

QES HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 6:30pm

Present: Kelly Barrieau Tara McGraw Kristi Young Hillary Williams
Tara Thibault Adva Yael Breanne Mather Amanda MacMullin
Amanda McCarthy Lindsay Dow Jill Powell Candace Hatfield
Emily Thornton

Regrets: Deb Irvine- Anderson Natalie Gaddess

1.0 Call to order at 1835hr

2.0 Welcome

Everyone introduced themselves and Tara welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3.0 Additions to Agenda

None

Approval of agenda

Moved by Hillary Williams seconded by Tara Thibault

CARRIED

4.0 Approval of Previous Minutes

Moved by Adva Yael and seconded by Tara Thibault to approve the minutes from the May 2019 meeting.

CARRIED

5.0 New Business:

5.1 Executive positions for next year

Tara introduced executive positions including herself as President, Tara Thibault as VP, Kelly Barrieau as school liaison, Kristi Young as Fundraising Coordinator, and Hillary Williams as treasurer. The position of secretary is still available, and, until filled, Tara McGraw to cover. Amanda McCarthy has offered to do some social media coverage as well. Home and School is looking to divide and conquer some other areas as well, including the playground committee, staff appreciation, fun days etc.)

6.0 Unfinished business

6.1 2nd Annual Fun Run Update

Still looking for volunteers for the run. Sign up sheets passed out to attending members. Fundy Soccer to provide volunteers for the 1 and 3 km. 18-20 volunteers needed for routes and water stations.

Run Kits assembly on Sept 25th at 6pm and early run kit pick up on the 27th from 5-8pm at the school.

Runners will be encouraged to bring their own water bottles, but Styrofoam cups to be provided as well.

Volunteers requested to be at the school on run day by 7am.

6.2 Outdoor basketball net install and pavement stencils

The school already has 2 basketball nets that can be installed on the brickwork outside of the kindergarten wing. This was discussed in the spring of last year, and the district had expressed that they would do it. Currently there is masonry work going on at the school, Kelly B to inquire about installation of nets. If district not available to do, there is someone else who has volunteered that we can outsource.

Hillary W. has obtained stencils from the district, as well as paint. She will look into when is the optimum time to do this. Volunteers may be needed.

6.3 FM system and Mics

\$4000 was budgeted to provide towards upgrades to the FM system and Mics for classrooms. Only \$1200 has been used. New microphones have been ordered.

7.0 Chair Reports:

7.1 Treasurer

Hillary presented fiscal update. Spreadsheet attached.

7.2 Staff Appreciation

To take place in Feb 2020

7.3 Fundraising

Kristi provided a handout for the fundraising schedule for the fall and this info will be sent out to parents in a newsletter to be done by Amanda McCarthy.

The tentative fundraising schedule is as follows:

QES Fun run on September 28th

Fall Basket Raffle- October 21- November 1 (Lindsay Dow volunteered to head this. Thank you Lindsay!)

School clothing- November 7-22 (Tara M. to head this)

Java Moose Coffee- November (Tara T. to head this- it will take ~ 3 weeks to come in once ordered)

Best Seat in the House tickets- December 9-17 (Christmas concerts will be at Kings Valley again this year. Tickets to be raffled will win optimum seating and parking)

Members are asked to think about fundraisers for the spring and bring them to the next meeting. Ideas already include Local Auction Fundraiser, Summer basket, Epicure, Scentsy)

*N.B. Tara M brought up idea of signage for the front of school to advertise special events- she will inquire about this.

7.4 Playground

Tara M. updated on the playground improvements that happened over the summer by Cobequid Construction. They installed a customized 3 slide structure and dome. Both have been a big hit with students so far! Future endeavors include more accessible equipment, inquiry-based play and musical equipment. Members brought up about missing handles on the monkey bar set, as well as rust on the chains of the swings. It would be nice to have soccer nets and to inquire again about the accessible pathway (with the district). Amanda McCarthy has access to large tires and a possibility of donation of picnic tables from Kents. Kelly B to inquire about tires and if allowed as well as Innovatia Grants. Tara M to contact Cobequid re equipment upgrades.

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Meeting adjourned at 1926hr.

Next meeting October 17, 2019.