

NISS Grad 2022 Parent Meeting
Thursday, February 24, 2022

MINUTES

Welcome/Introduction

- Ben Donoghue – Vice Principal, Jen Turner – Principal, Teresa MacKenzie – School Secretary

1. Grad photos & retakes

- Retake date has been changed to April 8, 2022

2. Covid updates

- Guests can attend the grad ceremony at NISS, up to half capacity in the gym
- 375 maximum allowed, includes grads and staff
- Approx. 4 or 5 guests per grad is allowed
- Guests attending and number allowed may change, depending on Public Health directives

3. Graduation Dinner (Nicole McDowell)

- Students want dinner at Telegraph Cove after the ceremony
- SD85 bus can transport students
- Students would like to have games, speeches and prizes at the dinner
- Nicole noted that Telegraph Cove is reserved for grads
- Teresa asked Nicole to get a quote and send it to NISS
- Students and parents would like to decorate the dinner venue
 - Nicole suggested some ideas for dinner, such as mocktails, candy bar, vegan options, photographer
 - Get a list of allergies for all grads (Ben will include this on a survey)

4. Decorating Committee (Heather Nelson-Smith)

- Heather would like to come see decorations (she will email dates to Ben)
- Students want red carpet theme
- Gym will be available one week before graduation for decorating

5. Fundraising Committee (Stephanie Manke, Alana Jacobson, Laura Evans)

- Raised \$4,600 on Valentine raffle
- Total funds raised and/or donated to date \$9960
- Next fundraiser will be Facebook Bingo, Alana and Ros to set up
- Woodcut on April 30
- One more event after these two could be a car wash/bbq
- Tanya mentioned some funds can be raised through Port Alice Lions recycling
- Those committees spending funds, please send your budget requirements to Ben/Teresa

6. Other

- There may possibly be a \$50 grad fee charged
- Parents approved paying up to \$210 for students that can't afford hoodies
- Spot lights can be reserved from Ice Skating club for \$500 (Bramham knows how to operate)
- Caps need to be purchased for students, Teresa will get a quote and ask Michelle to take inventory of items on site
- Are walking partners permitted this year. Ben said he doesn't know and is waiting for a decision from the School Board office.
- Parents are concerned that all grads have clothes for the ceremony. We will ask Michelle to check in with all grads to ensure this is the case. If not, we will offer help on behalf of the grad parents.

Meeting ended at 7:15 p.m.

Next meeting is March 17, 2022

Minutes are emailed to grad parents and posted on the NISS website at: <https://nis.sd85.bc.ca/graduation-2022/>