

Graduation 2021 – Parents Initial Organization Meeting

Monday, November 23, 2021

In attendance - Jana Polupski, Shannon Miller, Caitlin Miller, Lori Botterill, Crystal Cameron, Patricia Loptson, Marci Sheward, Marlis Duff, Lisa Schlamp, Jodi Farago, Donna Seiferling, Measner, Amanda Zarubin, Christine Swalm, Shirley Widenmaier, Patty Yuzek, Natalia Cabrero, Patti Schultz, Lori Fuller

Welcome to everyone

Discussion of graduation and goal of graduation

School's Role "Cap & Gown":

- Service - the cap and gown ceremony
- Formal event that is held on the last day of school Traditional service
- Grad list – final list of official graduates for cap and gown prepared after final exams. Eligibly closely monitored with each reporting term.
- Note: full graduation requires 24 credits and completion of compulsory courses to participate in "cap & gown".
- Staff liaison – Mrs. Arnott & Mrs. Lewis
- This is the school's role in Graduation Responsible for Cap and Gown Ceremony / Awards. We are committed to making this an in-person service this year in whatever form possible in June 2021.
- This service is put on by the staff of Peacock. The parents are not responsible for this aspect of graduation.
- All fees and graduation expectations must be made to participate.
- Act as liaison and support for parent volunteer committee - provide space, storage, photocopying, make announcements, coordinate with grade 12 student reps, etc..

**Please note the school is committed to have a formal in person service in some way at the end of June based on any restrictions that are put in place.

Parent's Role "Post Graduation / After-Grad":

- Organization of after grad events that usually included a supper banquet, grand march, entertainment, post-banquet activities. Safety and supervision of graduates is of paramount importance. Obviously in 2020 this did not occur, so the committee designed an alternate service and program that met health guidelines. More details to be shared at the meeting.
- This is usually a larger event that parents plan along with school liaisons Tana Arnott and Corrie Lewis
- Last year, the parents did put together a graduation ceremony outdoors and had an occasion for our graduates.
- Develop and organizing committee to head up all components of the after graduation.
- Keep in mind the ideas and input of students and student reps (5-10 students).

General Thoughts:

- Covid-19 related restrictions / precautions will clearly have an influence on any plans. Consideration on how to adapt plans should be considered well in advance.
- Eligibility for the parent after grad portion is to be determined by parents/grad committee. Typically, in the past students in grade 12 (regardless of graduation status) have been allowed to attend.
- Grand March considerations. Recommend only involving graduates.
- Spread information quickly (you have access to our school website through Nicole, Tana, and Corrie).
- School is committed to an in person ceremony for students to have a formal ceremony for grads of 2021
- Parents can brainstorm and see what they are committed to doing for an after grad - it is important to note that all public health guidelines must be met
- If events that have occurred in the past are not possible, what other options are available for the class of 2021
- Plan for up to 100 graduates, plus guests, in total to attend any event.
- Cost is a factor more than ever this year given the economic impact of the shutdown on families.
- So far there has been no venue bookings made for the 2021 graduation.
- New ****online grad fees and registration**** - We can support you with this through our office staff. Suggest going cashless as much as possible.
- Cap and Gown photos have been booked for Jan 11-15

2019 Committee Report: (Future meeting)

- Overview
- Financial statement
- Organization/Planning Tips
- We can look at meeting with past committee members after Christmas to see if there is anything that they need to share with us

Questions/Ideas

- Overview
- Financial statement

Nominations/Selections of the 2020 Executive

- Chair and Vice Chair or Co-Chairs
 - i. Patty Yuzek and Carla Shymko
- Secretary
 - i. Amanda Zarubin
- Treasurer

Next Meeting? Monday January 9th

During this meeting, we will bring some ideas together We can chat with the grade 12s and see what they have to say and start coming up with a plan moving forward