

MEETING MINUTES



BROOKS
DRY GRAD
2025-2026

DATE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2025



New Committee

Co-Chair: Melissa Fraser
Co-Chair: Aja Plows
Co-Vice President: Brandi Thompson
Co-Vice President: Lindsey Zakkour
Secretary: Heather Raffin
Treasurer: Cherie Clark

Overview

- **\$60,000 budget** set for 2025-2026 dry grad event
- **\$200 registration** fee includes hoodie, t-shirt, and event entry.
- Multiple **fundraisers** planned: Runway Revival, wrestling, comedy night, gift wrapping, meat sale, golf tourney, and more.
- Strong focus on **community and business donations**.
- Emphasis on **early planning** and **diverse subcommittees** for success.

Budget, Registration, and Survey Results

- Approved September 9th meeting minutes
- introduced board members and roles
- Storage lockers cleaned; 15 years of dry grad items organized
- Annual carryover: \$7000; \$3000-\$10,000 reserved for reunions.
- Dry Grad theme survey: 92/200 responses: 'Blacklight Neon Glow' won

Event Planning: Food, Activities, and Subcommittees

- Surveyed 63 kids with no food issues, 10 vegans, 7 gluten- free, 2 vegetarian, several severe food allergies.
- Top food requests: sushi, McDonalds, pizza, Cookery, tacos, fruit. veggies, popcorn, candy.
- Preferred activities: bouncy castles, casino, dancing, DJ, laser tag, photo booth, fishing simulator, ball pit.
- Majority preferred dry grad end time: 2am, followed by 3am and 1 am
- Proposed registration fee: \$200 (includes hoodie, t-shirt, entry fee); budget goal \$60,000; fundraising and early registration emphasized for success.

Corporate Donations, Prizes, and Volunteer Roles

- River City donates event space for upcoming 'Runway Revival' ; goal to raise **\$5000 - \$8000** from event on **October 10, 2025**.
- 100 tickets at \$60 each, drinks sold at \$12.50; additional fundraising via games and auctioned outfits.
- Comedy night schedules for **November 8**, past events raised **\$5,500 (2023)** and **\$13,000 (2024)**; target **\$10,000** this year.
- Much Music Dance Party planned for **February 14**; expected revenue **\$15,000**
- Other fundraisers; wrestling event (**\$2000**, if sold out), Hospital Auxiliary (**\$2000**) , Dairy Queen cakes (**\$500- \$800**). BC Liquor Store donations (**\$500**), Escape Room, Trivia/ Paint nights, flower sales, and corporate donations.
- Emphasis on community outreach, social media, promotion, and seeking volunteers for various roles and subcommittees.

Communications, Promotions, and Next Steps

- Prizes for past events were unsatisfactory; new strategy includes soliciting donations (e.g., Nintendo Switch).
- Fundraisers planned; Runway Revival (tickets at multiple locations, and parents), wrestling event for charity, and burger/beer night.
- Promotion use to social media (Instagram, Facebook), posters, and word-of-mouth; need volunteers for Facebook management.
- Safe rides fundraiser ended mid- 2023-2024 due to Transport Canada regulations; alternatives being considered (cabs, buses, Uber).
- Next meeting schedules for **Thursday October 9th, 7:00pm** in the library; focus on subcommittees, registration, and event planning.

Action Items

Organize and Promote Runway Revival fundraiser

Coordinate with local businesses, manage ticket sales, and ensure even logistics for October 10th fashion show.

Coordinate Registration Process

Work with Lindsay Zackour, Sherry, and Heather Raffin to open registration in October and manage student sign-ups.

Recruit Volunteers for Event Serving and Subcommittees

Collect names and contact information for those willing to serve (food, our kids can help with this) at fundraisers and join subcommittees.

Seek a Facebook page manager

Find a volunteer to manage a Facebook account for Dry Grad 2025-2026 communications.

Explore Rage Room fundraiser logistics

Research available spaces, insurance, and safety requirements for a potential rage room event.

Connect with Cheryl Milne for Nintendo Switch donation

Write a letter to request a Nintendo Switch donation for event prize.

Connect with party rental companies

Review Party Works out of Vancouver website and gather suggestions for equipment rentals for grad event. Rental deposit to Party Works needs to be done in next month.

Confirm next meeting logistics

Check with Mr. Edwards (Secretary Heather Raffin) to confirm library book for October 9th meeting.

Communication to students and parents

PIE, BOP, and Trades students not receiving email notifications.

Thank You!

Brian Palmquist! Donating the dumpster to clean out the storage lockers!

You! Thank you to everyone who is or will be volunteering this year. It takes a full community to put this together.