

**Ecole Salish Parent Grad Committee Meeting
Minutes
Sept. 3/24 @ 7pm @ Clayton Recreation Centre**

1. Attendance: 35 parents

2. Forming a Committee:
 - Discussed importance of forming a committee and roles associated.
 - Co-Chairs: Barb Baker & Melissa Bayne
 - Treasurer: Glenda Farias
 - Secretary: Kelly MacNeil
 - Fundraising: Carmen Mason, Andrea Porter & Indie Templeton
 - Support: Jessica Vuilleumier & Lorilee Clunas
 - School admin has nothing to do with dry grad/cruise

3. Fundraising and Gaming Grants:
 - Fundraising letters need to go to all parents. Will reach out to admin to see if they can help distribute.
 - We need to fundraiser about \$70,000. Someone mentioned that maybe we can just pay more and not do fundraising.
 - Ideas: bamboo sheets, poinsettias, Purdys, pub night, Krispy Kreme. You have the idea, you run the event. Last year Purdys made \$1,000 and pub night made \$9,300.
 - All money goes through PAC account. We also go through PAC for gaming.
 - Fundraising should start as soon as possible, especially a raffle.
 - There is a draft letter to give out to potential sponsors.
 - We have a bottle account at Willowbrook Return It. We can't use Cloverdale.
 - A 50/50 needs to be planned.
 - Class of 2024 left us \$10,000 in the account.
 - We need a list of all the grads. We think there is approximately 280.

4. Grad Cruise:
 - Sept 28 from 6-9pm (board ship at 5pm downtown Vancouver, need to be at school by 4pm (this has changed to 3pm)).
 - Keep grad cruise and dry grad on separate tickets.
 - Cruise ship fits 375.
 - We need to pay for the cruise by September 13.
 - Will check if it is the same company in 2023 as there were problems.
 - We need cruise chaperones and volunteers to check bags before kids head onto bus. Safe Schools was used a few years ago, we pay them.
 - There will be six security guards on the ship.

- Price before food for cruise is just under \$12,000, \$7,100 for charter buses (if 250 go), cost with food is approximately \$26,031.
- Cruise ticket \$130 per student (vote: \$125 - 9 people, \$130 - majority).
- Students can pay by etransfer. Student's name needs to be on the etransfer.
- Three pieces of pizza per student (vote: 2 pieces – 12 people, 3 pieces – majority).
- Parents who volunteered at meeting: Lorilee Clunis, Melissa Oliver, Darla Sousa, Teresa Smith, Minette Fernandes, Nirmal Dhaliwal, Sabrina Niro, Melissa Bayne and Manvir Kajla (contact info given).
- People can also sign up on the volunteer sign up app.

5. Grad Dates:

- June 6 – Commencement
- June 22 – Grad dinner dance at Newlands
- June 22/23 – Dry grad at Central City Fun Park

6. Dry Grad:

- Students will be picked up by bus at 11:30pm at Newlands and will return to the school at 3:30am. There was a vote in favour of holding the dry grad at Central City Fun Park.
- Last year there was a photobooth, food truck, students got a certain amount on a game card.
- We may be able to bring in food.
- May be easier to have dry grad catered.
- Volunteers are needed.

7. Adjourned at 8:12pm