

Dry After Grad Committee

March 9, 2026 (Meeting started at 7:07 pm)

Attendance:

Parent Name	Team
Chris Dyck	Transportation
Eiko Hagiwara	Food
Kay Arambulo-Sy	Food
Laura McBride	Fundraising
Mary Irwin	Bag Check
Maureen Gardner	Volunteer coordinator
Megan Shury	Bag Check
Mike Thompson	Food
Scott Gardner	Security/Host
Winson Leung	Chair
Annelisa Dey Thomas	Take down
Michele Kuramoto	Entertainment

Winson (DAG Chair):

- Welcome – two new committee members (Annelisa and Michelle)
- Went around the group and did introductions and shared past DAG experience
- School rental form was sent to SD38 and we do not expect any challenges
- Email was sent out to grad parents with information about red carpet event, grad dinner/dance, and DAG including ticket prices
- Red carpet students will walk down in groups of 2 to 3, opportunity to take photos before they board the bus
- This year there are 236 grad students with approximately 170 expected to attend the DAG
- 5 coach buses booked to transport students to the Grad dinner/dance and 6 school buses booked to transport students back to McMath after dinner/dance

- Students will arrive back to the school around 11:30 pm where they will be checked in and allowed to change into comfy clothes
- We will require grade 10 and 11 parents to fill volunteer roles (this allows next group to have an opportunity to learn how to operate DAG)
- No updates from secretary or treasurer

Bag Drop off and Check (Megan):

- Need to determine how many garment hanger racks are in the storage compartment
- Will visit the storage compartment after spring break to count garment racks
- Bag drop-off to be scheduled Tuesday and Wednesday at the end of wing B so that the grade 12 students do not see the decorations ahead of time
- Volunteers will be required to check bags
- Change rooms for girls will be in the library, boys in the drama room and universal in the councilors' room
- After grade 12 students change, the change room doors will be locked with no in & out privileges (students can request the door be unlocked if required)

Decorations (No one present):

- People have expressed that they would like to help out with decorating and they will be encouraged to sign-up for a volunteer roll when the schedule is posted

Entertainment (No one present):

- Michele has kindly agreed to join the entertainment committee and assist where needed, thank you

Food (Mike):

- Have received a few gift certificates
- Now in possession of the food binder and it is a great resource as it mentions foods that were popular (Ramen Bar) and foods that were less popular
- Donations last year came from Save-on-Foods, Safeway, Riverside Banquet Hall (donation was challenging because it was delivered hot at 3pm and had to be kept food safe), Costco, sushi
- Grab and go items tend to be favored over hot food
- Budget \$1500 to \$1800 maybe over slightly due to inflation
- Received permission to use the downstairs cafeteria kitchen and oven

Fundraising (Laura):

- Thank you to the businesses that have donated to date (True Conditioning pass, Curling package for 8 people, Patti Realty Starbucks cards, mugs from maternity store, Moncton Pizza)

- Likely used as prizes to give out at the end of the DAG (encourage people to stay until the end)
- A message went out in the WAAG asking any parents to consider making a donation of prizes, food, or monetary donations to assist with the purchase of prizes and supplies
- Have not heard back from Wong's Nursery regarding flowers for the red carpet

Red Carpet (No one present):

- Red carpet in storage is in good shape

Security (Scott):

- No deposit required, full payment at the conclusion of the event
- Will require some parent volunteers to assist security and act as host

Take Down (Vacant):

- Take down begins at 5am and requires items to be organized and stored
- This committee works well alongside of the decoration team
- Take down of lights and electrical not included, separate group of volunteers will be organized
- Take down should be completed by noon on Friday and in time for the start of the teacher appreciation luncheon happening in the rotunda between noon-1pm
- Annelisa has agreed to take the lead for this committee, thank you

Transportation (Chris):

- The deposit has been made and there are no additional updates

Volunteer Coordinator (Maureen):

- Signup genius will go live in early April
- Please think about individual committee schedules and volunteer numbers required to help prepare the signup sheets
- Please encourage parents who have expressed a desire to help to signup when the time comes

Meeting adjourned: 7:52 pm

Next Meeting: Monday, April 13, 2026, 7:00 pm