



## Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2015

Regrets: *Sonja Bent*

1. **Welcome** – Meeting was called to order and those present welcomed by president-Kathy Boutilier.
2. **Committee Reports**
  - a. **President** –
    - i. Kathy presented a letter received from Mdm. Caron (G.5 French immersion teacher) requesting support for purchase of French books for her classroom library, citing no budget allocation for classroom books. Her letter indicated that it is difficult to find books of interest for the grades 5-8. Discussion followed, including points regarding fairness and equity with all teachers/classrooms. Mike Oullette indicated that there may be funds available from the global fund at end of the school year. He further noted the librarian's efforts to build French library resources. It was noted that the PTA provided each teacher with \$200 from the proceeds of Spring Fling.  
  
**ACTION ITEM(S):** Mike Oullette stated he would speak with librarian regarding possible solutions that would benefit a greater number of students. Kathy Boutilier will compose written response to Mdm. Caron's request citing PTA unable to fulfill her request, providing rationale.  
  
Laura Churchill-Duke will be meeting with a group of local school PTA representatives on February 2, 2015 for a brainstorming/idea-sharing session (per brief discussion at last meeting).  
  
**ACTION ITEMS(S):** Laura will report back on meeting at February meeting.
  - b. **Treasurer** - Danielle de Graaf provided a brief Treasurer's report, as there has been minimal activity since December meeting. Refer to report submitted for additional details.
  - c. **Principal/Vice-Principal** –
    - i. Mike Oullette reported that skating starts next weeks for students in grades P-3, with information soon going home to families. All skaters on ice must wear helmets, and there are to be no shoes worn on the ice surface. Grades ¾, 4 & 5 will be curling this year, with middle school students going on a ski trip.
  - d. **Town of Kentville** –
    - i. Eric Bolland tabled a letter from the Kentville & Area Youth Association regarding their dissolution and donation of remaining funds to area schools. A cheque in



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the amount of \$1332.34 was presented to the PTA, with the funds directed to be used in support of marginalized youth in the school community.

e. **Town of Kentville** – (continued)

- i. Active Living Coordinator-André Bouchard reported that the Trailblazers program is full and running well. The Girls Soar program is currently on hold. The Gym Jam program for students in grades P-3 has opened additional spots for participation. Bubble Soccer at the indoor soccer centre will start as soon as equipment is received, with the program open for drop-ins Mondays and Thursdays between 3:00pm-4:00pm for kids aged 9+. The Town has been checking the ice thickness at the frog pond at Memorial Park and communicating this on the Town website and Facebook page. Free skates continue at the arena on Wednesday mornings and afternoons on Thursdays and Saturdays. Free pre-school aged program at the soccer centre will continue for the next two Saturdays, and will look for another venue to continue. The School Travel Planning committee will have its inaugural meeting following this meeting tonight at 7pm. The Skate Park Association is currently reviewing three design proposals, and selection of a design concept is the next step in the process. The Town received a \$12, 000 grant from Weston Bakeries, which will be used to support several seasons of after-school programming, including purchase of bubble soccer equipment.

### 3. Fundraising

- a. Laura Churchill-Duke reported that she has received positive feedback regarding the Christmas Vendor Shopping Party, and that it is likely that the PTA could do again next year, as there is a minimal amount of work required.

### 4. Old Business-none

### 5. New Business

- a. **Movie Night**-Winter movie night was discussed, and decided that it would be held on Thursday, February 26, 2015 in the school cafeteria, with the movie choice of Big Hero 6 (second choice-Lego Movie). Doors will open at 5:30pm with a free-will offering, and film starting at 6:00pm.

**ACTION ITEM(S)**: Anthony Sherrard will coordinate canteen per last movie night. Kathy Boutilier offered to manage the door/admission. Further discussion of volunteer coordination will take place at the February meeting. Volunteers will meet at the school the day of the Movie Night to prepare microwave popcorn and bag for canteen. (SaveEasy was suggested as perhaps offering a reduced price on popcorn for school event.) Laura Churchill-Duke will ensure event information communicated via the KCA Facebook page, school website and newsletter.



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## 6. Other-none

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.

**Next Meeting: *Tuesday, February, 2015 @ 6:00pm (KCA Art Room)***

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Lake  
PTA Secretary – 2014/2015