

NISS Grad 2022 Parent Meeting
Thursday, March 17, 2022

MINUTES

Welcome/Introduction

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

1. Grad photos & retakes

- Retake date is April 8, 2022

2. RCMP updates (Guest: Curtis Davis)

- Students must stay seated in car parade for safety purposes
- Public drinking will not be tolerated
- RCMP will have extra resources working on grad day, June 11, 2022
- For further information, contact the detachment at 250-956-4441

3. Covid updates

- Guests are allowed at half capacity = 4 invitations per student
- Anticipate that District may increase capacity via announcement April 7 = 8 invitations per student
- Masks will be optional at the ceremony
- There will be hand sanitizer at entry doors
- Guests are asked to do a health check and not to attend if they are ill

4. Student Meeting updates

- Students want walking partners, Ben is inquiring, if they are allowed, Maritta Kennedy will arrange this with students
- Students want caps and gowns ordered, understanding the price is ~\$1500.00

5. Banners

- Students want to order banners ~\$80.00 each (school will order them)
- Parents will be responsible for getting them displayed in their towns
 - Shannon – Port Alice
 - Ros – Alert Bay
 - Jessica – Sointula
- NISS will email information on photo, resolution etc.
- Lifetouch grad photos are allowed, parents/students can email a photo to niss@sd85.bc.ca
- Parents not pleased with Lifetouch quality this year
- SD85 is going with a new photography company next year

6. Invitations

- Students have approved the design
- NISS will order them soon
- An invitation is required to enter the ceremony
- Students will be given 4 invitations or possibly 8 if SD85 changes the capacity

7. Surveys

- Ben will be sending out the following surveys to students at their niss.ca accounts:
 - Dinner/food – including allergies
 - Valedictorian (end of ceremony)/Salutatorian (beginning of ceremony)
 - Music choices
 - Prize/gift – requested by Shannon

8. Letter to Parents/Student Write up

- Document will be sent home to parents after spring break
- The document outlines expectations for grads and guests

- The grad write up will be read about the student as they cross the bridge
- Make the write up about the student, everyone is interested in them

9. Fundraising update

- Facebook Bingo is going to start after spring break, no set date yet (Alana J is calling the bingo)
- \$1000 price
- Each student will get 20 strips at \$5/strip - \$4000 profit
- Go to Grad 2022 \$1000 Bingo to take part and add those you sell tickets to, to the page

10. Other

- Ros suggested doing a car wash/bbq at IGA for a fundraiser
- Shannon mentioned that the Port Alice Lions are doing a bottle drive and need parents assistance to sort. Shannon will post the information on the Grad Parent 2022 Facebook page for volunteers
- Shannon mentioned a Legion spaghetti dinner is an option, Ben said to put it on hold for now
- Stephanie said there will be a wood cut in April
- Teresa asked for expenses for food, decorations, prizes/gifts to create a budget
- Scholarship update – local scholarships must be in the office April 6 by the end of the day, and district scholarships have various deadlines and delivery instructions.

Meeting ended at 6:50 p.m.

Next meeting is April 21, 2022

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