

Parent Dry After Grad Committee for Stelly's Students

Meeting Feb 25, 2021 from @ 7:30pm via TEAMS

Reminder: use "2021 Parent Fundraiser for Stelly's Students' Dry After Grad" for all fundraising advertising/posters/communications

Website: <https://stellysdrygrad.weebly.com/contact.html>

AGENDA

	Item	Parent
1	Action Items from last meeting	Michele
2	Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thrifty smile cards - Gord's update from Mar 9th PAC meeting - Info from PDGS Mar 4th meeting 	Michele
3	Fundraising updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pampered chef fundraiser ends April 12th • Gold Drive – end results – Barb • Silent Auction/Raffle – Treva/Liza • Burger & Beer – Nancy and Lisa • B & C Meats - Michele • Scrap Metal – Shelley • Gift Cards - Marti 	All
4	Discussion on Planning	All
5	Budget	Marti

Attending: Michele, Maya, Susi, Carolin, Ciara, Lisa, Liza, Melinda, Nancy, Treva Steph, Shelley, Colleen, Marti

ACTION ITEMS

- Need to set dates for meetings every three weeks to keep momentum going (next meetings set for April 15th and May 6th)
- Survey will be sent out to students on what they want their dry after grad to look like (see end of Minutes section)
- **Gift Cards** – Marti is starting up Mar 29 again, will get into announcements. Parents are encouraged, if you shop/dine at ANY of the participating businesses, purchase cards for yourselves, as gifts, for Mother's Day or Father's Day, even for your grad as a grad present, and use them anytime to help support the dry after grad, with 10% of sales going towards our fund. We raised \$950 last time this fundraiser ran! Here's our local businesses helping to support our Grads!



- **Metal Drive** – confirmed, email out poster for parents to put up in neighbourhoods, get in announcements, hand out flyers at bottle drive Mar 27

OTHER:

- The Smile Cards are good! We were approved from July 1, 2020 up until June 30, 2021

- Gord's update: Let all know that I appreciate all of the behind the scenes work that is being done in terms of planning some kind of celebration beyond what occurred last year. It still remains status quo from the school's perspective at this point as we have not had any change in our health and safety mandate from the PHO, BCCDC and WSBC nor any change in direction from the school board and district. We are hopeful that we may receive some positive news in the coming months but right now our primary focus for grad is on what we know we can do, and how we will make that as best as it can be. That being said we do intend to start working on some additional plans when we return after the break in anticipation and hope for some easing of restrictions.
- PDGS update - need to get the ok from both Gord and the PHO in order to continue with such a grand after grad plan. PDGS will not have the insurance to cover this event, as it is proposed, given the current PHO orders. If things change, then we can review once again. As of right now, PDGS would not cover an outdoor event insurance wise. To be crystal clear, you will have no insurance if things stay the same with this plan. I would suggest having a set of plans that have no gatherings at all, smaller gatherings, indoors and outdoors, and larger gathering outdoors. Multiple scenarios that you will be able to spin towards once you hear what you are allowed to do. And yes, we are reiterating the approval needed from Gord and PDGS (otherwise, they are welcome to get their own insurance, and I looked at that in 2013 before Stelly's was under PDGS insurance, and my lawyer said it was a really bad idea).

MINUTES:

- Auction/Raffle – Treva is stepping down, need someone else to lead this fundraiser. We need to continue with gathering items from businesses, this is a huge income for us. Marti mentioned that seeking businesses again for the gift cards and businesses they were enthusiastic and willing to take part, and mentioned if we needed items for auction/raffle they are willing
- We need to keep going with the fundraising
- A group of parents have been meeting the past few weeks to map out the different scenarios for the June 30th event. Some plans made and some in our current itinerary plan can easily be switched from the grander event to be included in the low-scale event or car procession, integrated into the grad ceremony event even if needed
- Liza – car banners with child's name - Sandra touched base with parent from last year - \$16/sign. After the meeting Sandra has provided lots of information. We plan to wait until after the grad survey is returned April 8th to determine if this is the route we will go for the event, and then send out ordering information to all grad families by mid-April
- Colleen - Ask the kids – see what they want, cash, swag bags – survey/suggestions from the grads directly, coordinate with the other grad information being sent to grads and questions
- Susi – mentioned a lot of grads want extra time to hang out in a park, sitting around together, think most grads will be happy with what we are planning extra (games etc). Carolin agreed, and said if just a car procession, she feels some probably wouldn't go. Lisa agrees with that.
- Lisa – come up with 5-6 questions and survey the grads on what they want
- Treva reminded everyone that the grad and after grad are separate events. Michele added that last year because things changed so quickly in the planning and type of event that could take place, a combined school/parent committee event was the end result
- Maya – anything beyond a parade, sounds like not doable outside as event. Michele reiterated the PDGS insurance not covering outside events
- A bunch of parents feel we need to pin down our plans and not wait for the anticipation that the restrictions will be lifted. Mentioned how it was last year. We can't keep spinning the wheels on "what if", hence the email that was sent to all parents on Mar 6 with clear direction on how the committee should move forward with the planning.
- Chatted about the PHO restrictions not being lifted with the vaccines coming out, things are status quo.
- Colleen mentioned some event at the pub last year, and Steph A mentioned it was private events organized by individual families

- Carolin mentioned we could coordinate something at a restaurant in groups and paying for grads dinners, so the virtual streaming can happen with groups – still not able to do this with current PHO restrictions, can be looked at later
- Ciara – suggestion for more fun things happening outside while the grads are walking to get their diplomas inside – entertainment, stilt walker, etc to make it more fun and interactive for them during this time (the grad ceremony/diploma event was over 3 different days last year)

Survey to be sent out to all grads via Google Classroom – Ms Lizama, Jesse Dildy, also tie in with Stelly’s Grad IG page (Meghan Rebneris)

Dry After Grad on June 30th – keeping in line with current PHO restrictions regarding gatherings/events:

- **What do you want your dry after grad to look like?**
- **Would you participate in a fun-filled, interactive car procession (more inclusive and advanced than last year)?**
- **What is important to you?**
- **Do you have any suggestions / ideas?**

Please respond by April 8th

BUDGET (Marti)

Estimated balance = just shy of \$13,000

- No update right now, nothing new. We need to raise approximately \$20,000 to be able to plan a fun dry after grad, things add up and are costly!

FUNDRAISING UPDATES

- Pampered chef fundraiser – running now, ends on April 12th – share this link with family, friends and on social media: [Pampered Chef Party](#)

- Gold Drive – Barb
- Silent Auction/Raffle – Treva/Liza
 - Treva is stepping down, we need a new leader for this
- Burger & Beer – Nancy and Lisa
 - Need to get hold of contacts at each pub
 - Marti will contact both

- B & C Meats - Michele
 - Tie into BBQ season
 - More info will be provided at next meeting
- Scrap Metal – Shelley
 - Confirmed for Apr 23-25
 - Poster emailed out for bottle drive to hand out to people for advertising
 - Michele will email out to parents for posting in neighbourhood
- Gift Cards – Marti
 - March 29-April 23, deliver to kids at school on April 30
- Epicure – Michele
 - Will start up again soon