

## Dry After Grad Committee

May 11, 2026 (Meeting started at 7:08 pm)

### Attendance:

Parent Name	Team
Sylvia Balbena	Bag Drop
Kerry Chau	Decorations
Chris Dyck	Transportation
Elizabeth Clark	Red Carpet
Maureen Gardner	Volunteer coordinator
Scott Gardner	Security
Winson Leung	Chair
Irene Zhou	Treasurer
Annelisa Tom	Take Down
Anna Reithmeier	Secretary
Michelle Kuramoto	TBC
Mary Irwin	Bag Drop
Laura McBride	Fundraising
Kay Arambulo-Sy	Food
Eiko Hagiwara	Food
Akber	Dhanjee

### Winson (DAG Chair):

- Working on the SD38 school venue rental
- Need to arrange payment for Custodial staff
- Extended the ticket sales deadline to Friday, May 8. Since May 9, only the DAG tickets are available for purchase. New deadline is May 15.
- There are 236 graduates
  - Winter Formal – sold 172 tickets
  - Dinner Dance – sold 195 tickets
  - DAG – sold 144 tickets

- Discussion around numbers and suggestion to further promote the ticket sales deadline extension to families who purchased Dinner-Dance tickets but not DAG tickets.
- Need to sort out the arrangement for the bus transportation based on the number of attendees, volunteers and photographers
  - Coach buses from the school red carpet event to the Dinner-Dance (will hire 4 buses – with 52 seats each)
  - School buses to return grads back to the school (will hire 5 buses – with 46 seats each)
- Need to find out how many people have signed up for Red Carpet to get a sense of attendees – because the event is free then it is possible to sign up for the event more than once, which may skew the numbers.
- **Action:** Anna to ask the school to send a communication to families who have bought Dinner Dance tickets but not Dry After Grad tickets
- **Carried over: Action** (to be completed once entertainment offerings are confirmed): Fire Safety plan needs to be submitted to Fire Department.

#### **Secretary (Anna R.):**

- The [2026 DAG Instagram account](#) is used to post updates about meetings, planning and calls for volunteers, and we can use it to thank the sponsors of the DAG event
- Meeting minutes are posted on [DAG McMath page](#)
- **Action:** Need to promote sign up for volunteer positions – separate communication to be sent after May 15
- **Action:** Add sponsors to <https://mcmath.sd38.bc.ca/parents/dry-after-grad>

#### **Treasurer (Irene):**

- Three City Councillors have donated money to DAG event
- With current ticket sales, we will generate enough money to pay for DAG 2026 expenses
- **Action:** Laura will follow up with Lisa in the Business Office about donations made by the website

#### **Bag Drop off and Check:**

- Would like to rent hangers for bag check (cost is \$84) – need 5 per changeroom

#### **Food (No one present)**

- Menu has been set but need to make some adjustments for based on attendee numbers

#### **Entertainment and Decoration (Kana and Kerry):**

- Order have been made Temu
- Furniture has been booked and deposit been paid
- Mocktail Bar
- DJ
- Casino games and staff arranged
- Aim for 6 prizes – currently have 12 different gift certificates
  - **Action:** Determine how to display the prize packs

- **Action:** Finalize the lighting set up for the tattoo and caricature artists – follow up with Akber

**Red Carpet (Elizabeth):**

- Need a balloon pump – is there an electric balloon pump in the DAG container?
- Two balloon arches are in the DAG container

**Take Down (Anna T.):**

- Just waiting to sort out volunteers

**Fundraising (Laura):**

- Need to determine how to thank those who have sponsored the DAG – signage at event, Instagram post (15)
- Thank you to send by email to parents – asking for volunteers
- We received a donation of flower baskets from Wong's

**Transportation (Chris):**

- Will confirm pick up time with the bus company

**Security (Scott):**

- Everything is set up

**Volunteer Coordination (Maureen):**

- Volunteer sign up is underway but we will need to promote sign up once ticket sales close
- Need to volunteer list for parking and setting up lighting

**Future meetings** – May 25, June 8, 15 and 22 (may cancel one of the 15 or 22), 7:00 – 8:00 pm

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:55 pm