

**Carihi Secondary School PAC Meeting**  
**November 16, 2015**

**Attendance:**

Tanza Davies	Violet Shade	Fred Schaub
Sean Toal	Sally MacGregor	Liz West
Anne Farren	Special Guest: Phil Cassidy	

**Start:**

7:05 pm

**Introductions:**

Introductions were made around the table by all in attendance.

**Special Guest:**

Our special guest this evening was Phil Cassidy who is the Carihi Band Teacher. He comes to Carihi after starting his band career at Southgate as a TOC. He is a trombone player with a military background and also teaches guitar to our students. He is very enthusiastic about his job and his students and attributes a large part of his success at Carihi to the phenomenal program that operates here. His programs are very popular with his 28 member senior band from last year expanding to 40 this year and his 23 member junior program last year having to be cut off at capacity of 30 this year.. He teaches Grade 9 band thru to senior band, jr and jazz band. He says the music the students play comes from the Music Festival Canada syllabus. He runs a performance based program and had about 70 students play at the Remembrance Day assembly. In the future he would like to consider the addition of a marching band and being able to take students every three years to the east coast. His senior band will be heading to Seattle this year for 3 nights where they will participate in workshops, take in a musical and be involved in a festival.

**Review of Past Minutes:**

Minutes were reviewed. Anne made a motion to accept the October 19, 2015 minutes. Violet Shade seconded. All were in favour.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Balances are as follows:

General Account \$1087.56

Gaming Account \$\$24,248.73 Six students from 2015 have now claimed their scholarships. At the moment there is \$500.00 in the scholarship account so more funds will need to be transferred to cover outstanding scholarships.

Liz made a motion to purchase a fruit basket to accompany the card from PAC, both to be dropped off to Leanne Wilson

**Principal's Report and Vice Principal's Report:**

1. Report Cards went out on Parent Connect on Monday November 16.
2. Parent Teacher conferences on Thursday November 19<sup>th</sup>. Appointments can be booked online, if teachers are booked up or away, parents can arrange to meet at a time convenient for both parent and teacher at any time.
3. Grad Sleepover is to be held Thursday evening, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Students must have MOP (moving on package) done and be on the grad list. There are approximately 200 eligible grads and about 120 signed up to take part in the sleepover.
4. Fall athletics update – Junior Boys Volleyball came 2<sup>nd</sup> at North Islands, Sr. Girls' 5<sup>th</sup> and Jr. Girls' North Island Champs! All headed to Islands this weekend. Sr. Boys' Soccer went to North Islands and Jr. Boys went to Islands. Some strong results (top 10) for Cross Country athletes at Islands.
5. Winter Sports Season – boys and girls basketball and wrestling starting shortly.
6. University Tour – November 26/27. Jane K. organizes this every year. 43 grads are signed up to tour Uof Victoria, UBC and Simon Frazer University. Cost is \$125.00
7. Community Links Budget. This is government funding that the school gets, between \$16 - \$17,000.00 and the funds are based on a vulnerable population government formula. The money is used towards things like the breakfast program, tutoring, subsidizing bus passes and cafeteria cards as some examples.
8. Remembrance Day Assembly was held November 10<sup>th</sup> with between 700 – 800 students in attendance. Phil Cassidy's band students put on a great musical performance.
9. Code of Conduct Review. The Code of Conduct was handed out to everyone in attendance and a copy can be found in the PAC box. Everyone is welcome to review these and bring their feedback to our next meeting on December 14 @ 7 pm in the library.
10. School Success Plan Review. A handout was given to everyone in attendance and a copy of this can be found in the PAC box. The existing report card format is up for review and feedback as to whether changes need to be made are welcome. Also with regards to the new curriculum coming in, information regarding the Provincial Exams/schedule will be coming soon. Two unscheduled implementation days have been put on the table by the government for the remainder of this school year and two more will be factored into the 2016-2017 school calendar for next year.
11. Christmas Turkey Dinner – to be held on December 16.

In addition to the above, the hoops in the gym have been fixed.

Some French Immersion Grad students from last year did not receive their dual diplomas due to a program coding issue. This has been taken care of and their diplomas are now in.

Carihi is to be getting a new gym floor, upgrades to their heating system as well as \$10,000.00 local capital to be used towards things like chairs, projectors, etc.

No bus passes were issued this year as that system was not working. There are more bus students than there are available seats on the buses. Some students have been refused rides. Bus drivers are suppose to be handing out city passes and calling parents of the kids affected. They are still trying to find a workable solution to this problem.

**DPAC Report:**

Violet Shade did not have much to talk about as a number of issues had already been discussed. The next meeting for the DPAC is November 17<sup>th</sup> where she has indicated a decision will be made with regards to the high number of vacant classrooms in schools within our district which affects our government funding.

**Old Business:**

No one brought anything forward to discuss.

**New Business:**

It was brought to Sean and Freds attention that no one receive automated phone reminder about tonights meeting. Concerned that the small turn out may be affected by the fact that some people may be unaware/forget the date and time it is happening.

Next month our special guest is scheduled to be Lori Kobolek to come speak to us regarding the International Student Program.

**Next Meeting:**

**December 14, 2015.** This will be our Christmas meeting and everyone is invited to attend. We ask that everyone please bring a small appy to share and if you are coming but not on this meetings attendance list to please email Anne at [trfwood@telus.net](mailto:trfwood@telus.net) so she can make sure Santa brings enough joy for everyone!

**End:**

8:35 pm.