

Brooks 2025 Dry Grad Meeting Minutes

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February 10th, 2025 - 7 pm

7:01 pm the meeting was called to order, 12 members total in attendance.

Committee Members Present: Lindsay Carlos (Co-Chair), Amy Vizzutti (Co-Chair), Janelle Behan (Vice Chair), Ashley Johnson (Treasurer), Teresa Reimer (Secretary)

Minutes of the meeting Jan 7, 2025 were reviewed.

Motion to Approve made by: Teresa

Seconded: Janelle

APPROVED

Budget: Ashley Johnson updated on Financials:

Bank total is \$15,264.68

Additional \$185 was added to the Gift Wrap total.

BC Event Makers will be sending a cheque for \$1,500 for wrestling ticket sales.

Deposits for Point Group and Party Works will be needed. Ashley will proceed with making those deposits.

Old Business:

Dry Grad Registration:

- Competed & Received There have been 64 registration received, however only 34 paid by January 31st.
- \$100 Gas Card Draw (Was done after this meeting on Feb 6th by Jasmin Marshman. The winner was Brynlea Lamden)
- Hoodie orders are being sent to TAWS for the registrations paid at this time.

Fundraising Updates:

- **Bottle Depot:** Account # 2346- Brooks dry grad 2025. Keep bringing your bottles to the depot! No bottle drives planned at this time.
- **Dinner En Blanc: Date is March 8th** Tickets available at Mother Nature.
 - Ticket sales are slow. Really need to get some sold!
 - Lindsay Carlos has applied for the Liquor license.
 - A deposit will be needed by Feb 25th for the caterer. We will need to e-transfer Off the Vine Catering 20% of the ticket sales by then.
 - A gaming license has been applied for to do 50/50 draws. *(UPDATE: After this meeting it was determined that we did not have enough information to be granted the gaming license. Bylaws, Constitution and more information is needed. Ashley & Teresa are looking into this information requested)*
- **Comedy Night:** Mayra Funes has set a location for Dwight Hall and date of April 26th. *This event is on hold at the moment.*

- **Fundraiser - Wrestling event:**

The Dry Grad will be receiving \$1,500 from BC Event Makers for selling tickets to both wrestling events. Ashley, Lindsay and Janelle were at the event and said it was well attended. Tickets mostly sold at the door. They made \$185 for the concession.

Huge thanks to Old Dutch, Freshco and Dominoes for the discounts on the Concession items.

- **Escape Room Fundraiser:** Still Looking for a location to hold this event. Please keep asking around.

Entertainment: Melanie Lamden to Update – As Melanie was away, she forwarded her update and was read into the meeting:

Caricature Artist Confirmed - Christianne worked up at the fall fair last season and drew caricature sketches. She will sketch up every student who wants with an additional little drygrad footer design on the sketch. She is also interested in helping with a simple logo for the dry grad t shirt
\$300

Confirmed 360 photo booth from Bells Event Rentals - \$250 for the night. - great discount. Still looking to connect with Jenn Kennedy about her photo booth option.

Elise English who helps with Point Group rentals is looking for a mechanical bull for us. She seems optimistic in finding one.

Accommodations confirmed for party works - Taws is donating a 3-bedroom suite :)

Amy - have you been in touch with Ryan for the golfing idea?

I have reached out to a few people about booking the district Rock Climbing wall. No one seems to know who to contact for this. I will keep you posted.

I thought I had an amazing venue confirmed for our escape room. It is still a possibility but we won't be able to confirm it until closer to the date. I am still reaching out and asking businesses.

I can get plates and cutlery from churches in town. Teresa - have you been able to connect with Bells rentals to get other donations?

I am hoping we can gift Kitchen Sink a monetary thank you for coming to our Dinner En Blanc. They will all drive up from Vancouver together in one vehicle. I would like to cover travel expenses and hopefully something on top of that. The community seems excited that they will be performing at our dinner :)

I have connected with Leah Babcock about the Rink map and setting up of the evening. We will have a walk thru soon. Elise from Point Group and I will sketch out an idea of where Pointgroup will set up and where everything else will be.

I will help with asking business about donations. Is this letter ready?

I may reach out to the mini donuts lady and maybe the bean buggy coffee truck. It could be fun to have them there for part of the evening.

⇒ It was discussed that Sarah Shostak was going to reach out to secure the rock-climbing wall. She found out that it is Hugh Pritchard in charge of it and will forward the information to the committee.

⇒ Teresa will reach out to Bell's Rentals regarding some Dinner En Blanc items.

⇒ POINT GROUP Update from Lindsay and Amy:

They have a new quote from Point Group for the Main Event. They reviewed it and found places where we could save some money. Some of the food options were having Mac & Cheese, Fondue, and slushie machines. Also included a Cowboy hat station for students.

It was voted on to proceed with the revised quote and was Approved by all at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 50/50 Online Lottery Draw

Ashley has been looking into the Raffle Box and Stripe for payments. The costs were discussed, almost 30% costs going to raffle box and Stripe. It appears that if we can do this, then it would help with our fundraising.

It was voted and approved by all to proceed with creating a Rafflebox draw online.

2. Dry Grad T-Shirt Design

A discussion was held about the designs of the Dry Grad T-shirts for the night of the Main Event was held and what designs. Could students create a design? What the parameters of the design be, ie. Colors used, size etc. After a discussion it was noted that there are too many rules, guidelines and not enough time to ask the students to design the T Shirt.

It was agreed that the T Shirt company will provide 3 designs and the students will get to vote on the design they like best.

- 3. Donation Request Letter:** The Dry Grad Committee has been working on a form letter to go out to businesses requesting donations. It will be posted on the Facebook Group along with a form for anyone to enter with regards to where they will hand out these letters. Everyone is encouraged to hand these out to businesses in the community and enter them into the tracking form. The links are listed below:

Donation Letter Link:

https://docs.google.com/file/d/1i8B8mAvPY3UHJf5V9tuQZ8ieJTP9iW7/edit?filetype=msword&fbclid=IwY2xjawljmsBleHRuA2FibQIxMQABHRpbfVldBBy2ZGbr1yTGzrCC1llw6jeuC7W6Kg1xKUYXI01RK3JsWWquPA_aem_vOZ3PGrSHvLhs-vBhtqMZq

Donation Letter Tracking Sheet:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17QPGD39BJKd63n51respdUJCnU1dDDK9EeuY72NDjuq/htmlview>

- 4. Grants In Aid:** Kirstie McLeod presented some options for possible grants that the Dry Grad Committee could apply for within the regional district and Scotiabank. Lindsay and Amy will look into these grants and apply if possible.

5. Other Fundraising Options:

- a. **River City Gift Cards:** Therese Slack will be approaching River City about setting up a Fundraiser in the future for gift certificate sales. *(Update: Therese confirmed that River City will do a fundraiser for Dry Grad in March)*
- b. **Dairy Queen:** It was also reminded to approach Dairy Queen and discuss portions of Cake sales going to Dry Grad.

Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 4th, at 7pm in the Brooks Library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm