



## **Kingswood Elementary School**

### **Parent School Association Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 6:30pm**

**Meeting Chair: Deanna Gallaway**

**1. Welcome and attendance:**

Deanna Gallaway, David Gallaway, Cheryl Penny-King, Tanya Chambers-Spriggs, Carmelitta MacIntyre, Carrie McBay, Sarah Schendler, Michelle Amero, Tanya Moxley.

**2. Approval of January 2017 Minutes:**

Approved by Tanya Moxley

Seconded by Deanna Gallaway

**3. Update from PSA Executive-Deanna Gallaway**

Deanna Gallaway advised that Scotia Wealth has made a very generous donation to the PSA.

Manulife has also made a very generous donation to the PSA.

These funds will be put toward purchases for the school to improve resources and increase opportunities for the students and teachers of Kingswood Elementary.

The Citrus Sale Fundraiser was discussed and the PSA committee agreed that we would not participate in the 2017 sale and will likely resume it in 2018.

**4. Spring Fair- Cheryl Penny-King**

Spring Fair was discussed as well as the possibility of partnering with the Kingswood Ratepayers Association to host the fair and opening it to the community as they host a similar event yearly at the school. Deanna Gallaway will submit a proposal to the Ratepayers Association this week.

Cheryl Penny-King will be announcing planning meetings and a call for volunteers in the coming weeks. The committee will be relying heavily on parent volunteers to make this fun event possible.

**5. Lunch Time Programs- Cheryl Penny-King**

The PSA will continue to coordinate the lunch time programs. Several of the vendors are excited to return this Spring and Cheryl is exploring new activities that will appeal to different ages and interests. The PSA will likely continue to advertise the lunchtime programs electronically to alleviate extra work for school staff re: forms. Parents are asked to keep an eye out for PSA and school emails announcing sign-up dates and links. The programs are expected to begin in April.

**6. Principals Report-Carmelitta MacIntyre;**

It was announced that the significant amount of money that the Province held back re the teachers “strike” action will be used to purchase products and technology to benefit the students at Kingswood.

VP Carrie MacBay also outlined a “wishlist” from teachers for purchases by the PSA and with other funds. This year they are looking to focus on items and programs that emphasize Science and Technology.

Some of the teachers “wish list” items include coding equipment, K’nex, snap circuit equipment and “Makey Makey’s” which are kits appropriate for students to learn computer programming, art and engineering skills. The wish list also includes the purchase of more board games for indoor lunches and gym equipment.

**7. Health Promotion Committee- Michelle Amero**

The “Nourish Your Roots” fundraising profits must be used toward health and nutrition initiatives. Michelle has done some research into resources available from the school board and their nutritionist. School staff will look into inviting the board nutritionist to the school to see what initiatives are available that could be worked into the existing curriculum.

Michelle is also exploring the processes for applying for Health Promoting Grants, school breakfast programs, classroom cooking kits and school food gardens.

**8. Other Discussions-**

Tanya Moxley discussed the possibility of the introduction of “Loose Parts Play” which consists of using natural or synthetic materials that can be moved, redesigned, carried, combined, lined up taken apart or put back together by students during snack and lunch time to allow kids to create, move, manipulate, problem solve and discover. The PSA will inquire further regarding the possibility/ feasibility of adding this concept to the school yard.

**9. Meeting Adjourned at 8:05pm**