

Grad Meeting 2026 - October 22

Welcome:

Brie Sorensen asked the group to review the previous meeting minutes.

Alex McQueen asked that we please add yourself to the Facebook Group - **KSS 2026 Grad PAC (Kwalikum Secondary)**. Add Friends. Make sure everyone is answering the security questions.

Attendance:

Brie Sorensen	Ainsleigh Hammill	Amber Nixon
Morgan Ray	Colleen Murray	Vanessa Bernard
Orchid Storey	Kristen Magel	Amy McIntyre
Heidi Storey	Katrina Stranaghan	Michelle Bennett
Jaylyn Sorg	Robyn Gervais	Christina Sigouin
Merrilee Blanchard	Mandy Levesque	Mason Sigouin
Michelle Rock	Aimee Falkenberg	Patrick Jiggins
Joanell Bitz	Becky Brietsprecher	Kat Pummell
Nicole Backe	Amanda Binder	Trina Jiggins
Ma Einarson	Brittany Pearce	Amanda Heap
Janet Pettit	Alex McQueen	Andrew Lee
Andrea Sannagh	Jillian Porter	

Principle Andrew Lee let us know that there are 190 grads.

Alex McQueen approved the minutes, Morgan Ray second
Jalyn Sorg approved the agenda Michelle Bennett second

Review of the venue options:

Due to capacity, 190 attendees plus dates and volunteers, our venue should accommodate upwards of 300.

Off the hook 200 max - minimum food

Cocokoos 200 plus

*Civic centre 400 -700 - June 6 **double check food trucks, triathlon the next day*

*Lighthouse- May 30, 6

Ti Na Mara - haven't heard back yet

Coast Bastion Nanaimo **discussion came to agree that it was too far to travel*

*Coombs Rodeo Grounds (Arrowsmith Hall)- Commercial kitchen and cutlery dish ware June 6th

Mount Washington- Raven lodge ** was dismissed by the end of meeting as the venue had been booked*
Arrowsmith Golf course - needs extra security fence and tents

We decided the options would be; Arrowsmith Hall, Qualicum Civic Centre, Lighthouse Community Hall and the Tigh-Na-Mara. Orchid Storey will create a survey for grad input.

Student input:

Orchid Storey joined us as a representative from the Student Grad Counsel. She shared the graduates ideas and thoughts as she has heard. They are confident that they want to be able to bring dates to the

event. There is a challenge with communicating with the whole class. **We are encouraging the grads to connect to Google classroom CAPstone to check for communication. Instagram page will be tended more regularly - @KSS Grad 2026.**

Grad council meeting group chat via Snapchat. They are trying to meet bi-weekly.

So far the grads are hosting the following fundraisers; Concession at volleyball games. Grads are going to take over pizza Wednesday. 50/50 at the Generals games.

Heidi Storey (parent) and Orchid Storey (2026 grad) to liaison between the two groups

Principle Andrew Lee to add link to the website as a connection for both grads and parents

We were able to finalize the prom date; **June 6th 2026**

Venue input from grads will be given by Friday October 24

We will book catering: **Extreme Eats for the June 6th date**

Treasurer Michelle Bennett Report (vague as the information is still being passed between last year's committee and this year):

Approximately \$10,000 leftover from last year (traditional)

\$6500 scholarship leftover from last year (traditional)

\$6000+ for scholarships that was left as extra

Storage paid for this year

We need a donation letter to start approaching the community. Monetary asks will need to be on KSS letterhead and signed by Andrew Lee, while physical asks can be our standard letterhead.

The bottle drive was by far our most profitable fundraiser last year

This year's has already been booked; **January 10th 2026**

Amber Nixon can be contacted for storage

Extremely Eats has offered their bottles- Morgan Ray volunteered to pick up bottles weekly

If you know of any other businesses that would be willing to have weekly pick ups, please approach them and organize or bring it to the group for help.

Parade - Are the grads still keen? This year will be a particularly long one. It seems the consensus was that it is tradition and will go forward. There may be further discussion.

Committee positions:

Fundraising; Alex McQueen, Amber Nixon

Parade; Jaylyn Sorg, Kristine Magel

Pancake breakfast; Paula Elgood

Donations & Prizes; Morgan Ray and Michelle Bennett ***they would love to have a lead for this role**

Food & Beverage; Robyn Gervais

Grant writing; Nicole Backe

Scholarships; This is allotted through a KSS school committee

Insurance; Coleen Martin

Fundraiser ideas

Andrew Lee brought forward communication that the *Qualicum Collective* has put in a volunteer request for their Halloween Haunted house event; Set up Thursday 4-9pm, Friday 9am-2pm, Saturday morning clean up

Haunted house donations will to go to this year's grad committee

Moonlight madness; Alex McQueen to spearhead. She will be leaving town for the month of November and will require help. She will make moves to secure us a position at the event. The committee will need to make moves and plans for; hot chocolate, photo Booth, (70) wreaths

Family Ford car wash

Tree chipping

Next meetings

Open Fundraising; Meeting October 29th @ 7pm

General Meeting: November 5th @ 7pm

Make sure your email is available to receive updates from Brie. Please send to kssparentgrad@gmail.com