 220-240 hours of instruction cannot be done because we do not have the numbers - will look at this again for next year
- Interim Report Cards - will be mailed out at the end of next week for students who are borderline
- Parent Teacher Interviews - mid-Nov
- Staff Development time - will update the website on a quarterly basis to let everyone know what initiatives the staff is embarking on - right now we are working on the creation of inter-disciplinary units where the learning is connected in all departments in all units
- Announcements - students do not want to watch the TV screens for 10 minutes to get the daily announcements so we've reactivated 'Radio Carson' again - students will deliver the announcements over the PA - 3 mins max
- Bulletin Boards - there are multiple bulletin boards throughout the school where school events can be posted
- Communications - would like to connect with Susan Fitzgerald of the PAC to get announcements on the website
- Banners - all banners are now framed and are displayed in the large gym

4. Presentation - Choices Program

Dave Cadman, Choices Teacher and Mary Fletcher, Choices Counsellor (at Carson and Queen Mary)

- Brand new program in 2013 – have their own classroom with a kitchen
- Mandate is to support students with social, emotional and/or behavioural issues
- Choices program offers food (really big), clothing, school supplies, transportation, warm emotionally safe environment, communication with teachers and parents, advocacy for students, individual education plans, case management
- Carson has about 25 students so far this year - students go through an intake process Thanks to PAC for financial support - today the group (14 students) went to the UBC Ropes Course - very teamwork oriented as they had to guide each other through the rope course without talking

5. Other Business

- DPAC rep - Judy Clarke - there will be a workshop over the next 2 Mon evenings on 'Parents as Career Coaches' - register online
- Carson Clothing - usually the departments (Athletics) will take on this initiative - no general school wide clothing available
- Fundraiser - Gala / Dinner / Dance - Mar 1, 2014 - looking for volunteers - next committee meeting is Tues Oct 22, 2013 at 6pm at the school

6. Treasurer's Report

- Gaming = \$50,485.17 2013-2014 funds from government received \$23,760.00
- General = \$12,068.79

Meeting Adjourned at 8:03 pm.
Next Meeting – Wed, Nov 20, 2013.