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# Cariboo Regional District

The Mile 108 Elementary PAC would like to acknowledge the Cariboo Regional District for their financial contribution to the 2018-19 school year through the availability of Grants for Assistance. This grant has funded a portion of our grade 7 leaving ceremony and multiple busing expenses for year-end field trips.

We are very grateful for the CRD's continued support - this has greatly enhanced ALL students' extra-curricular opportunities and experiences.

Thank you!  
The PAC

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To Whom It May Concern:

In accordance with CRD's reporting requirements with the Grant for Assistance (\$1,500) was used, please refer to the following:

- How were the funds utilized?

A portion of the funds (< \$500) was used to continue with a school tradition of hosting a grade 7 leaving ceremony on June . The challenge we faced this year was having a grad class twice the number size, but with the same budget as previous years. Thanks to the CRD, we were able to provide an informal BBQ celebration that hosted 120+ parents, guardians, teachers, and grad 7 students. Food, decorations, services, and leaving gifts were all purchased in the 100 Mile House/108 Mile Ranch area, while a small portion of food items were purchased in Williams Lake. The remainder of the funds helped to subsidize the large transportation/bussing expenses for year-end field trips in all 10 divisions (grades K – 7).

- The success of events:

The grade 7 leaving ceremony was received with great enthusiasm and feedback from all the parents, staff and students were extremely gracious and positive. While it was informal, people were very pleased with BBQ food, side dishes, and desserts. Earlier in the week prior, Grade 12 grads carried on a tradition of visiting the 108 school to have pictures taken with teachers, students, and classes they had previously been in while attending the 108 Elementary. This highlighted the importance of this transitional period with our grade 7 students, many of whom had been going to school here since kindergarten. They were extremely excited to have a night in their honour - where they were encouraged for the journey ahead and recognized for their gifts, talents, and individual contributions to the school and community over the years.

All field trips were able to come to fruition, and students/classes were happy to offer a variety to different grades. This served a total of 10 divisions (including First Nations), with several outings including: Scout Island, 100 Mile House Waterpark, 100 Mile House Elementary Track & Field meet, Educo, Williams Lake Waterpark, Centennial Park, Hat Creek Ranch, Bell'E'Acres, Gavin Lake, Williams Lake Recreational Centre, and 108 Heritage Site.

- The benefits of the event:

The Grant for Assistance funding directly benefited all parents/legal guardians and their children of Mile 108 Elementary School by supporting them to experience enriched extra-curricular activities and learning otherwise not fully covered or provided for by the school district. The leaving ceremony was an important tradition that many of the students had observed with previous grade 7's and would have been extremely disappointed had they not received the same recognition. Many have approached the PAC and Committee volunteers with words of gratitude.

All students, teachers, and parents/guardians also benefited from having transportation costs completely covered for end of year field trips. Being in an expansive geographic area and a small community with little options for interesting excursions, it can add up significantly when required to travel more than 150km's return in order to access unique experiences. This creates unplanned expenses not affordable for all families. As there were no extra costs to parents/guardians to cover this variable, ALL students were able to participate in the travel and unique activities without creating stigmas or unnecessary family stress. Students and teachers also benefited - field trips in June are an important and necessary way to keep kids engaged and learning in a unique way conducive to warmer weather and restless spirits!

- The manner in which the CRD was publicly recognized:  
The PAC created a CRD poster (see attachment) which was displayed in our final AGM PAC meeting in May 27, 2019 and verbally recognized with gratitude. This poster was also distributed by way of newsletter, FB page, at the grad ceremony upon entrance, on our PAC information board, and also at the grad ceremony admittance table. The principal, Ken Lucks, also verbally acknowledged the CRD for funding during the grade 7 leaving ceremony to all attendees. Al Richmond was notified of the event and openly invited, but unfortunately was previously engaged. The CRD poster will remain on our PAC Board (in the entranceway at school) at least until the next PAC meeting scheduled for September 2019, and many parents will be viewing this recognition at the awards ceremony on June 27, 2019.

A year end summary report will be made available to all public/parents which will list the transaction details received from the CRD – accounting details are kept in the treasurer binder readily available to anyone requesting to see records of all transactions. I have been personally telling parents and teachers regarding the large hand the CRD played in helping us deliver these experiences and how grateful we are to have received this help.

Again, on behalf of the Mile 108 PAC and school, we sincerely thank you for your financial consideration and assistance this year – it was extremely needed and resulted in many special memories!

Sincerely,  
Pamela Friesen (PAC Treasurer)  
Cc: Sue MacKay (PAC Chair)