



## Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2016

**Regrets:** none received

**1. Welcome-** All in attendance were welcomed by president-Kathy Boutilier.

### **2. Committee Reports-**

- a. **President** – Kathy expressed condolences for the family of Wallace Berrey on his recent and unexpected passing-Sylvia is an active school volunteer and PTA member.
- b. **Treasurer** –
  - i. Danielle DeGraaf provided written statement of account (attached) citing a closing balance of \$11, 323.21. A cheque was received from New Minas Recycling intended for playground maintenance-this was added to the ear-marked \$3000. Expenditures since last meeting included rental fees for bouncy castle and obstacle course for Spring Fling.
- c. **Principal/Vice-Principal-**
  - i. Mike Oullette reported that the student allocation meeting decisions were being made at a Board meeting this evening. KCA enrollment for the 2016-2017 academic year is projected to remain at 610, with 60 anticipated primary students. About half of new primary students will be in French immersion. There will be no draw for immersion required this year. Class caps will soon be announced, with KCA having exceptions, as there is no further physical space. Additional information will be provided to Kathy to fan out to the PTA group. There is discussion and support for ongoing Walk and Wheel Days to promote active transit to and from school. Students will partake in a school grounds clean up in Earth Day-Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Juli Waterbury will be donating gloves (written report provided).
  - ii. Victoria Laurence indicated that the Resource Department is collecting donations for their annual silent auction taking place as art of Spring Fling.
- d. **Town of Kentville** –
  - i. Eric Bolland reported that Spring Clean Up in the Town is scheduled to take place on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> in and around the downtown core, including West Main, Park Street and Center Square. Details will be shared through the town and via PTA when finalized. Kentville is also embarking on new branding for the Town.
  - ii. Andre Bouchard cited that the Town has been participating in several projects with students from the Community Development program at Acadia University. One such project is re-design of the Oakdene playground. Students in Mrs. Gillan's class will be provided with sand to make design suggestions for the new play space. Another project is centered around the collection of data for the Youth Engagement Strategy.



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## d. Town of Kentville (continued)

ii. Trailblazers has been tremendously successful for the spring season, with 60 applicants for the 24 spots available. It was noted that several students return to this program. Let's Talk About Outdoor Play will be held on Thursday, April 28, to engage parents in discussion around getting kids outside-including identifying barriers and generating possible solutions. Trailblazer participants will be supervising the school playground during this meeting time. The Town has developed a DRAFT of a map highlighting the walk and bike routes to/from the school, including three Park and Walk locations. Existing Board policies around bussing students was briefly discussed.

See also provided a written report provided.

## 4. Old Business-

- e. **Teacher Appreciation** – Cheryl Lake provided examples of various school-supply related gifts for teachers, as well as an Appreciation Station and inclusion of students in May. Mister Print was suggested as a local options for copying. Any further assistance with prep. will be done at next meeting. Decided on dates of May 23-27, 2016. Staff have an in-service on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. Coffee and cupcakes were suggested to be sent into the classes. **ACTION ITEMS:** Cheryl will purchase cited supplies to make tokens. Kathy will coordinate coffee and cupcakes.
- f. **Spring Fling** –Danielle stated that the food has been ordered. Arrangements are being made to secure additional BBQs. Punch cards will be used again this year. The date is set for June 1<sup>st</sup>, with rain date on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. **ACTION ITEMS:** none
- g. **Valu Village** – Donations have been going well. The first area truck will be at KCA on April 28<sup>th</sup>. So we must prepare!
- h. **Art Blitz** - Rosslyn Gillan reported that they committee has decided to postpone the Art Blitz until such time they are able to attract adequate artists. The event will most likely take place during the month of October. **ACTION ITEMS** none.
- i. **School Photography Vendor** – Group briefly discussed the presentations at March meeting from school photographers. Group present indicated some preference to make clinicians. Kathy reported that the students at Coldbrook and Wolfville schools had positive experiences with Calnen Photogtaphy. **ACTION ITEMS:** Mike will contact Calnen to advise them of their successful bid.

5. **Other**-no items were raised.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 17, 2016 @ 6:00pm (KCA Art Room)**

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Lake  
PTA Secretary – 2015/2016



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