



Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2015

Regrets: *Erika Sheen, Sonja Bent, Andre Bouchard, Jennifer Banks and Sylvia Berrey*

1. Welcome-

Meeting was called to order by president-Kathy Boutilier.

2. Committee Reports-

a. President –

- i. Kathy reported that she has received information again this year from Rocky Mountain Christmas Tree Farm and their school fundraising offer. Each harvested tree purchased by a KCA family will result in \$5 being donated back to the school and \$5 to the Cancer Society. All in attendance were agreeable to promoting this within the school; Kathy has information for circulation.

b. Treasurer –

- i. Danielle DeGraaf provided written statement of account (attached) citing a closing balance of \$10, 468.59. Expenses included \$250 contribution toward the Wallace Barteau Scholarship.

c. Principal/Vice-Principal

- i. Mike Oullette and Victoria Laurence were in attendance, providing verbal reports (with written report attached).

d. Town of Kentville –

- i. Andre Bouchard sent forth his regrets for the meeting. No report available.

3. Fundraising-

- a. **Veseys** - Cheryl Lake reported that the Veseys Seeds campaign had total sales of \$2556, with a profit back to the PTA of \$1092 after purchase of prizes for top class, individual seller and participant draw. Arrangements will be made for order pick-up once the shipment arrives.
- b. **Nourish Your Roots** – Dawn Hare reported sales of 228 Farm Boxes, with \$2280 back to the school (not the PTA) toward a healthy school initiative. She cited a lot of positive feedback from participants. She will be attending a meeting with Nourish Nova Scotia to debrief on the project pilot.
- c. **Printed Christmas Cards** – Kathy brought forth information regarding a possible fundraiser from Caroline Hunt. The concept is students creating their own artwork for the front of the card, and having them professionally printed in packages of 10 for \$10. 100% of proceeds would go back to the school. Considerable discussion ensued specific to timelines and turn-around time for orders, inclusion if presented as specific to Christmas and completion at home versus in the classroom. Group decided that fundraiser could be facilitated by classroom teachers, should they wish to participate.
ACTION ITEM: Kathy to prepare a flyer describing the project, with artwork due November 13th and delivery for December 1st.



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4. Old Business-

- a. **Movie Night** – Laura reported that the Movie Night will take place Tuesday, November 10th, beginning at 6:30pm in the cafeteria. Volunteers to make and bag popcorn just prior to the event at 5:15pm were discussed; Juli will ensure sufficient volunteers. Juli will get the movie. Kathy volunteered to work at the door, with doors opening at
- b. **Campbell's Labels for Education** – A box was placed in the office to collect labels-comments that box was too small. **ACTION ITEM:** Victoria will have box replaced with a larger one.
- c. **Saucer Swing** – Laura stated that she contacted the playground equipment manufacturer regarding modifying the saucer swing. This cannot be done, or any warranty is null and void. Kathy expressed her concern with the costly equipment item for use both by school students and the community not being in use. **ACTION ITEMS:** Kathy to contact Glooscap Elementary to determine how they manage use of their swing. Laura to contact manufacturer to determine if the swing can be lowered (so as not at mouth level of most students).

5. New Business-

- a. **Winter Wear Recycle** – Crystal indicated that she is unavailable to assist with this initiative the day of Parent-Teacher (November 26th). **ACTION ITEMS:** Crystal to contact Vail's regarding picking up of donations, while Cheryl will arrange a truck to pick up the afternoon of the 25th. Dawn will make a donation box for the school donations. Juli will coordinate a group of volunteers in the afternoon to sort clothing by sizes, as well as to attend to event during afternoon and evening Parent-Teacher times. Victoria cited that Learning Centre students can also be available to sort clothing the morning of November 26th.
- b. **Vendor Shopping Party** - Laura reported that the plan is to proceed with this event, take place also during Parent Teacher on November 26th. Laura will be the main contact for vendors. It was clarified that the fee is per table, not per vendor, as there was some confusion on this last year. The sale will be opened up to the general public after Parent Teacher. There will be door prize ballots given to all whom attend, as well as those who make purchases from vendors. Vendors will each be asked to contribute to the door prizes. **ACTION ITEMS:** Laura will contact Kevin with the Town regarding use of tables.
- c. **Christmas Shopping Party** – This event will take place on Friday, December 4th during the school day. Laura and Sylvia are happy to organize this event this year. **ACTION ITEMS:** Laura will e-mail Dana to let her know that they would be willing to take this over. Juli will coordinate volunteers to assist with sorting donations on the evening of December 3rd, as well as for the day of the event.



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6. Other-

- a. **Uncommon Art** – per Principal’s Report (attached)

Meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm.

Next Meeting: *Tuesday, November 17, 2015 @ 6:00pm (KCA Art Room)*

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Lake
PTA Secretary – 2015/2016