

PHSS Grad 2025
Wednesday, October 23, 2024 MINUTES
PHSS Library, 6:31 – 7:29 pm

1. Last month's minutes – Accepted with this addition:

Grad Hoodies were paid for by donations by MOWI, Gwa'sala Nakwaxda'xw, and the Kwatsi Development Cooperation. Grad T-shirts are paid out of the already existing Grad Parent account (via email transfer to Reaper Designs)

2. Agenda Additions

- Apologies from Amanda, away for family medical. I am willing to help on all the committees. Amber and Laina sent regrets.
- Vending machine at PHSS: Anna clarified that profits from the vending machine are for the Convocation Ceremony. Courtney will run the vending machine and Kaylene, Zoe, and Daphani volunteered to keep an eye on stocks in the vending machine and do the fill-up.

3. Committees

Lead - Amanda Humphrey

Finance - Courtney Pratt & Laina Hunko. Signing authority for the existing Grad Parent account: Marnie, Amanda, Laina.

Other Committees:

Secretary.....Laina

Fundraising.....Amanda & Danna Griffiths, Jane Nelson

Decorating.....Amanda & Jenine, Courtney, Mike, Mecca, Kaylene, Lexi

Walking Ceremony.....Amanda &

The walking ceremony should happen at PHSS. That means two places to decorate: the school and the Golf Course.

Parade..... - Nicole will coordinate this

Students voted in favor of doing a shorter route, in town, with their own cars

After Grad Party.....Amanda & Danna, Jude, Mike, Marnie

Danna suggested ordering after the New Year for specials "2025"

4. Updates

- Golf course is booked for June 21..... *Discuss at next Grad Parent Meeting: when can we go in to decorate?*

- Nicole ordered the Grad 2025 apparel (hoodies and T Shirts). Thanks to some amazing donations, all grads will get a hoodie for free. Turn-around time is 1-2 weeks for the t-shirts (to be paid out of the existing Grad Parent Account), and 3-4 weeks for the hoodies (to be paid for by donations via the PHSS Grad account).

5. Survey results (student votes)

- Theme: Rustic Fairy Tale Forest
- Location of after Grad Celebrations: Golf Course.

Discussion:

- Questions around security were discussed. Marnie will ask Aries Security Service to volunteer time, especially around the building. Parents need to organize road/parking lot supervision to avoid "guests" coming in or students leaving in unknown cars. Another security concern is how to prevent students from drinking while playing night golf – difficult supervision.
- A waiver needs to be signed by all parents and grads that clearly outlines behavior expectations for Dry Grad, including arrival and departure.
- Important to students: Celebrations to be fun and memorable
- Top choices for activities: Night golf, dinner at the Golf Course, casino, picture booth, laser tag

..... *Discuss at next Grad Student Meeting* the time frame – how long will students stay? Should there be two bus runs? One earlier, one later?

..... *Discuss at next Grad Parent Meeting* – is laser tag out at the golf course an option?

Food: Grads loved sweet things: Chocolate fountain, sundae bar, mocktails. More food options for the dinner to be decided *Discuss at next Grad Student Meeting*

6. Budget

\$30,000-\$35,000 – all in favour

Better to aim higher and not be short near the end

7. Fundraising

- Concert Society Nov 27. Amanda will post for volunteers in the next few weeks.

Amber volunteered to make 100 donuts, and bacon-wrapped scallops. Call for bakers to go out.

- Cash raffle - The gaming license has been approved. Sales will start Nov. 4 and likely run it from November 4 for 5 weeks. Courtney will print the tickets.
- Reminder we have the account at the bottle depot so tell everyone, post about it on social media.
- **Flipgive** – All are interested. Once it has been set up we should pass the link to friends and family. This fundraiser is to run all year. Amanda set up. Anyone can shop through the app. Advertise the link through fb and the Grad website.

How it works...Start your online shopping using FlipGive and you'll earn a percentage of your purchase as cashback for your group. You can also earn by buying gift cards to shop in-store or online. With hundreds of brands available, sign up for free and get started on earning for the things you're already buying.

- Car wash in the Spring...someone to take this on. Grad volunteers: **Zoe, Kahayla, Lexi, Kaylene.**
- Save On hot dog bbq/baked goods. Danna and Mike will take the lead. Grad volunteers: **Zoe, Kahayla**
- Keltic Beach Clean Up set for June 8th. **Nicole** will take the lead. **Hunter, Amber, Nolan** volunteered.
- District Spring Clean Up.....someone to take this on. **Hunter, Amber, Nolan** volunteered.
- Meat Raffle. Danna is the lead person and will set it up. It was a good fundraiser in the past.

8. Cap & Gowns

Orders for rental are done in April by the school. Last year, the order came in the day before grad because of warehouse issues with Gaspard. This seemed to be a one-off, they have been very reliable in the past.

Gown rentals were paid for by families or out of fundraising money for past grads. We will see if there is enough fundraising money when we get closer to April.

Discussion:

- It is very expensive to purchase the gowns (around \$150-160 per grad), plus the care (washing, pressing) is too involved. The purchase option was voted down.
- A cheaper option was discussed (purchasing a lesser quality gown and cap for \$27 as keep-sake) but voted down due to concerns about the poor quality of the material.

9. Photographer

Mecca and Ali have reached out to Kim Kufaas to cover both ceremonies and out to the golf course for a

few hours, and requested a quote. No response yet. Ali has reached out to Brian Texmo. We will wait for responses.

10. Photo Booth

A professional photo booth with company from Campbell River costs (incl. rental and travel/hotel) about \$2000. This option was voted down due to expense, risks of set up and take down (as it has to be done by us).

Danna and other parents will explore cheaper options with a Polaroid camera or buying a small printer.

10. Banners and yard signs

- The application to have banners hung was submitted. 30 days max, put in for June 2 to July 2. Will wait to see if we get approved. Lifetouch gives the school a disc with all the photos and that is provided to Reaper Designs.
- Amber secured a \$400 donation from the Canadian Fishing Co. they will also donate two seafood baskets that we could raffle. The Canadian Fishing Co. also donated a truckload of empties for the grad account at the Recycling Centre (Oct 23).
- Nicole looked into yard signs and showed two designs. They will cost under \$40. Anna will show the grads two design options during the *next student grad meeting on October 30*.

12. Next meeting date

Wednesday, November 13