

# **Ecole Salish Secondary Dry Grad Committee Meeting Minutes**

## **Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:00pm**

**In Attendance:** Doug Brown, Chairman  
Orianne Jangula, Treasurer  
Karri Wallsten  
Susan Steimecke  
Additional Parents

**Regrets:** Claire Moore, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm

### **Dry Grad Venue:**

The group discussed possible venue locations to hold the Dry Grad. There is currently approximately 200 grade 11 students. Locations brought up and discussed included: The Metro hall, the school's gym, inside Fort Langley, the Mirage Banquet Hall, and the Vancouver Aquarium.

Newlands Golf & Country Club in Langley will host the dinner/dance until approximately 11:00pm. After which students will then load on busses to the venue location for the Dry Grad.

### **Entertainment During Dry Grad:**

Discussion continued regarding entertainment possibilities to perform during the Dry Grad event. Entertainment options suggested consisted of a temporary tattoo artist, an oxygen bar, a magician, a mechanical bull, casino-type tables, a hypnotist and a caricature artist. There was discussion to check with Party Works in Surrey who have experience dealing with Dry Grads and have many items and entertainers that they can provide for a Dry Grad event.

At the previous meeting, Claire Moore (Dry Grad Committee Secretary) was going to gather further information and details from Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary as to the types of entertainers and contacts they used in years past for their Dry Grad events. The question was raised as to whether or not any parents had any contacts with entertainers, and if they had any, to please reach out to them and report back any details, costs, etc...

### **Donation Requests from Feed Elementary Schools:**

Discussions were held regarding our committee reaching out to the feeder elementary school's PACs to request funding/donations toward our Salish Dry Grad. It was mentioned that typically the elementary schools' PACs do not consider any of these requests until closer to May and June of each year when they draft their budgets for the following school year.

### **Food Options at The Metro hall:**

It was brought up that the information received from The Metro hall that their quoted base cost does not include any food. The group discussed this further and the following food ideas were considered: using

The Metro's own catering, Taco Del Mar (either the Cloverdale (local) or New Westminster location (close to The Metro), and Coast Catering (out of Cloverdale).

**Door Security Required:**

It was further brought to attention that The Metro hall requires security (security guards) to be present during the event for door control. The Metro hall can supply security guards/personnel at a cost of \$29/hour per guard.

**Surrey School Board:**

Dry Grad Committee Chairman, Doug Brown, spoke to the Surrey School Board, who advised that they would assist by contributing to reimburse the Dry Grad account for an item, for example, would pay for the invoice for the food at the venue, etc...

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45pm.