

Grad Meeting Notes - March 14, 2024 7pm

Attended: Llonda Leaver, Kim Nielsen, Maeghan Heck, Kim Rauhala, Jenni Dodman, Kerry Johnston, Denise Van Der Merwer, Yolanda Claasens, Brandi and Craig Hail, Marie Partridge, Darci Sahapansly, Anastasia Bogue (13)

Regrets: Marla Kimball

Maeghan Heck Will do Notes/Minutes for Marla Kimball

Theme: Enchanted Garden

Number of Grads: 71- but 69 participants for celebrations (at this time, could change)
-will update next meeting- there may have been a change

Items Discussed/ Status update

1. Dinner- We will get a draft to Paige in the office for the dinner tickets, She can print them and we can cut them- very simple- nothing fancy
2. Caterers- Have been notified of napkin colors-Action Kim Russell to coordinate with Caterer the drop off of tables and food for the event- We need the tables sooner than Friday
3. Sound and Lights- Kim - **booked** - deposit paid
 - Rural Roots Photography for dinner has been booked-contract signed and payment sent
4. Student committee report- update given by Llonda Leaver-Londa confirmed that the students are reminded of the bottle drive on April the 2nd.They were asked to start choosing songs for the Grand March and the dance.As well as decide on speeches.And voted on who will be doing those speeches.The students are happy with what we have decided on Deco's so far.
5. Decorating: Coordinators: Kim Rauhala and Tessa will head this committee and direct the sub committees
 - Kim Rauhala.Has several.Items purchased from Temu.She brought in to store at the school for now.These will be kept.In the storage room.Kim also.Received a donation of lip chap and she ordered.2024 stickers to put on them and these will be given to the Grads.May be placed on the tables.
 - Kim Nielsen will put a call out.Via e-mail.To ask for.Mason jars needed for the centerpieces.Lights needed for the ceiling.

Task 1 - Stage- Llonda reported that they will use a half trampoline frame to form and arch on the stage. They can hang greenery, flowers and large gold.Frames. Instead of using the old numbers for the graduation year we will either add greenery and lights to them or try adding the years in the hanging gold frames.

-Llonda will ask the arena staff.To see if we can store decorations in the small dressing room.As they are gathered.

-Llonda Will create.A Google doc and send it out to everyone.That will allow us to post.What we have purchased and our ideas for the decorations.

Task 2- centerpiece- Sample centerpieces were shown in three different colours. They look amazing with the lights in mason jars and coloured tissue paper. We will plan for a working be to get the 76. Made-up for the tables.

-Picture postcards from Shutterfly will be purchased with the Grad. Pictures of their current picture as well as their baby pictures. Side by side **action Kim Nielsen.**

-Origami Dragons will be made by a grade 12 students. Will have a few on each table. Add a touch of colour. **Action Llonda will talk with Gr.12 Student**

-Llonda will arrange Birch wood for the table centerpieces as the original would we had. Been donated will not work as it will be too dry. She has a lead and some Birchwood and will pick it up this weekend.

-Maeghan has small round Aspen wood pieces that could be used for the pictures. We will try and purchase metal picture holders to insert into these wood table numbers.

-Llonda and Maeghan will arrange to go through the c-can and look for more items that can be used for decorating. There may be lights and jars in it for us to use. We will arrange this weekend as the weather will be nice enough.

-Kim Nielsen confirms that some items are being purchased. Where we may not get a receipt as they are second hand items on market sale sites. We can create an invoice and submit it to Paige for payment reimbursement.

Task 3- Ceiling-

Kim Russell reported- I have yet to connect with dawn Jackson about the swing.... sent an email today if I hear back I'll shoot you a text

- I have 48' of lights

- I bought 11-16" and 8-13" paper lanterns on the buy and sell forgetting about refunds. So I can either donate them or take them back and resell. It was \$25

- I would like to request two easels and two large signs for dinner. It might help with the traffic flow. Does the school have easels? I can see if I can use a printer at work, and one of our graphic guys to make the signs. Unless someone has a better idea.

-Maeghan reported that she has also purchased decos for ceiling and other areas if needed from Temu- Also has all the paper lanterns needed for the ceiling

-still require white christmas lights(mini) that can be joined as we need several feet- we would prefer the bright white but will use what we can get. We may have to try asking a hardware store to possibly donate or purchase some if we need more.

- We will assemble one to see how it will look and then the rest will be assembled when as we hang them

Task 4- Side photo sets- still working on these- we have one Arch as well as curtain with lights and a fairy set background-seemed small but could make it work.

- Also we will ask Dawn for the use of her Swing

6. Fundraising- Fundraiser is the bottle drive done by the students in a few parent volunteers April the 2nd. Jamie Loch. Will arrange to post on Didsbury social media sites. To remind people that they can donate their bottles at the Bottle Depot. For the Didsbury High School graduation.

-We will also be. Starting our Growing Smiles fundraiser. It will begin March 18th and close April the 12th. Orders will be able to be picked up May 10th. **Action Kim Nielsen** will set up. The Growing Smiles website. This weekend.

- the final fundraising numbers will be tallied up after April 12th so we know the final cost per grad

-Action Molly to send out google form to all grad families via email for final #'s for the dinner, any dietary restrictions and who wants picture in the park photo

-there may be 2-3 grads who will join together for 1 table as they have no family these will be arranged with Llonda and Kim/Paige

7. Time line- Picture in park (westhills park) begins at 3:45pm, Arena doors open at 4:30, Dinner at 5:00, Ceremony (speeches/dance/Public enter) 6:45pm-10
8. Cap and Gown- still at the school Friday evening- School takes care of this- Mrs Wassmer if available will live stream the event or Action Maeghan to ask Miika Weigum to be back up
9. Lindsay Miller report- Sends Regrets
10. Banners- Cherry sent regrets- Just waiting on all the grad photos to be sent to Lygas for banner fabrication
 - Banners will be hung by Triple H electric and a few grads- Jeff Olford and Pat Dodman expressed an interest to help- they will be notified once we know when Lygas will have the ready to be hung- the town would like them hung for 3-4 weeks prior to Grad and then removed mid June
 - - Rhonda Hunter is on board to request donations via the Alumni FB page- donations are collected at Connect First but Llonda will confirm
 - -Prairie Whistle is on board to host another BBQ fundraiser with proceeds going to the Banners
11. Grad gifts- **Action Jenni Dodman** to arrange the Lanyards with Lygas
12. Next meeting: March 28th at 7pm- Final parent grad meeting to discuss final fundraising/budget will be April 23rd hosted by the school