

Grad Meeting Notes - February 8, 2024 7pm

Attended: Llonda Leaver, Kim Nielsen, Kim Russel, Maeghan Heck, Kim Rauhala, Cherry Bessey, Lindsay Miller, Jolene Kirk, Brandi Hart, Craig Hart, Marie Partridge, Jenni Dodman, Mackenzie Dodman, Kerry Johnston, Kiira Wilson, Ressa Wilson

Regrets: Marla Kimball

Maeghan Heck Will do Notes/Minutes for Marla Kimball

Llonda Leaver welcomed those in attendance- stated she attended the student meeting on Feb.1- Grad Hoodies have been finalized and order form went out via email- order via the school fees site- \$50/Hoodie anime is extra \$5- Burgundy hoodie with large logo on back and small logo on front- Name is put down the one arm- Thank you to Sierra for the great job on the logo- Deadline to order is Feb.15/24

- Noted the Kim Nielsen will be leaving the office and will no longer be in charge of the accounting- she has her replacement up to date on the Grad account
- **-Action Kim Nielsen will share an email list of Grad committee members**

Theme: Enchanted Garden

Number of Grads: 71- but 69 participants for celebrations (at this time, could change)

Items for Discussion and/ or Status update

1. Dinner
 - Caterer- **BOOKED** -Bob and Ronnie
 - Tables, chairs, place settings etc. **BOOKED** with Bob And Ronnie
 - Menu- **confirmed**/set by students- Roast Beef, Chicken Kiev, Corn,peas, carrots, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, caesar salad, broccoli salad and potato salad, Assorted cheesecake, apple crisp and tiramisu
 - Diet restrictions will be added to dinner ticket form in April
 - Drink Stations- 3 will be set up
2. Sound and Lights- **booked** - deposit paid- will have photo booth and dance with approx 5-6 songs chosen by students- dance is optional
 - Rural Roots Photography update- pics during dinner- we chose the \$500 option- photos will be taken of all grads during the event- grads and families will order via their website after the photos they would like- **Action Llonda Leaver to get a contract arranged and signed for this option.**
3. Student committee report- Had Meeting Feb.1/24 - discussed the following;
 - Black table clothes, black chair Covers(we have in storage), 2 different Green colored napkins
 - Grad gift ideas; blankets with embroidered name/logo(\$20-36, lanyard (approx \$5 each)**Action Jeni Dodman will look into blanket option- we decided we could do both options**
 - Centerpieces to sit on a raw wood slab- have wood donated (Deanna and Rick Wannabegan)but will require a bond saw to cut into round slabs- maybe shop Grade 12 class can sand- was discussed to try and get a brand to burn onto the slabs maybe class

'24- slabs will be 10-12' in diameter- **Action Cherry to look into getting Brand made, Action Llonda to ask Millet's to do cutting**

- Grad Clothing; Hoodies as noted above- **Order deadline Feb.15/24**
 - Grad Partners will be posted on Grad page Monday Feb.12
 - Some picture ideas of decorating were shared and ideas discussed -such as bird baths, trees and other greenery, Mini lights in mason jars for centerpieces and add colored tissue paper as a way to add some color other than green and white. We have mini lights and tea lights in storage.
 - Possibly order some photo backdrops (different ones to help with decorating
 - Stage will need to be decorated- maybe use back drop for the stage- also will need to order large number for stage or 2024 in Balloons
 - Jeni Dodman has a rustic archway- students request no bridge
 - Students would like something to hang from the ceiling- drapes or greenery? We will need to get arena staff to help set that up with the lift as well as take down which does cost
 - Have some gold mirror or picture frames - Add writing "Welcome to the Grad class '24 Enchanted Garden"
 - Possible lighting option is to have clear balloons with lights- can fill with helium to float high instead of decorating ceiling
 - We may have tool in storage
 - We have arena Wednesday at 9am to decorated until Saturday at 1:30am to take everything down- Grads can help during spares to decorate
 - Items we can possibly borrow; large frames/mirrors, bird baths, mason jars, Large Lanterns(Llonda Leaver), floor standing candelabra
 - Baby pictures- will be collected and arranged by Mackenzie Dodman and Drew Delong
 - School year pictures- will be collected and arranged by Mackenzie Dodman and Kyra Leaver- Possibly show some school pictures at cap and gown
 - Next meeting students will discuss music, program, guest speakers/MC
 - Will require someone to say Grace
4. Decorating: Coordinator? Committee: Kim Rauhala, Jolene Kirk, Yolanda Claassens and Denise Vandermere
- See above- will need committee to arrange who is getting what- also to go through storage
 - Budget- approx \$1500- more depending on fundraising- approx \$200/grad
5. Fundraising- mixing spoon update
- i. Mixing spoon and Coffee update- Completed- \$1500
 - ii. Coffee profit \$700
 - iii. Prairie Gourmet Pierogi and sausage- Started jan 16th ran for 3 weeks- \$10, 000 in sales\$1935 profit
 - iv. Next fundraiser Growing Smiles set for April, Bottle Drive organized by Students with a few parents set for **Tuesday April 2-** Bottle Depot has an account set up for anyone taking bottles and wanting to donate to Grad- We will collect from Barley's Mackenzie Dodman will check the arena, Kerry will check with JD's and we will collect from Tim Hortons
- We decided not to do cowboy Caviar- all fundraising to be completed by end of April and money in by early May for final accounting completed

6. TimeLine-
 - 3:30- Picture in Park- students to arrive by 2:45pm
 - 4:30pm arena opens
 - 5:00pm Banquet begins/Grace
 - 6:45pm- Arena opens to public
 - 7:00-9:30 pm- celebrations/speeches/Dance

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7. Cap And Gown Ceremony-location will be School
 - Live stream wanted- Action Kim Nielsen to ask Anna Wassmer or possibly we can ask Miikka Weigum- we would like a volunteer to step up
8. Banners-We will ask Didsbury Alumni to assist with fundraising- maybe Prairie Whistle Lygas quoted \$100 per banner
 - Get banner for Mr. Wassmer retiring teacher
 - Triple H Electric(Jeff Heck and Quinn Heck graduate) will donate time and arrange a lift to hang the banners this year- will be ready by approx April 26th- Hang Banners by April 30th and will need to be taken down prior to end of the school year to make sure all grads get their Banners
9. **Next meeting: Feb.29 th at 7pm**