

Dry After Grad Committee

January 12, 2026 (Meeting started at 7:05 pm)

Attendance:

Parent Name	Team
Akber Dhanjee	Lighting
Anna Reithmeier	Secretary
Celine Yeung	Food
Elizabeth Clark	Red carpet
Laura McBride	Fundraising
Leanne Miguel	Bag Check
Lisa Crocker	Decoration
Marian Eugenio	Food
Mary Irwin	Bag Drop-off & Check in
Maureen Gardner	Volunteer coordinator
Megan Shury	Bag Drop-off & Check in
Mike Thompson	Food
Raj Dhaliwal	Bag Drop-off & Check in
Silvia Balbuena	Bag Drop-off & Check in
Scott Gardner	Security/Host
Winson Leung	Chair
Lisa Crocker	Decoration

Winson (DAG Chair):

- Welcome
- Use the sign in sheet to keep track of attendance
- Submitted the school rental form to the School District office (haven't heard back yet)
- **Action** (to be completed once entertainment offerings are confirmed): Fire Safety plan needs to be submitted to Fire Department
- Spoke to Aviva about using the kitchen: Access is limited (ex. Not using the oven for cooking). Could use Home Economics room.

- Tickets will be posted in School Cash Online for the Dinner and Dance and Dry Grad After Grad after the Winter Formal (ex. Late January)
 - Determine cost of ticket (2025 = \$115). DAG committee decision to keep event cost at \$115 for 2026.
 - **Action:** Confirm the amount for the Dinner and Dance
 - The school is still waiting to confirm the total amount with the vendor.

Secretary (Anna):

- The [2026 DAG Instagram account](#) will be used to post updates about meetings, planning and calls for volunteers
- Meeting minutes will be posted on [DAG McMath page](#)
- Will be working on communication for the event to be sent to families about the grad events
 - Waiting on confirmation of timing of events and costs
 - **Action:** Ask to send communication mid-February
 - Ms. Vaughan will help to coordinate the communication about the grad events

Bag Drop off and Check (Megan):

- Megan has contacted Marriott about donating rolling garment racks for dresses. Waiting for a reply.
- Bag drop off times: 2 options (during school and after school) – 3-4 hour sessions, parents or students dropped them off
- Bags are searched for substances

Food (Mike):

- Will be putting together a list to use for food vendors (to solicit donations for ready to eat options)
- Laura has a letter to share with businesses that the committee decides to contact

Fundraising (Laura):

- Has a letter to use for Dry After Grad donations
- Thinking about approaching Steveston businesses
- Sent a letter to Wong's Garden Centre about flower baskets for the red carpet
- Approach Aviva about sending a letter to families about making donations

No Treasurer present

No Entertainment committee present

Red Carpet (Elizabeth):

- Need to finalize the timing for the red carpet, which is determined by the bus arrivals. Buses are not yet confirmed.
- **Action:** Need to get answers for the following questions from the school admin:
 - Can students bring an extra pair of shoes? If so, how can they be brought on the bus? (ex. Use clear plastic bag)

- Response: Yes, they can bring a change of shoes in a bag. Bags are checked at the venue, so doesn't need to be clear plastic.
 - Can students bring umbrellas on the bus?
 - Response: Yes, umbrellas are allowed, however, we should confirm this with the bus company if they have a policy about umbrellas.
 - What time do students need to be at the dinner?
 - Response: Check in at the venue begins at 6:00 pm, so buses will need to leave by 6:00 pm. Arriving back at school between 11:15-11:30 pm.
- Suggestion: Students who want extra shoes can bring flip flops. Added to a bin that can be added to the bus.
- Typically, we need about 1.5 hours for the event:
 - 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm
 - Photo station 3:30 – 4:20 pm
 - Gym Assembly: 4:20-4:40 pm
 - Red Carpet: 4:40-5:00 pm
 - What time should they arrive at the venue?

No Transportation (Chris):

- Still waiting for confirmation on coaches to the Dinner and Dance venue, as FIFA is impacting bus availability
 - Update on January 14: TRAXX has confirmed the coaches for the DAG event.

Security (Scott):

- No updates at this time, as security is all confirmed.

Volunteer Coordination (Maureen):

- Will need committees to determine the number of volunteers by March
- Will send request to parents to sign up after Spring Break

Meeting adjourned: 7:55 pm

Next Meeting: Monday, February 9, 2026, 7:00 pm