

**NISS Grad 2021 Parent Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 28, 2022**

**MINUTES**

**1. Welcome/Introduction**

- Ben Donoghue (Vice Principal) will be the school contact for Grad 2022
- Jen Turner (Principal) attended first meeting to introduce herself to parents

**2. Designate Minute Taker**

- Teresa MacKenzie has volunteered to take minutes and post them to the NISS website

**3. Format of Meetings**

- We will have a parent grad meeting the third Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom
- Student grad meetings will take place at lunch on the same day as parent meetings

**4. Roles and Responsibilities**

- Grad ceremony is a school event that is bound by School District No. 85 and North Island Secondary policies and code of conduct (a letter to parents will go out at a later date, outlining the rules around grad)
- Dry Grad will take place if the students want it. If it does happen, parents and school staff work together to organize this event
- The school staff will collaborate with grads and parents to create a ceremony and select events based on student choices
- Students will have a monthly meeting to make choices about grad and events, eg: theme, will dry grad take place, etc. There was a student meeting today, resulting in an upcoming survey to assist students make choices for their event
- Parents will have a monthly meeting to assist in making student choices happen
- Car parade is not a school event and is arranged by parents

**5. Contact**

- Minutes and information will be sent out to grad parents via email using our School Connects system. Please ensure we have your current email address in the office
- Minutes, meeting dates and information will be posted on the NISS website <https://nis.sd85.bc.ca/> select Graduation tab>Grad 2022
- Scholarship information has yet to be confirmed, but will be available on the NISS website: select Graduation>Scholarships

**6. Date and Location**

- The walking ceremony will take place on Saturday, June 11, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.
- The ceremony and dry grad will take place at NISS. Dinner may be at NISS or another location chosen by grads

**7. Budget**

- Budget items will be shared with parents. Please do not make any purchases without prior approval
- Students will have the opportunity to hold fundraising events
- **Students** will decide how funds raised will be used

**8. Leadership volunteers**

- Minute taker – Teresa MacKenzie
- Fundraising Team Leader – Laura Evans, Stephanie Manke, Alana Jacobson
- Decorating Team Leader – Heather Nelson-Smith  
(Gym, Multi Purpose Room (dinner), Games Room)
- Food Committee Team Leader – Nicole McDowell
- Alert Bay Rep – Rosalind McKinney
- Port Alice Rep – Tanya Spafford

- Port Hardy Rep –
- Port McNeill Rep – Pete Nelson-Smith
- Sointula Rep – Melody Watson

## **9. Student Meeting Update**

- Approximately 50 students attended lunch meeting today
- Many ideas were discussed
- Ben will bring parent ideas to students at next meeting and create a survey to allow students to vote on choices

## **10. Brainstorming**

- Dinner at Telegraph Cove with speeches, prizes, games
- Students want the ceremony on video
- Could the ceremony take place outdoors
- Grant funding may be available through Town of Port McNeill
- Grad dance
- Back to the traditional grad (in gym or arena with guest present)
- Cap & Gown ceremony
- Fundraising woodcut
- Car wash
- Bake sale
- Volleyball
- 50/50
- Raffle
- Facebook Bingo
- Selling calendars
- Yardwork
- Swim/hot dogs (proceeds to grads)
- Dinner (eg: Port Alice Legion)
- San Jo trip
- Whale watching
- Wild Play
- Paint Ball
- West coast trip
- Prince of Whales
- Mount Cain
- O'Connor Lake, bbq, swimming
- Demographics: 63 grads, 31 female, 32 male, 13 Alert Bay, 4 Port Alice, 2 Port Hardy, 40 Port McNeill, 4 Sointula
- Parents were reminded to ensure that students keep up with their academics

## **11. Next Meeting**

- Thursday, November 18, 2021