



## Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2016

Regrets: Rosslyn Gillan

### 1. Welcome-

The meeting was called to order by Kathy Boutilier, President. She noted that the presentation from Value Village will be moved to later in the agenda.

### 2. Committee Reports-

#### a. President –

- i. Kathy reported that she had planned to attend a Joint PTA meeting in February; however, it has been postponed until April.
- ii. She asked about the missed P-3 skating day recently, as it was cancelled as preceded by three cancelled school days. Mike indicated that it could possibly be re-scheduled; however, teaching time and ice availability have to be considered.

#### b. Treasurer –

- i. Danielle DeGraaf was not present at time of agenda item; however, Anthony reported that there has been no change in account since last meeting.

#### c. Principal/Vice-Principal

- i. Mike stated that the Board is in the process of consultations for the hiring process for a new Superintendent.
- ii. The Syrian family in the school community is settling in, and the students appear to be doing well. There are a number of supports and resources in place at present, and he expressed concern about all of these resources/supports ending at once, stressing the importance of ongoing support. The family is connected through the Kentville Rotary Club as well. There a
- iii. Has been no word to date on the possible arrival of the Somalian family.
- iv. Mike stated that he is arranging for brief presentations by three photography vendors for the March meeting, as the school's contact is up for renewal. They will present at 6pm, prior to completion of regular business on the agenda.

#### d. Town of Kentville –

- i. Eric Bolland and Andre Bouchard were not in attendance to provide their updates.

### 3. Old Business-

- a. **Movie Night** – Next Movie Night at the school is being held on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, with doors opening at 6pm for 6:30pm start in the cafeteria. Admission by free will offering and canteen as per usual. The movie selection is "Good Dinosaur", which will be purchased by Juli for use once released. All supplies needed at Costco were picked up by Jeri-Lyn Levy. Kathy volunteered to work the door, and Laura will ensure information is printed in the upcoming school newsletter, as well as posters and on posted to the school website and Facebook page. Danielle and Anthony are arranging for the food and



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set-up of the canteen, including the float and cash box. It was decided that popcorn would be distributed in advance to be popped at volunteers' homes and delivered to the school for bagging. Juli is coordinating volunteers required. Danielle asked that Foote's Farm Market and Rustic Ridge Farms be recognized for the donations of bananas and apples.

#### 4. New Business-

- a. **Spring Fling** – Dates were discussed, and set as Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, with a rain date of Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Laura will prepare the letter to be sent out to new primary students coming in and will add punch cards to invite them to the event. The group was in favor of using the punch cards again, as it simplified processes. Anthony reported he is willing to schedule activities and coordinate canteen/order food. Group discussed bouncy castle and other activity ideas. Group to consider options/ideas and e-mail Anthony by Monday. There is a need for 10 volunteers for the canteen/BBQ-Juli will coordinate. We will need the use of two additional BBQs and 5 coolers. Will serve Jimmy Dogs again this year. Rosslyn will coordinate sign-up amongst teachers. The Resource department will do silent auction again.

#### 5. Other-

- a. **Chartwells** – Dawn asked about the Chartwells contract, expressing concern of food served. Mike stated that he food services contract is handled at a Board level, rather than by each school. Group in attendance indicated that the online advance meal ordering is efficient and convenient.
- b. **Art Blitz** – Cheryl noted that a proposal for this event was to be put forth to the PTA for consideration of funding. Victoria reported that another meeting is pending, following which a request will be put forth for supplies and/or lunch for artists.
- c. **Drop-Off Loop** – Anthony indicated that he was asked by a school parent about the policy for the drop off area/loop in front of the school. It is a source of congestion in the morning when families park in this area and do not leave promptly. This matter is repeatedly communicated to families verbally and in writing.

#### **FUNDRAISING PRESENTATION – Value Village Donation Drive**

Paula Huntley introduced Diane Henry from Value Village-Halifax (Bayers Lake) to the group. Diane presented a fundraising opportunity for the PTA that would see collection of accepted items, for which the school would be paid \$0.15 per pound of soft goods and \$0.05 per pound of hard Goods (household). Diane suggested that she would be willing to bring a truck to the school the afternoon of Spring Fling, so as to eliminate need for storage space in advance. She can then transport goods back to metro to weigh and provide school with payment. The PTA must complete and submit an application, providing registered non-profit #.; Kathy volunteered to complete and submit this. Group in attendance felt this idea would be well-received in the community, and arranging in concert with Spring Fling would make good sense.



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Meeting was adjourned at 7:04pm.

**Next Meeting: *Tuesday, March 22, 2016 @ 6:00pm (KCA Art Room)***

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Lake  
PTA Secretary – 2015/2016