

Grad Parent Meeting

October 21, 2019

Grad Executive:

Makenna Burrows and Faith Thomson – Co Chairs
Kaleb Blatkewicz – Treasurer
Mackenzie Turner – Public Relations
Saige da Silva – Decorating
Jayden Leroy and Sarah Olsen – Fundraising

Fundraising Report:

Thanks again to those who came out to the fundraising meeting two weeks ago. Discussion tonight from some of the decisions made at that meeting.

Craft Fair – Parent to report (tons of people signed up). Sign up for certain shifts if this is preferable (for grads). 61 vendors have signed up. Currently have a waiting list. More help needed for early shift on Saturday (7:30 am on Nov 23 for set up).

Spaghetti Feed: Has been postponed now until January (will be led by Stu McGregor and Chantel Evers)

Elementary Dance – Grad executive plus number of other grads have expressed interest in helping. Would like one or two more parents to sign up.

Purdy's – So far we've raised around \$300.00

Poinsettias – See flyers

Thyme and Plate – 10% of proceeds on Nov 21 will go towards grads; have everyone we need for this, just need parents/family/friends to go for dinner.

Wine tasting food servers – Have everyone signed up to help with this, event is on Nov 23

School Report:

Grad Fees – reminder to pay the \$25.00 fee for attending ceremonies

Capstone – **Part 1** was due October 7; **Part 2** should have been completed during October 10 session; **Part 3** due Nov 4th. At this point, if students are missing any assignment parents will be contacted and then if work is not done by Nov 20th – student will be removed from Capstone through GFSS and will have to enroll with another school to complete the requirement.

Ceremonies/Prom:

Would like to have Grad Vote on October 29th to discuss these options:

- Holding grad ceremonies and prom on different weekends

- Holding ceremonies and prom on the same weekend. Choices:
 - Ceremonies on Friday, June 12th and Prom on Saturday, June 13th
 - Prom on Friday June 12th and Ceremonies on Saturday, June 13th

Next Meeting: November 12th, 2019 @ 7:00 pm (GFSS Bistro)

Grad 2020 Information package for Grad celebrations

Ceremonies/Prom: There are two ideas the grads are discussing for the format of grad – same weekend for both ceremonies and celebrations or different weekends for the two events. Regardless of when prom is happening, the grad committee proposes that part of that celebration would involve a parade and gathering at City park where the public would be welcome to see the grads in all their gowns, suits/tuxes etc. This would mean that at the ceremonies, grads would not be removing their black gowns, but rather keeping cap and gowns on for the entire ceremony.

Same weekend:

Holding the grad celebration and ceremonies on the same weekend (dates/format to be determined in a second vote if grads vote to have prom and ceremonies on same weekend).

Option #1 Ceremonies on Friday, June 12th and Prom on Saturday, June 13th

Option #2 Prom on Friday, June 12th and Ceremonies on Saturday, June 13th

Option #3 Ceremonies and Prom on the same day - Saturday, June 13th

Different weekends:

Holding the grad celebration (prom) on a different weekend from ceremonies. Ceremonies would be held on June 13th and prom would either happen after that weekend or before (date to be determined in a second vote if grads vote to have prom and ceremonies on different weekends).

Pros - Prom celebration after all exams – stress free...; Not planning two events for one weekend;

Cons – family only here for one weekend; if prom is at the end of exams/school, grads are exhausted, starting to move into next phase; people leaving after exams to go work... and can't get back for prom; those that want to dress up for both don't want to pay twice to have hair, makeup, suits rented....

Pros and cons

Ceremonies on Friday – Pro; not up late that night before (would be if celebration were on Friday); ceremonies is the 'start' of the celebration and the prom would be the finale; possibly more time with family on the Saturday (because grads won't be exhausted) Cons: family can't get in until the Saturday;

Prom on the Friday - Pros; Gives family more time to arrive for ceremonies; More time to be rested prior to school week starting; Con: if we are doing the parade, might be harder to book those areas on a Friday than a Saturday; exhausted for ceremonies;

Vote for weekend – same or different weekend will happen on Oct. 29th

Vote for format & dates for prom will happen on Nov. 5th.