

Claremont Grad 2020 Meeting Minutes

Location: Zoom meeting
Date: June 2nd, 2020
Time: 7 pm

Participants- 36 including the following Claremont staff: Mr. Westhaver, Aaron Buckham, Andrea Martin, Christine Knapp

Moderator –

Karen Medler, Dry Grad Treasurer

Welcome and review of May 26th meeting minutes –

Allison Dawson, Chair Dry Grad Committee

Principals update – A look at what the school doing is for our graduates

1. **Feedback from virtual ceremony compilation** – 227 students have had their moments of fame walking across the stage at school - thanks to all staff and parents who participated. Lots of smiles from the students! Those video clips are now being edited and will be put together by Roll Focus for use in the video production. This will be blended together with the Zone. Aaron Buckham confirmed we have a Claremont Alumni participating – it'll be a surprise.
2. **Looking ahead at Grad week**, Monday the 22nd Chelsea Giordano and Darren Reisig will be announcing district scholarship recipients and additional award recipients, these will be posted.
3. **Grad day, June 25th** – Grads will be at the school to say 'bye' to their Teachers, school envisions a natural and casual experience. Students enter through one door and exit another and will be given their diplomas and blankets as they exit and likely their yearbook. There would be a table outside where the kids will go to pick up these items. Following pick up students depart the school. This is a formal event where all Claremont staff will be there to celebrate the students – Logistics for this portion of the day are currently being worked out by the school and will be shared later on. Mr. Westhaver stressed students should wear comfortable foot wear.
4. **Note:** This is **NOT** a parent viewing event
5. **Dry Grad committee will be volunteering** – tasks to be determined as planning evolves
6. The plan is to have a google sign-up so friend groups can attend in groups of 25
7. Masks have been ordered for all kids for school walk-through – will be handed out on entry (these have been supplied by the Grad executive)
***The school will share full details for this portion of the day as planning develops.**

Dry Grad Parent executive update – this portion of the day is entirely parent run

- The executive is looking into replacing the traditional Dry Grad party with a car parade around Ring Road at UVIC. Students can be dressed up or casual if they prefer. They would decorate their cars and drive slowly around ring road for all parents, grand-parents etc. to cheer them on and wish them well. Still awaiting permission from UVIC and will speak to this further during our next meeting.
- Lisa has communicated with UVIC and although we don't have full permission to proceed with this plan yet - Questions about marshalling and parking were their biggest concern
- We will be utilizing two parking lots – kids back into every other spot – we are anticipating to have the Saanich police support this by marshalling and leading the vehicle parade with our Claremont mascot alongside –we will have purple balloons leading the way
- Once details are firmed up we will share a google map of the route inclusive of start and finish points with all Grads and parents.
- Kids to decorate their vehicles – before the day's events kick off

Action item;

- **Police presence**– Mr. Westhaver and Allison Dawson to look into their contacts and follow up
- **Suggestion made to have:** keen grade 11 parents or leadership students to assist in the vehicle parade around ring rd., so grade 12 parents can watch. School and or exec. To look into this.

50/50 Results - Lisa Wergeland conducted a virtual live draw for the winner!!

- \$7,320.00 raised via 50/50 and the winner is - **Sandra Wolf** just made \$3,660.00 – that makes for a nice day☺
- Gift of flight West Jet tickets winner – **John Campbell** – maybe a 2021 trip!?

CONGRATS TO THE WINNERS!

Thrifty's Smile Cards Results – Lisa Wergeland

- Everyone encouraged to pre-load cards before June 20th with a goal of raising more funds
- Since January we've raised \$1,300 via this fundraiser

*Thanks to Lisa for her dedication to these initiatives – great results!

Decorations committee update – Committee was not present for this

- **June 25th Claremont walk through** – in talking to the kids Mr. Buckham suggested to do similar to video production photo shoot stating it was ample

Treasurers Update – Karen Medler

- Currently **\$9,176.00** in account
- money raised has gone towards- blankets for all grads came in at a cost of **\$7,896**
- face masks for all 300 grads came in at a cost of **\$1,950** plus tax
- miscellaneous decoration costs approx. **\$500.00**
- Funds that are left over will go direct to the class of 2021 to assist in starting off their fundraising

What does June 25th look like for our Graduates of 2020 – here's a proposed schedule

- Grads meet at Claremont for walk through the school: **12pm – 2pm**
- Leave Claremont head to get photos at UVIC gardens: **2pm – 2:30 pm**
- All grads to be at UVIC parking lot (details to be shared soon) at **2:45pm**
- Drive slowly around ring road: **3pm – 4pm**
- Depart UVIC ring road and head to individual viewing parties: viewing starts live at **5pm**
Note: The video production will remain on YouTube for future viewing and you will be able to move within the production to view the parts you want once it is no longer live.

***Set times and details outlined within are being finalized and will be confirmed at our June 9th meeting.**

Next Zoom meeting details

Date – June 9th, 2020

Time – 7pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5986598273>

Meeting ID: 598 659 8273

Excellent resources for staying up to date:

Claremont Grad 2020 webpage: www.claremontdrygrad.weebly.com

Facebook page: Claremont Dry Grad 2020

