

**Ballenas Senior Secondary  
2010 Prom / Dry Grad  
Parents Meeting – October 29, 2009**

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Meeting was called to order at 7:10pm  
Minutes: Deanna Later

**Introduction of Executive to date:**

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

**Food Committee**

Linda Hines Co-Chair  
Teresa Patterson Co-Chair  
Suzanne Vinden Co-Chair

**Entertainment**

Liana Orcutt Co-Chair  
Deanna Later Co-Chair

**Decorating**

Andrea Young Co-Chair  
Mel Lawson Co-Chair

**Fundraising**

Laura Surette Co-Chair  
Sharon Gaughan Co-Chair

**Security**

Rosemary Blank Co-Chair  
Estelle Brilling Co-Chair

**Parade**

Michele Rawcliffe Chair

**Gifts & Prizes**

Bonnie Hendrickson Chair

**Guests:** Jennifer Sallows

**Positions to be filled:**

Gary advised of the importance of the positions to be filled so that we can move on and start planning the year. We are still in need of a **Volunteer Co-ordinator**, this position could be one or two persons, they would manage all volunteer lists, we need to have it filled by February at the latest. We will also be requiring a **Cleaning Crew** after the evening is over.

We would like to thank Rob and Kim Williamson for volunteering to be the Papparazzi, they will film a video and take photos on Prom Day.

**Date:**

**May 15, 2010**

**Hours:**

Parade 5:00pm evening ends 4:00am on Sunday May 16

**Parade:**

Michele spoke with the Mayor and he is in agreement with the parade. Michelle provided a map of the route, it will start at Springwood Middle School on Despard down Moilliet Street up Morison Avenue to Ballenas. The parade should start no later than 5:00pm.

**Location:**

Michele and Gary attended the Grad meeting with the students, they presented the two possible locations for Prom to be held. Jennifer advised 84% of the students voted to have it at Ballenas. There was only a few who voted for Oceanside Place and a few did not vote at all.

Gary advised the advantages of holding it at the school are:

It is large enough to hold everything so we will not have to transport the students from one location to the other.

The school has the Auditorium as well as enough power to run the entertainment.

We will hold the dinner in the Gym which we would like to start around 7:30 to 8:00pm and last 2 to 2 ½ hours. After dinner we will have the students move to another location, perhaps the Auditorium for entertainment while the Gym is turned into the major location for the entertainment.

The cruise ship idea was not a go as no cruise ships pick up or drop off in Nanaimo because of the Customs Codes, there is only a Seattle depart.

The Parksville Community Centre had no available dates that would have worked and is also a smaller building.

**Theme:**

Jennifer advised that the majority of the Grads voted for Vegas and Hollywood so they decided to combine them into "**Hollywood in Vegas Academy Awards on the Strip**".

Liana mentioned that her daughter has come up with a name as well so it is not so wordy "**Vegas Lights for Oscar Nights**", she will have her submit it to Jennifer as a suggestion.

Gary advised another advantage to having it at Ballenas is we can most likely start decorating early on Friday and have all day Sunday to clean up.

**Grad Fees:**

Gary advised that the mandatory Grad Fee's are \$200.00 per student.

**Grants:**

It was brought up that we can still apply for a Youth Grad Grant and City of Parksville Grant, Linda Hines will look into.

**Picture Day:**

Jennifer advised that on November 5 and 6 Cap and Gown photos will be taken for the Year Book only, these are not pictures that the students purchase. In February 2010 there will be Prom photos where the students would book a sitting fee to purchase those photos.

**Fundraising:**

Michele advised that starting right now parents can donate Quality Foods points to BSS Dry Grad, we use the points to purchase gifts for Prom. If you want to donate a lump sum of points, you have to do that at Customer Service otherwise the cashier can do the ones from your order.

Sharon advised that **Poinsettia Fundraiser** order forms have gone out to all Grad Parents by mail along with information on the **Bottle Depot** where bottles can be dropped off anytime at the Qualicum or Parksville Depot for BSS Dry Grad.

Michele also advised that if Corsages and Boutonnieres are purchased from Thrifty Foods, they will donate what was spent at their store back to the BSS Grad Committee.

**Grad Website:****Bssgrad.ca**

Gary runs the website, if you would like anything on it, forward to him exactly the way you want it presented, as he does not edit the documents.

This website is where parents and students can go for any information from flowers to tux rentals.

Committees broke off into groups to meet each other and brainstorm some ideas.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm