

**Ballenas Senior Secondary
2010 Prom / Dry Grad
Parents Meeting – October 15, 2009**

Meeting was called to order at 7:08pm

Introduction of Executive to date:

Michele Rawcliffe and Gary Anglin - Co-Chairs
Deanna Later – Secretary
Linda Hines – Treasurer

Guests: Mr. Don Boyd and Jennifer Swallows

Number of Grads: 255 looking at about 380 with guests

Positions to be filled:

Gary advised that the main purpose of the meeting being held tonight is to have parents sign up as volunteers for the many important jobs that need to be filled so we can start focusing on 2010.

Parade:

Mr. Boyd and Jennifer met with the Mayor regarding the parade; there are no issues with having the grad parade this year, the only request is that it returns to Morison Street. The final route and details will be decided later on when we have a co-chair and committee for the parade.

Location:

Gary advised that the past two years Dry Grad has been held at Oceanside Place at a rental cost of approximately \$5000.00 for both the entire centre. A tentative date has been booked for May 15, 2010.

Jennifer advised that the grads want to have a more formal setting than the arena and did not know that they had any other options. If a less expensive location can be used, the students would like to see more activities.

There are two other possible locations which will be looked into further.

- The Parksville Community Centre is \$1700.00 and the date available is May 8, 2010, there is a possibility of May 29th, it is tentatively booked for a different function. We would have dinner at the PCC and then bus back to the School for the Entertainment part of the evening, as the PCC is not large enough to hold the activities/entertainment. The PCC it seats 380 people max. (The advantage is it is less expensive)

- A Cruise from Nanaimo to either Campbell River or Victoria and bus back. This would be over night, there would be no worries about a wet grad afterwards. The cost is approximately \$100.00 per person. Gary will look into this option and report back his findings at the next meeting. (The advantage, never been done before, less expensive, less work)

Prom Theme:

Jennifer had a survey done asking for suggestions for a Theme from the students, they are as follows:

- Mascarade/Mardis Gras
- Las Vegas Strip
- Hawaii
- Old Hollywood
- 80's Flashdance
- Circus theme

They are having a Grad Council meeting in November to pick a theme

Music:

Jennifer will discuss with the Council and Committee at a later date, what the students would prefer a band or DJ it is all depending on the cost.

Fundraising:

Michele advised the average Prom Budget is \$43000.00 not including volunteer time and donations.

The school gives the Parent Committee \$100.00 out of the \$200.00 Grad fees to be used for the Dry Grad.

There is \$15,000.00 left in the Legacy Funds to be used, it is left over money from previous years. We will decide at a later date if we will use it or if we pass it on to the next year.

The Liquor stores are a big fundraiser for the schools, they ask their customers if they would like to donate to Dry Grad, the money is then divided between Ballenas, Kwalikum and PASS. Last year \$5000.00 was given to the Dry Grad committee.

The grants from the Government may not come through this year, which means more fundraising will be required. The PAC for Ballenas is unable to provide any funds this year.

Fundraising Ideas:

The price for the guest ticket for Prom is \$75.00 we maybe able to look at raising this price.

The School picks the Grad fee amount, Mr. Boyd advised that this will not be able to change, the fee is \$200.00 for each student.

It was mentioned to have incentives for students to help fundraise, will be discussed further when a committee is formed.

Jennifer advised that they are selling Pizza's on Tuesdays for lunch and are having a Halloween House. There are about 20 students on her Grad Counsel, if students volunteer to help with fundraising they get money deducted from their grad fees.

Mr. Boyd advised that the School website is being updated with the Parent Committee Members names.

<http://bss.sd69.bc.ca/>

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Next Parent Meeting to be held Thursday, October 29th at 7:00pm

In room 904 at Ballenas

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.