

Dry Grad Parent Committee Meeting Minutes Oct 7, 2024

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Grad students approx. 173 – Erin to confirm

Venue Discussion

Action Items

Oct 7, 2024 – emailed Cineplex for a quote

Kelly Gannon will get quotes for venues. Parents for dry grad will convene before Oct 31, 2024, to discuss. The goal is to have a venue booked by the end of Oct 2024. There may be another meeting before the end of Oct 2024.

Kids Suggestions: Zoo, Aquarium, Playland, Arcade, The Rec Room Burnaby, Cineplex, Science World, Escape Rooms, Cruise, Karaoke Place, Paint Ball, Laser Tag.

Feedback/Suggestions during the meeting:

- Community Center – casino night/have different activities for kids to choose from. Feedback for last year: the venue was too big for the number of students at Cariboo.
- Cineplex might not be a good idea since kids cannot interact with each other and end up falling asleep.

Other Suggestions: Another option could be renting a venue like the Nikkei Centre in Burnaby (might be cheaper) or Deer Lake (lots of places to rent for events) and then adding stuff the kids want to do like karaoke, Laser tag, bowling, casino, psychic, character artist, bring in food, DJ, hypnotist, video gaming, escape room games etc. Create stations at the venue and this allows kids to enjoy different activities and could be more cost-effective than some of the other higher-end venues like Science World. This then gives students variety and meets most of what kids want. Just my suggestion.

City of Burnaby venue rentals:

<https://www.burnaby.ca/services-and-payments/venue-rentals>

Partyworks has a lot of activities for renting for events: <https://partyworks.bc.ca/category/products/all-products/>

<https://houlegames.ca>

<https://www.fraservalleypartyrentals.com/rentals/carnival-games>

Party Kings do Casino rental for events: <https://www.partykings.ca/Port-Moody.php>

You could rent out Rev's Bowling in Burnaby and also then rent other activities, have a DJ, and casino <https://www.revs.ca/revs-burnaby/party-events/corporate-events.php>. Just another suggestion

Fundraising Ideas

1. Purdy's Chocolates
2. 60/40 Online Raffle
3. Bottle & Clothing Drive scheduled on Saturday, Jan 11, 2025 – this will be led by Asta Larsen.