

## January 11, 2024 – 7pm Grad Meeting

Location – online

Caterer is booked

Kids have chosen their menu

Caterer is going to have tables/chairs/linens

Lights/Sounds – booked – deposit is paid

Rural Roots – Photographers – photos during dinner

- \$2625
- Reverse parade last year – just dinner this year
- 2024 quote - \$2100 - \$500 cheaper - \$35/grad
- Unlimited downloads
- \$500 to come and photograph for two hours, then people buy what they want online.

Live streaming

- Who would do this? Rural Roots? Juice?
- Graduation on Friday – live stream?
- Internet requirements
- Last time – brutal, epic fail
- Meeka? Has live streamed games etc.
- Bill Windsor – reach out and find out if he could do this or if he knows someone who could do this

Draft costs so far

- Rentals
- Bleachers
- Chairs
- Contingency fund
- Grad gifts
- Meal
- Decorating supplies - \$1500
- Etc.
- Please see Kim's notes for other details
- \$221/grad
- More fundraising will bring this down

Decorating

Fundraisers

- Existing money available – Kim has these notes - \$1940 in the pool
- 80/20 rule
- \$300 last year – donation to the pool
- \$1000 from growing smiles – donated to the pool

#### Perogies fundraiser – Prairie Gourmet

- Start Jan 16<sup>th</sup> for three weeks
- They need two weeks after we close to get deliveries ready

#### Growing Smiles – coming in April

#### Cowboy Cavier?

- We could
- It was good
- Just another idea
- Kim can sign us up for that one

#### Value Village fundraiser

- Maybe a lot of work
- For every pound of soft goods we give, we get \$0.20
- Purses, clothes, shoes, etc
- Everything else - \$0.10/pound – housewares, books, media, etc
- No furniture
- We would have to collect and store and organize
- We bring it to them on pre-arranged date
- We tell them what we have
- To make \$1000 – 250 garbage bags filled with clothes
- Challenges – storage and transportation – not feasible
- Running out of time

#### Bottle drives?

- Last year grad class made almost \$3000 on one bottle drive – went to the pool
- Friends and family bottle drive – each grad collects some
- Marla – works at Barley's – will ask if they can donate some
- JD's?
- Grad class choose a date
- Can advertise on the radio as well
- Push to the kids to manage, we will help them
- Talk to Kurt and make sure band isn't planning one at the same time
- Mid – end of March
- March 29<sup>th</sup> – good Friday
- Grads will discuss this at their next grad meeting

#### Start time

- Dance after – the grads do want a few dances after
- Start supper at 4:30 – takes a while to get everyone through
- Put together a couple schedules that might work – A/B/C – take it to the kids – what would they like to see?
- We will decide sooner rather than later so families can plan

#### Neil – Picture in the Park

- Done earlier in the day for lighting

- 4pm is too late – shadows are complicated and tricky
- Lighting better at 2pm
- They will try to make 3pm work, will find the best spot
- Rain – on the stage in the arena

#### Cap and gown, Ceremony, possible venue change

- Some people wrote in and asked if we can change location – gym is not huge
- Discussed with Mr McDoonald
  - o Probably won't work – not a lot of other venues/spaces that will work
  - o Logistically quite difficult
  - o Viewing is not better at the arena
- Olds grad – weekend after
- Cap and gown – May 24<sup>th</sup>
- Dinner/Celebration – May 25<sup>th</sup>
- Don't want to move, don't want to add costs to move it, we have the parents help etc,
- Live streaming – would help solve some issues with people who can't make it to the gym

#### Grad Clothing

- Need to get this rolling
- They picked a logo
- They need to decide on size for a hoodie and where are they getting it from
- They need to have a meeting soon

#### Grad gifts for students

- How do we manage this?
- Do we choose?
- Blankets
- Shot glasses
- Engraved mugs
- Engraved beer steins
- Something they can use
- Ask Lygas for some options – Kim will ask them
- Everyone on this committee think on this and bring ideas to the next meeting

#### Banners

- Sierra's mom wanted to help?
- Timing – tight because grad class is moved up
- Lygas – used last year
- Before – used a Calgary company
- \$100/banner from Lygas
- Town supports this? Who to speak to about this?
  - o Town has walked away from it
  - o Mayor – Rhonda Hunter is very invested in this effort
- Cherry will work on this
- Alumni – could step up if they want to
- Town only wants them up for one month – two weeks before and two weeks after – still in effect this year?

- We put them up ourselves and take down their town flags, then we take the banners down and put the flags back up
- Nicole Aasen – very helpful, she can give us info
- DHS Alumni FB page – they were posting some things there to get people to donate

Talk to caterer – where will drink stations be set up etc?

Graduation comment/acknowledgement – Kurk Wassmer – band teacher – retiring this year, graduate with the kids – get a banner for him as well.

Jackie available to help where needed

Grad class needs to work on:

- Finalize colors
- Centerpieces
- Partners
- Music
- Program
- Llonda will ask Molly – when is next meeting? Beginning of Feb – first week back.
- Program
- Guest speakers
- Special guests
- Baby pictures
- Slide shows
- Theme, decorating plan – the kids need to get on this stuff.
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More meetings – every three weeks? YES

- Have our next one right after the class next meeting – February 1<sup>st</sup> for kids
- We meet Feb 8<sup>th</sup>
- Every three weeks after that
- Grad is 4 months away

Adjourned – 8:26pm

## 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 28<sup>th</sup>
  - 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 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - 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 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Meeting adjourned – 8pm

Thanks everybody!!