

Grad Parent Meeting – November 18, 2024

1. Treasurer's Report

Dance: \$1217.00 (purchases still to be subtracted)

Purdy's: \$1646.14 to date

Recycling: \$427.39 to date

Donation from Pacific Abrasives: \$500.00

Total: \$3693.44

2. Craft Fair Report – Erinne Allen

-Advertising is a go (fliers/on-line//signs)

-Parents are needed to help with setup, the auction and concession on Saturday as well as clean up after the craft fair – Signup sheets will be coming around.

-grads to make thank you cards for vendors with the wifi info in them (70)

-There have been tones of donations made for the concession including hot dogs/buns, chili, borscht, and more!

3. Hoodies update:

-looking like we'll order from Swift Stiches a local vendor. They've done a mockup. Official price to follow. Should be around \$75 a hoodie provided we do a large enough order.

-It was agreed upon by those in attendance that Dylan, the gentleman creating the hoodies for us, is very talented and that \$75/hoodie seems like a very reasonable price.



4. Fundraisers – Purdy's orders due Monday, December 2nd.

- Poinsettia orders due Thursday, Nov. 28th
- Gift wrapping at the Pines Bible Camp Christmas Craft Fair – December 14th (wrapping gifts for a donation to the grad class). Looking for 3 – 4 grads to take that on – sign-up sheet in grad lounge.
- Bottle Depot is ongoing (school # 250-442-8285) (report recycling to Mrs. Erixon (jessica.erixon@sd51.bc.ca))

~~–50/50 Raffle~~

**Any cheques that are brought in to pay for Purdy's or Poinsettias need to be made out to GFSS.

Possible additional fundraisers:

- Elementary dances (valentines or spring fling)
- GEM Theatre movie night
- Mom's pantry – *this is a lot like Purdy's. It allows people to order various things for baking and cooking such as pre-made frozen pastries and dough, spices, and sauces. If we do decide to do this, it will start up in March and we will need a parent or two to take on the organization of it.*

5. Legacy ideas – still thinking

6. Prom update

- Theme: Night Under the Stars (Ayvra)
- Location: TBD but are continuing to explore options
 - The Par 3 at the lake is available on June 14th, they have a \$75 booking fee and have a \$110/hour fee for use of facility. We would also be charging an hourly fee (amount currently unknown) for early decorating. We could use an outside caterer but would be charged for use of linens, cutlery, and glassware, or they could do the catering in house for between \$30 - \$80/plate
 - *Some concerns were raised about using the Par 3 that swayed the grad's minds. These concerns included:*
 - *Price*
 - *Strictness*
 - *Lack of time to access and decorate the space.*

-Some other important points that came up regarding prom were:

- The size of the venue needed. There are about 90 grads in this cohort and that does not include plus ones. So, we will need a venue large enough to support that. The Par 3 and the Christina Lake Community Centre may be too small. However, the Curling Rink has several floors that could be utilized well, and the school gym is quite large (and can be used free of charge).

- Bookings are starting to fill up, so the grads need to make decisions about location and caterers quickly. We decided on a December 11th deadline to make these decisions and to book caterers and a venue. These decisions will be communicated out to parents.

- Some catering suggestions include The Wooden Spoon, Fork in the Road, Twisted Forks, and various food trucks.

- Parents were reminded that the week of June 9th – 14th is going to be a very busy week as there is the scholarship evening, setting up/decorating the arena and the prom location, and grad itself.

- There was some discussion of plated meals vs buffet style. The grads are exploring both options but recognize that plated meals would be more expensive.

Other possible locations:

- School gym
- Curling club
- Another parent brought up using the Pines Bible Camp venue. They are going to get information on a price and get back to the committee.

7. Capstone Reminder

-next assignments are due at the end of November 28th

- Health and Wellness

- Future Opportunities – grads are reminded that they must make an appointment with their Mrs. Webster or Mr. McKaig as part of this assignment.

- Work/Volunteer Hours – *this one has been extended until May and students can use any work or volunteer experience they have had throughout their entire high school career – not just grade 12.*

8. Other

- *As mentioned above a location and a caterer for prom will be chosen and booked no later than December 11th and that decision will be communicated to parents.*

9. Next grad meeting: Monday, Jan 20 at 7:00pm