

Grad 2019 Organizational Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, February 19th, 2019



- 1) Call to Order: 6:31 pm
- 2) Approval of the Agenda: Wanda Semashkewich approved
- 3) Old Business:
 - a. Brief review of key information items from last grad meeting (see bottom of document)
- 4) Reports from Grad 2019 Committee lead members
 - a. **Grad Committee chair:** Lorrill Waschuk and Shelly Younker
 - Shelly looked into DJ and photo booth by Gridstone Production. Cost would be \$1200 +GST. She will see if we can reduce the price since hours are less than previously thought.
 - Jessie Congdon will look into another option so we can do a price comparison
 - b. **Budget lead:** Gwyneth Morrison
 - Budget is currently sitting at \$8567 after paying for advertising (\$1002). We can expect around \$8000-8500 in the form of grad fees depending on how many students graduate.
 - We will likely need to do some fundraising depending on decorating and other costs.
 - Saran or Foil Wrap fundraiser was suggested
 - c. **Facilities lead:** Tina Biro
 - The school has already booked the Multiplex. Tina will look into chair rental and the possibility of transporting the chairs ourselves in order to reduce cost.
 - d. **Banquet lead(s):** Lorna Peacock
 - Nothing to report at this time
 - e. **Decorating lead(s):** Jessie Congdon
 - Jessie reported that the student reps had done a survey on Facebook asking for grad themes. They had two ideas – “Vintage Circus” and “Beauty and the Beast”. Jessie would like one more idea put forward so the students have three choices to vote on.
 - f. **Grad Student Reps:** Emma Congdon, Carly Parker, Brooke Jolliffe, Bryce Semashkewich
 - Grad Student Reps agreed to ask for more theme ideas via Facebook and then arrange a student vote to be held before March 7.
 - Grad Student Reps will also ask for ideas for speakers and songs for the grad ceremony

g. **Grad Teacher Rep and Bios lead:** Lee Zinnick

5) New Business:

- a. Update on the expected number of Grads eligible for attending Grad ceremonies - EPC is expecting to have between 80-85 graduates this year.

- b. Sale of Grad Banquet Tickets to start during Parent-Teacher Interviews (March 5th and 6th)
 - Tickets will be sold out of Mrs. Speers' Office
 - Cash or cheque only (NO debit or credit cards)
 - The \$100 Grad fee and grade 12 school fees must be paid before you can purchase grad tickets. You can pay these at the school or through PowerSchool but only on your computer – NOT on the app.
 - Buy-Low Bucks may be used towards the \$100 Grad fees but NOT for the banquet tickets
 - Inability to pay grad fees is NOT a barrier to graduating. If financial difficulty is an issue please see Mr. Nolan or Mrs. Speers and they will provide you with the appropriate paperwork to fill out and the fees can be waived.
 - Each grad is guaranteed 8 tickets with the possibility of ordering more. Please place your request for extra tickets with Mrs. Speers when you purchase your first 8. The allocated 8 tickets must be purchased before Thursday, April 18. Extra tickets may be purchased starting on Tuesday, April 23. They can be reserved until the end of April. Absolute last day for ticket sales is Thursday, May 16.
 - You may also request special seating requests when you purchase your tickets
 - You may not sell your tickets to another grad member
 - Grads and families ARE allowed to attend the dance even if they don't attend the banquet.
 - Please make sure to let Mrs. Speers know of any special dietary needs when you purchase the tickets.

- c. Reminder to register for Grad Portraits (They are during week of March 4th to 7th) – Please book online through the school website right away. Sitting fee is \$20.

6) Additions to the Agenda:

- a. There was some discussion about having Caps and Gowns for the ceremony. Mr. Nolan and Mr. Zinnick felt that it is really too late to decide that for this year as many students have purchased grad attire. It is also very difficult to make it work into our schedule and a lot of work to organize the handing out and timely return of caps and gowns.
- b. Fairy Godmother program out of Boyle would like contact info so they can let people know of their services. They provide assistance to graduates in need. Collene Williamson will provide Mr. Zinnick with the contact info and he will have it posted online.
- c. There was discussion about opening the ceremony doors early to families of the graduates. This would require them to have some sort of tickets. This was tabled to the next meeting.