

November 16, 2023 – 7pm Grad Meeting

Location – school library

Introductions

Need a fundraising coordinator – will bring it up later.

Student meeting today

- What was discussed?
 - o Decoration ideas

Theme – ***Enchanted Garden*** – popular vote

71 grads predicted to graduate.

69 that want to participate in the grad celebrations.

Food – Kim – Catering update

- 3 quotes
- Approx. same price - \$20,000 for 600 people - \$32 per plate approx.
- Bob and Ronnie – great reviews
 - o Carstairs, Wetaskawin grad, etc.
 - o Provide plates and utensils.
 - o Two meats – roast beef and chicken
 - o Plus meatballs
 - o They also do tables and chairs – ask them about this.
 - o Can we do 4 lanes of food instead of two lanes of food?
- How does everyone feel about Bob and Ronnie's? Good! Book them.
- Kids will vote on the menu.

Table/chairs

- \$5399 – Special Events out of Red Deer
- Good time Party rentals - \$4712
 - o 78 tables
 - o 648 chairs
 - o Linens, napkins etc.
- Let's see what Bob and Ronnie will charge.
- If Bob and Ronnie are decent price they will go ahead and book it

Dinner format – always the same

- Can we do 4 lanes of food instead of two to get people fed faster?
- The way the caterer has tables set up and the way people are taking food and bringing it back – by the ref room.
- Grace, speech
- Teachers eat.
- Tables get called up.
- After everyone eats – speeches.

Need a decorating committee.

- Enchanted Garden
- Fairy lights, leaves, flowers, gnomes, bird baths etc.
- Gazebo? Instead of bridge?
- Waterfall
- Plastic birds and bugs
- Sculpture animals around the arena?
- Narnia style...?
- Light up things, lanterns
- Trees
 - o Potted fundraiser – use some of those?
 - o Lent or rent trees?
- Anyone willing to help or take on the decorating coordination.
 - o Kim Rauhala
 - o Jolene Kirkj
 - o Yolanda Claassens
 - o Denise Vandermere

Student special requirements

- Wheelchairs etc.
- We will discuss closer to – move forward to another meeting.

Sound and lights

- Kim – Jeff's information
- Edge Entertainment – regular wedding type DJ
 - o Photo booth options
 - o Can he handle dual screens and all the other AV?
- Tentatively has Juice AV out of Red Deer – hasn't returned contract yet.
 - o \$4400
 - o He has done it before, he knows the drill.
 - o Just go with Juice if he can confirm for us.
 - o Ask for a contract.

Rural Roots last year – used for candid photos during the event.

- \$2400 to have them there for the day.
 - o Parade and arena – maybe cheaper to just do arena.
- Cassie
- Photos by the bridge
- When kids cross the stage etc.

Grad photos – February 17-23 (winter break)

- Kids set up their own appointments through Miss Lerbekmo
- You can book early if you will be away.

Picture in the park – what time? 3pm or 4 pm – Saturday before the dinner

- 4pm tends to have weather issues – thunderstorm season – witching hour.

- Takes close to an hour to get it done.

Fundraising

- Mixing Spoons – orders due on November 28th
 - o Doing well
 - o Making \$4 per jar
- Coupon cards
 - o \$20 each
 - o We get \$10 back.
 - o Lots of great coupons – local focus, plus Airdrie, Olds, etc.
 - o McDonalds, Sobeys, etc.
 - o Hoping to have cards ready for January 3rd.
 - o Good for a year, some returning discounts.
- Ice melt...? Lots of other ice melts in community... NO
- Value Village – fundraiser – collect clothes – they give you money back...?
 - o Transport – not an issue – Chris Claassens
- Flowers
- Coffee
- Beef Jerky
- At Westglen – sausage and perogies – popular and delicious – not doing it anymore.
 - o Prairie Gourmet
 - o We fundraise and he does the rest – he hands it out to all the customers etc.
- We need a fundraising coordinator.
- Jen Bommarito will organize one fundraiser – bottle drive.
 - o March or April
 - o Spring break 13-20

Grad clothing

- Logos – due by Monday, a few people working on them.
 - o Students will vote on them to decide.
- All we do for clothing – support the kids, help them get quotes etc. if they need help.

Banners

- Mrs. Bessie has a lead on someone who could possibly do them for a reasonable price.
- Jeff Oldferg was looking for a possibility.

Communication

- Meeting minutes will go on website.
- Marla send to Kim.
- Email chain? What's App chat?
- Email is fine.
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Grad gift for students

- Coffee cup
- Engraved mug last year
- Students want input on it – they want to pick it themselves.
- Need a parent to help organize this – Jennie Dodman

Colors the students chose – purple, dark green, variety of greens, light pink, light blue with hints of rose gold and silver.

Next meeting – in person

- December 14th at 7pm

Meeting adjourned – 8pm

Thanks everybody!!