

2024-25 GRAD MEETING MINUTES
September 11, 2024

INTRODUCTIONS:

1. Dave Andersen dandersen@365.sd58.bc.ca (Vice Principal): **Grad Co-Coordinator**
Coordinates all school related functions related to Grad, along with Scholarship. At all meetings for updates and questions.

2. Inder Mattoo bmattoo@365.sd58.bc.ca (Vice Principal): **Peer Supervision**
Students volunteer to give up lunches for \$\$ to go towards grad fees, etc. \$15.50/hr. For most, it translates to \$300-\$500 for the year, up to \$700-\$800 if the student is. Goes back to student to use for their Grad and/or activity fees, etc.
Groups do one week rotations Mon-Fri supervising inside the school. So far, there has been a great turn out. It is never too late to sign up. Training this week. (Grade 12's only).
Reliability: If you don't show up (3+ times) there will be a meeting and we may have to stop including the student in the supervision opportunity.
There is a Teams Group setup for information. Signed up students please check regularly.

3. Melissa Pinyon mpinyon@365.sd58.bc.ca (ISA): **Indigenous Support Worker**, who works with Grade 11/12's in out Welcome Room. Social, economic, educational support. Post secondary support. Post-secondary applications are open shortly. Scholarships: Oct-Dec. If you require any assistance, please reach out at her email. She also is a key organizer of the Indigenous Grad function.

4. Gian Cavaliere gcavaliere@365.sd58.bc.ca (Teacher) and Nicole Thompson nthompson@365.sd58.bc.ca (Teacher/Counsellor): **Career Life Connections 12**
This course is a Grad requirement, off timetable class. Today we had a meeting with Grade 12's. The class consists of 3 topics: Course work; 30 hours of service (ideas given); and Capstone. Capstone is where your student picks a passion and presents it at the end of the year. (Examples – Projects/hobbies/career goals). A newsletter group has been set up for all students and their contacts. Please make sure that the school office has your current email. It should come out every 3-4 weeks.

5. NVIT: Daryl-Lynn MacNeil dmacneal@NVIT.ca: **Student Transitions Officer**
Assists students in navigation to the post-secondary world.
NVIT – **Immediate Entry Bursaries** available for all students entering NVIT directly from High School. Friends & Family night on Oct 24, 4-7.

There are a lot of stressful things that add up by June, so it is really important to connect with the above if you have any questions about the process. Makes things seamless.

6. Leanne Dixon: **Grad Executive President for 2024** - 2 years involvement. Grad binder has been passed on to the 2025 President.
 Leanne's tips and tricks to pass on: There is a school side to graduation (ceremony, grad march, etc.) and a parent's/committee side (Prom, dry grad, etc.).
 Volunteering: Please show up. Support.
Please assist when you are asked to fill out forms. This helps with the budget. Stick to what you say (no adding extra people)
 Facebook Page – Helpful for sharing info.
 Privacy Issues (Posters – Huge Budget) – Grads loved it, but they had to agree to it.
7. Crystal Ward-McGowan cwardmcgowan@365.sd58.bc.ca **Co-Coordinator Grad**
 Assistant Librarian at the school – 7th year doing grad. She sends all emails. It's a lot (and she knows annoying) but you need to keep checking. Once, twice a week (SUPER IMPORTANT, especially people off campus).
 Grad Fees – Last year were \$200, but costs have increased, so this is being re-evaluated.
 Emails: If you did not get notification for this contact Crystal.
 School bulletin board outside office that we keep updated – students, please check.
 Website is school events and important dates, but info about prom or dry grad will not be on that as this is organized by parents.
 Synervoice sent out for upcoming grad meetings and photos.
 Social Media is run by Allyson Kinchella apaxton@365.sd58.bc.ca (Teacher).

GRAD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2025

PRESIDENT:	Tina Etchart
VICE PRESIDENT:	Wasanthi Wainwright
SECRETARY:	Brandy Striemer
TREASURER:	Ryan Dell
DRY GRAD CHAIR:	Catherine Holmes
FUNDRAISING CHAIR:	Jacqueline Klassen
VEHICLE PROCESSION & PROM SECURITY:	Laura Sware / Danielle Ortiz
GRAD HOCKEY GAME:	Molly Brigden
GRAD PHOTOS & BUSINESS:	Jocelyn Mathias
STAFF PARENT RELATIONS:	Molly Brigden / Brandy Striemer
STUDENT REPS:	Nan Vinoj / Kelsey Cleaveley
PROM DECORATING:	Danielle Ortiz
HAUNTED HOUSE COMMITTEE CHAIR:	Lili Park
FOOD COORDINATOR:	Maria Thuveson

RESPONSIBILITIES

PARENT GRAD EXECUTIVE

Prom
Parade
Dry Grad
Fundraising Events

SCHOOL EVENTS

Ceremonies
Grad Pictures
Grad March

GRAD DATES

INDIGENOUS GRAD: Wednesday June 4th, 2025
(Specific invitation will go out including details, times, etc.
Melissa Pinyon will update the group.)

GRADUATION CEREMONY: Thursday, June 19th, 2025

PROM / PARADE: Saturday, June 21st, 2025

FEES AND FUNDRAISING

Fundraising pays for the Committee expenses.

Grad Fee from School – Sound System, live broadcast, rental of arena, grad gown/caps. We don't have an exact amount, because we have had the same amount (\$200) for a number of years, but things have gone up. The school will work on getting you that information as soon as possible.

Participation in the Grad Ceremonies is dependent on all OUTSTANDING SCHOOL FEES being paid. For example, if you haven't paid your activity fees for 5 years, that will all have to be paid. Contact Mr. Andersen if you have financial need.

YEARBOOK

We need more people to sign up. Right now, only 1. Please see Mrs. Kinchella (Paxton). You may need to shuffle your schedule as it is only on the timetable this year. If you have a spare, reach out. Worth 4 credits.

FUNDRAISING CHAIR (Jacqueline Klassen)

Coming up:

- 19+ Halloween Dance. There are posters we can put up to promote. Need SPONSORS. Chq goes to Grad Committee.
- Chuck a puck fundraiser at Cents
- Online Bingo on Facebook
- Xmas Greenery
- Grad Online Auction (November) – Last yr was amazing. We need donations – new items. She will have ideas on the Facebook Group. Also approach companies that you know in town for donations. (Jill Schultz will collect)

Join Facebook Group – We will keep it with good info and not just fundraising.

Meeting Minutes will be available at our MSS Webpage and emailed to parents.

GRAD PHOTO DATES: November 25-29, 2024

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 2, 2024