



MINUTES

January 10, 2023 | 6:00pm | McMath Staff Room

Committee Chairs

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

Item

1. Welcome and approval of the December 13, 2022 minutes

Call to order 6:00 – land acknowledgement

We have committee chairs for most committees. We need a chair for the Fundraising Committee and Take Down Committee. Two individuals are taking on 3 Committees – Entertainment, Red Carpet and Decorating. They will need a lot of help with take home decorating tasks in the coming months.

We need grade 12 parents/caregivers to come forward and help out for various committees. Some parents may not be able to attend the monthly meeting but can still help out with take home tasks. Each committee will meet at agreed upon intervals to ensure tasks are accomplished in time for the event. If you haven't signed up for a committee, please let us know how you can help by email mcmathdag2023@gmail.com

Committees are encouraged to create groups in What's App or similar to communicate information.

At our meetings, let's make every attempt to stay on agenda and be mindful of time. For specific issues for your committee please discuss these with your Committee Chair or DAG co-chairs outside of the meeting. In our communication with each other and group chat format, let's be mindful of each other's time and be concise and respectful in this communication.

Meeting dates for DAG committee have been scheduled for the entire year. These meetings will be limited to one hour to respect everyone's time.

Please ensure that at least one member of each committee attends these meetings to provide an update to the group. Committees should make decisions regarding their activities and seek approval from Co-chairs/Treasurer regarding costs.

Upcoming meetings:

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

2. Ticket Sale Update

Ticket price has been set at \$110 to account for inflation costs of the event. DAG tickets are no up on the Cash Online System. 43 tickets have been purchased to date. Parents/caregivers have the option to pay the full amount or offer installment options to ensure that paying for the event is not a burden for families. Anyone who requires financial support for their child to attend graduation events should contact Mr. Johnstone/school counsellors directly to request assistance. All requests will remain anonymous.

Accommodations will be made for students who require it to ensure that everyone can participate. Parents/caregivers/students should connect to Jeff Johnstone to discuss specific needs and this information will be communicated to the committee to work out logistics if necessary. Accommodations may include private changing areas, additional staff/volunteers/adults to support attendee during the event

Students not attending DAG but attending the dinner/dance travel to Vancouver on a separate bus which will arrive back to the school and unload students in a different area than those arriving for DAG event.

Coach buses have been booked for transportation from the school to the Fairmont Waterfront Dinner/Dance venue and back to the school on Tuesday, June 27th.

3. Updates from Committee Chairs (if available):

- Decoration
- Red Carpet & Entertainment
- Transportation
- Security
- Food
- Fundraising
- Donations

Call out for more Grade 12 Parents/Caregivers to come forward and help with the event. Please spread the word for our need for more help. Even if parents can't attend the monthly meetings, there are a number of take-home tasks that we need help with. Reach out at mcmatchdag2023@gmail.com

Decorations Committee – Dionne McFie and Paige Northrup have agreed to Chair this committee. Given that they are already committed to co-chairing the Red Carpet/Entertainment committee, we are looking for help on these committees to share the work load.

The theme for the event was announced at the meeting. This information will not be included in minutes to ensure that the grads don't find out in advance of the event. The theme is a surprise for the graduates.

Hoping to have access to the school starting on Friday, June 23rd evening or Saturday, June 24th to start set-up for the event.

Red Carpet Committee - More parent volunteers are needed to help with set-up the red carpet and photo booths on Tuesday, June 27th. These can be grade 10/11 parents. There will be 4 student photographers to take photos at the photo booths.

Entertainment Committee – the entertainment is all booked including a DJ. We are in need of a Henna/Tattoo artist for the evening on June 27th into 28th 11:30 pm to 3:45 am. Please let us know if you have any connections for a Henna artist.

Transportation Committee – coach buses have been booked. In need of 10 bus chaperones that are grade 11/10 parents (not grade 12 parents)

Security Committee – Genesis Security is booked for the event. Will need 10 parent volunteers for the night of the event June 27th 11 am – June 28th 5:30 am. Overall it was a good experience last year. Typically, grads don't want their parents at the DAG event so we will be relying on Grade 11 and 10 parents for Security.

Donations Committee – Currently \$38 raised from the bottle drive (Return-It program). Inquiry made about online donation.

We require someone to look into how we apply for the Dry After Grad program through BC Liquor Stores.

Fundraising Committee – we have not had anyone step forward to chair this committee. A fundraising committee would assist with soliciting donations to off-set the hard costs of the event. This could include cash donations, or in-kind donations/discounts on items that we'll be purchasing for the event.

Lighting Committee – re-introduction of Akber Dhanjee who is kindly donating his time and expertise for lighting and parking even though his children graduated many years ago.

Take Down Committee – no update.

4. Community Connection Networking

The cost of hosting DAG has increased and the number of students (potential ticket sales) has decreased. In order to reduce costs we are inviting our parent community to share contacts in their network that may be able to offer donations or donated/reduced cost services.

Please reach out to mcmathdag2023@gmail.com if you have contacts in any of the following areas:

- Potential cash donations (local businesses/community groups)
- Restaurants/food suppliers
- Rental companies
- Prizes/gifts for attendees

5. Adjournment – 7:00 pm

Next meeting:

All parents/caregivers of Grade 12 students welcome, even if this this will be your first meeting. We need more help!

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