

Carihi Secondary School PAC Minutes for March 14, 2016

Attendance:

Anne Farren Tanza Davies Liz West Tia Stephens Fred Schaub Sean Toal
Violet Shade Sally MacGregor Denise Biegler Christine Knight

Start:

7:10 pm

Introductions:

Introductions were made around the table.

Review of Past Minutes:

Minutes were reviewed and accepted by Sally MacGregor, Tia Stephens seconded. All were in favour.

Special Guest:

Our special guest this evening was Christine Knight from the Drama Department. She thanked the PAC for the previous and ongoing support for her department. The drama department is having a very successful year, having had 2 Drama classes in Semester 1, currently 4 classes Semester 2, one Musical theatre group, one Improv group (who placed 4th this year in competition) and a group they took to Drama Fest which was held in Nanaimo this year. There are some 300 + students involved in Drama this school year although not many grade 9's. The program does have a majority of 10's and 11's which should carry them into the 2016/17 school year with a great base. The department has taken two groups to New York and although this trip is open to any student in the school it is usually only theatre kids that go. Both trips have been very successful. This year's spring production is "Cinderella" and will be held April 20-23, 2016. Last year they sold out and expect to do the same this year. The program is able to support itself thru ticket sales and while some years they spend all they have, the program is able to cover its own costs.

Treasurer's Report:

Balances in the accounts are as follows:

Scholarship Account	\$2,998.06
General Account	\$1,345.24
Gaming Account	\$16,971.83

The deadline for students from the 2014 Grad class to collect their scholarships has not passed. There are still several students from 2015 Grad class who have yet to collect their scholarships.

Of the \$750.00 given to the Carihi 50th Anniversary celebration, some of that money is still outstanding although Sean indicated that it will be used, possibly already has, receipts may still be outstanding.

The Year End Awards requested an addition \$300.00 in funding, raising their amount back up to \$1,500.00. Liz motioned for this additional \$300.00 to be approved, Violet Shade seconded, all were in favour.

As the team qualified after the last meeting in February, Liz also motioned for the Jr. Boys Basketball team, who went to Provincials at the end of February 2016, to receive \$500.00 in recognition of their achievement. It was seconded by Violet Shade, all were in favour.

Liz has said that the Jr. Girls Volleyball team did not use the funding we had given them for their Provincial meet (Sean is going to confirm this) and the Curling Team only used \$100.00 of their money.

Just as the PAC has something in place for Senior teams/school groups, Violet suggested setting up a standard monetary amount for Jr. Teams and/or school groups who find out last minute that they have qualified for a Provincial meet and plan to go. This way the treasurer would be able to issue them a cheque at their time of need rather than students having to wait until our next meeting which may be a month away. Violet motioned for \$250.00 to be given to all qualifying Jr. Teams/groups (based on available funding) with any extra funding requested to be voted on at the next meeting. Sally seconded this motion and all were in favour.

Principal/Vice Principal Report:

A detailed report is attached.

DPAC Report:

Violet spoke about the Internet Safety/Cyber Awareness Assembly for parents that was held for two evenings, March 7 & 8, with Darren and Beth Laur of Personal Protection Systems Inc. While he attended both High Schools he presented to the Grade 9 classes only. This was sponsored by DPAC and the School District. Any parents who missed the opportunity to see this presentation should put it on their must do list. It was exceptional. www.personalprotectionsystems.ca

DPAC is planning to discuss and answer questions about the New Curriculum changes: what they are about, and what they mean, etc. at their meeting on April 20, 2016 & pm at Robron. Everyone is welcome to attend.

For anyone interested, the voting package from BCCPAC is in the box in the staff room and is to be held at the end of April over two days.

New Business:

Denise brought up concerns about the morning congestion/grid lock in the upper parking lot with parents driving thru and dropping off students and the busses dropping students off in the same area. She inquired about the possibility of signage suggesting using the lower parking lot as alternate drop off. Fred says they have inquired with the city about traffic light changes on 4th and Dogwood for that hour in the morning but have been told it is too expensive for them to make changes. Sean indicated he will look into the possibility of signage/changes.

Violet spoke about Purple Day March 26, Epilepsy Awareness, as students will be on Spring Break. Her daughter, Bonnie Jean, has epilepsy and Violet raised concerns about current teacher /student

knowledge about the condition. She informed up that the Epilepsy Society came and gave a free presentation at the middle school when her daughter was in attendance there. She suggested that perhaps they be welcomed to present at Carihi. Violet did get permission from Sean to hang a poster advertising Purple Day in the school. She presented everyone present with a purple pencil to help get awareness out there. Thanks Violet.

Grad 2016 Update:

Liz indicated that the Purdy Chocolate Fundraiser is still ongoing. She mentioned that hanging baskets are coming up but did not know a date. The next meeting is March 15th.

Next Meeting:

April 18, 2016 at 7 pm in the Library. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend.

End:

8:25 pm