

Minutes from the Grad parent information meeting Tuesday, November 16th

Andrea Dunlop

Presentation on Capstone project

Students are expected to write a proposal for a project that will allow them to share their gift, their passion, their skills with someone else.

Proposals are already coming in:

- Teaching art classes at Columbia House
- Organizing a skateboarding camp
- Writing a school newspaper
- Creating a series of TicTocs on what it is like to be a teenage female hunter in the Kootenays
- Creating lesson plans for health class on a subject they believe is overlooked
- Creating presentations on mental health for boys
- Starting a coding club at a local elementary school
- Organizing regular movie nights for younger students to give them something to do and fundraising for the youth centre

The kids need to identify a 'problem' and then propose a solution. They need to find a mentor to help them with the process, they will need to blog their progress each month with an image and finally, in May, they will present their projects in the theatre.

The presentation will state the problem they identified *'Kids in Vancouver do not understand the culture of hunting in rural BC and therefore do not respect it.'*

They will explain how they proposed to fix or solve the problem. How the project proceeded; if it was successful and how or what went wrong and why. There must be a PRODUCT at the end: a club, a video, a book, a business or a piece of music.

Students should have their proposals finalized before winter break.

Shannon Warren

A presentation on next steps for post-secondary school applications

We suggest that if kids are thinking of taking a gap year, they still apply for post-secondary school now and the scholarships now and once they are accepted defer their acceptance for one year. It is much easier to apply with the support of councillors here at DTSS than doing it alone next fall.

Shannon emphasized the importance of students getting in contact with a recruiter from the institution they are interested in attending. This person will help them solve concerns about grade expectations, housing and SCHOLARSHIPS!

Grads should start visiting the Grad space on the DTSS website for more information. There are links to sites that allow students to fill in one application for hundreds of possible scholarships.

Glen Sage
Grad ceremonies in June

It is difficult to make any decisions yet as we do not know what regulations will be in place in June.

Joanne Gray suggested our first step should be a survey for the kids asking them what they want for grad. That survey will probably happen in February.

Only students that have attained the credits to graduate may cross the stage in June. However, they will still participate in the dinner (if there is one) and the grad march.

Suggested dates were: Grad march Tuesday, June 28th and Cap and Gown grad ceremony Wednesday, June 29th.\

Also, there was a discussion on perhaps having a dry grad this year. This typically takes fundraising and parent volunteers. Glen was going to ask Nipika if they had space for June 29th.

IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT WITH GRAD PLEASE EMAIL GLEN SO HE CAN PUT YOU ON HIS LIST.