



MINUTES

November 22, 2022 | 6:00pm | McMath Staff Room

Committee Chairs

Carolyn Fernie & Nicole Snidanko, DAG Co-chairs
Lisa Cowell, Secretary
Jon Lee, Treasurer
Akber Dhanjee, Lighting & Parking
Trudi Beutel, Volunteer Coordination
Laura Grant, Transportation
Dionne McFie & Paige Northrup, Red Carpet & Entertainment
Lesley Lawson, Security
Jessica Johnston, Bag Check,
Theresa Kent, Food
Karen Lin & Yudi Deamer, Donations
Chris McKay, Take down

Item

1. Welcome and introduction of Executive Committee Chairs/Co-chairs

6:05 Call to order and land acknowledgement

Intro to event –

DAG is dry after grad

Red carpet sends the grads off in buses to attend the formal event (planned by DAG committee)

Students attend dinner/dance downtown Vancouver (planned by school), students arrive back at school around 11:00, change out of their formal attire and spend the event at the school.

Event includes entertainment and food

236 grads this year – hoping to make this event as inclusive as possible to ensure that all grads want to attend.

Meetings will be monthly. Please ensure that one member (ideally the chair) from each committee attends each meeting to provide a report on behalf of the committee.

Please provide committee update in advance by email if you are unable to attend so that they can be entered into the minutes and read aloud as an update at the meeting.

2. Budget & Fundraising

Prices have increased dramatically and the number of students has decreased. We are looking at options for fundraising to help reduce costs for students.

Some ideas:

Return it stickers – use the bag/stickers when taking refundables, DAG will receive the money

Wholesale coffee

Pub night

Other ideas??

Action:

- **Looking for a volunteer to chair a fundraising committee**
- **Jon to find out the amount remaining from previous year**
- **Chairs/Treasurer to work with school regarding ticket prices**

3. Call for Decoration Chair

We have many people who have indicated an interest in participating on this committee but we need someone to take the point for coordination.

The school has a storage container full of items from past years that can be re-used. There is also the potential to borrow from and/or lend our items to other schools.

Need to decorate several areas which could be broken into sub committees (foyer, rotunda, gym, etc)

Decorations committee is responsible to set the theme.

Possible themes:

Western

Vegas

Beach Party

Winter

Action: contact Carolyn or Nicole if you would like to chair/co-chair

4. Formation of committees

- Volunteers
- Transportation
- Red Carpet
- Entertainment
- Security
- Bag Check
- Food
- Donations/Fundraising
- Take down

Grade 12 parents are invited to join any of the committees to support the planning leading up to the event. Sign up sheet available at the meeting.

Volunteers from younger grades will be invited to volunteer at the event. This volunteering provides the opportunity to see what they can expect for next year.

Instagram and WAAG offer an opportunity to communicate to parents.

Action:

- **put initial call-out for event volunteers in WAAG beginning in January.**
- **Grade 12 parents should reply to DAG chairs via email if they missed the meeting and are interested in participating on a committee.**

General overview of event and what to expect:

Day before –

Bag check opens

Students bring their change of clothes etc in a bag to leave at the school

Volunteers will inspect their belongings prior to checking it in

Belongings are left at school, tagged and waiting for them after the dinner/dance

Students are prohibited from bringing in drinks, liquids etc

Depending on school availability, decorations may begin the day before

Grad day –

Approx 3 pm students convene at school to take photos etc

Students muster in gym in groups for bus transportation to downtown (red carpet departure)

Students return to school around 11 pm

Students must enter the school directly (no going to cars etc)

Event ends at 5:00 am – if students wish to leave before the end, they must be picked up by a parent

For future discussion:

- **need to decide if bag check will be open during red carpet arrival**
- **need to confirm if a second security check will occur when students return to school**
- **ensure changing spaces provide adequate privacy and inclusive spaces for all our students**

5. Community Connection Sheet – tabled for next meeting

6. Instagram Page – follow us @mcmathDAG2023

7. Meeting dates for the year – all meetings will take place in the McMath Staff Room

Next Meeting - Tuesday, December 13th 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, January 10th 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, February 7th 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 1st 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 4th 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 25th 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, May 16th 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, May 30th 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, June 6th 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Monday, June 12th 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Monday, June 19th 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Monday, June 19th 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Volunteer Meeting incl grade 11 parents

Thursday, June 22nd 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Monday, June 26th role dependent

Tuesday, June 27th role dependent, grade 11 parents

Tuesday, June 27th 3:00 pm - 5:00 am Wed. June 28th – DAG 2023

8. Adjournment – 7:00 pm
