



## Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2015

Regrets: *none received*

### 1. Welcome-

Meeting was called to order and all were welcomed by president-Kathy Boutilier.

### Committee Reports-

- a. **President** – no report
- b. **Treasurer** –
  - i. Danielle DeGraaf provided written statement of account (attached) citing a closing balance of \$10, 433.19, with contribution toward physical education and resource programs now being withdrawn.
- c. **Principal/Vice-Principal**
  - i. Mike Oullette reported that there have been some teaching contracts determined for the 2015/2016 year. The new part-time Vice Principal position has not been filled to date. Several current teachers have accepted permanent contracts elsewhere, including Tanya Aiken (Gaspereau), Courtney Casey (St. Mary's), Tashina Baltzer (Kingston), Rachel Peters (New Minas) and Susan Hoare (Hantsport). Also leaving other positions at KCA are Beth Kingsbury, Monique Arsenault, Allison Coldwell, Caitlyn Mitchell, Kimberly Beckett, Shauvan Cleveland and Kathy Harland.
  - ii. New teachers will be joining the staff, including Jodi Durling and Tyra MacLeod. Not all assignments have been made to date.
- d. **Town of Kentville** –
  - i. Summer Recreation Intern-Karlee Perry was in attendance, and reported on the status of summer recreation programming for youth. She indicated that day camp registration is taking place on June 2<sup>nd</sup> between 5:00-7:00pm. She cited a number of camp programming changes this year, including specialty camps, a lunch program, and no charge before/after camp child care. Specialty camps will be offered to those aged 9-14 years of age, and Trailblazers for those between 5-8 years old. This year, camps will end on Fridays at 12pm, such that staff can partake in training and education activities. Fees for a full week remain unchanged at \$100 per week, with a sliding scale offered, and daily lunch for \$3.
  - ii. Eric Bolland reported that there are 34-35 new students from Town coming to KCA and NEKEC next year.



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## 2. Fundraising-

- a. No report/discussion.

## 3. Old Business-

### a. Teacher Application for Funds

- i. Draft of application form reviewed by those in attendance, with suggested minor revisions. Discussed plan to roll out to teachers in September. **ACTION ITEM(S)**: Cheryl Lake to make revisions to form and prepare covering memo.

### b. Spring Fling-

- i. Anthony Sherrard reported that the food has been ordered for the canteen. One BBQ has been secured from Total Energy, with two more required. **ACTION ITEM(S)**: Cheryl Lake to seek BBQs from community business networks. Anthony to also continue seeking. Mike to pick up BBQ from Total Energy.
- ii. Nine (9) volunteers required to assist with BBQ for food preparation and cooking. Required to be available starting at 4pm. **ACTION ITEM(S)**: Juli Waterbury and Erika Sheen to work on securing volunteers.
- iii. **ACTION ITEM(S)**: Juli Waterbury trying to get paper plates for serving food. Victoria Laurence to ask Chartwells about purchase of 300 paper trays.
- iv. Five (5) cash boxes required. School, PTA and Kathy each have one for use.
- v. Adequate coolers have been secured for use at canteen.
- vi. Mike will copy punch cards. Cards will cost \$5 each, with each booth being one punch on card, with the exception of the bouncy castle being two.
- vii. Roslyn Gillan has classroom sign-up sheet for booths posted. **ACTION ITEM(S)**: Ros will make map of booths.
- viii. **ACTION ITEM(S)**: School will arrange for additional garbage and recycling containers.

## 4. New Business-

### a. PTA End of Year BBQ-

- i. To be hosted by Laura Churchill-Duke on Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 5pm- families welcome. Laura and Kathy to supply hotdogs and hamburgers. **ACTION ITEM(S)**: RSVP to Laura as soon as is possible. Bring a salad or dessert.

### b. School Garden-

- i. Dawn Hare reported that the Town is awaiting the design from the horticulturist, with the garden boxes being built as soon as the designs are completed. There will be a need for volunteers to assist with this. The maintenance of the garden will be a good fit for the Learning Centre during the school year, with summer camp participants and Moms in Motion maintaining over the summer months. There will likely be an assembly with the school students on the design and plan. **ACTION ITEM(S)**: Dawn will have further information at a booth during Spring Fling.



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**c. Nourish Your Roots-**

- i. Dawn Hare reported that this pilot fundraiser is still in the planning phases, with pricing options for bulk versus a box being discussed. She stated there has been a lot of interest in community groups and schools about this fundraiser. Fall fundraising plans for PTA were discussed. **ACTION ITEM(S)**: PTA to add as a fall fundraiser, in addition to Vesey's Seeds campaign, Dawn to have a booth set-up at the school orientation night in September. Dawn has another meeting next week, and will learn more details to pass on.

Kathy offered thanks and appreciation to the group in attendance for their efforts to the success of the PTA this school year. Meeting was adjourned at 6:57pm.

**Next Meeting: *Tuesday, September 15, 2015 @ 6:00pm (KCA Art Room)***

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Lake  
PTA Secretary – 2014/2015