

Holland Road PTA

Meeting Minutes September 23, 2020

Meeting held virtually through Zoom

Attendance

Carol-Anne (Mrs. Larade)

Joanna O.

Jamie A.

Chandra

Tracey

Regan

Ashley

Corey

Jennifer

Christina

PTA Roles for 2020

Principal	Ms. Larade
Chair	Joanna
Co-chair	Chandra
Volunteer coordinator	n/a
Communications (Email / Facebook)	Regan
Lead for Individual Events	Determined in advance
Nourish Your Roots	Tracey
Minute Taker	Jamie
Treasurer	Corey
Teacher representation	Krista Chaban

Principal Update

Kids are doing very well under new system with masks, social distancing, hand washing, etc. Focus to date was on getting kids into new routine and developing relationships. Glad to report that classes will not have to be reconfigured. A Math coach is temporarily assigned to our school in an effort to support our opening and our speech pathologist is now based at Holland Road, but will continue to provide the same services to us and other schools on her caseload.

Will be starting up breakfast program next week (simplified and individually packaged to be safe).

First school newsletter was sent out by google docs. Will look into having resent as not everyone

noticed. This contains the picture day dates as well as other calendar dates.

Financial Update

Nourish your roots account has \$239.00; General PTA account is at \$9,900.00; Front of School Improvement Account \$4,300.00.

Classroom Needs

School account has provided some funds to teachers for consumable pieces for each class, i.e. math counters and containers. Decided to wait and see what classroom needs will be in coming months before PTA decides what allowances to grant to teachers for classroom needs.

Clothing Orders

Will look at for January for grade 5s and will consider a whole school clothing order option as well if permitted.

PTA Fundraising

Looking for ways to fundraise through third party portals to avoid cash being sent to school. Also considered a GoFundMe page. Carol Anne will look into what we are permitted to do to fundraise without cash going to school.

Bubble Run – kids will have an in class bubble run without parent volunteers. PTA can provide individually packaged snack (frozen yogurt/ freezies) and ask Mr. Wells to make it special with music. Will provide bubble machines and solution. Tracey and Carol-Anne will try to organize the event. Consider rain barrels, epicure, private donations from events, mabels labels. Need to find fundraising that involves money through online media and delivery outside of the school.

Playground Improvement Committee

At some point it may make more sense to have the Playgrounds Improvement Committee merge with the PTA. Half of the front of the school was refurbished - garden boxes removed and dirt and sod was installed. Benches for outside classroom to be donated by Ledgedge lumber and set up in 3 locations. One area by front of school, one by ramp and last by field fence at top of hill. The plan is to use these outside classroom spaces as much as possible throughout the year – weather permitting.

Received quotes from Cobequid. The quotes have been reviewed and additional questions and comments provided. Waiting for revised quote. Submitting report and plan to various groups (Autism NS, OTPT, Fire inspector) for review for inclusiveness, safety, etc. Will be released to wider group once feedback obtained.

Halloween

As we are not permitted to host a Halloween Howl or other event, can we purchase a snack to deliver to classes during a class Halloween dress-up party.

Parent Communications

To facilitate communication we will invite parents to volunteer to set up grade specific facebook page to allow parents of each grade to connect socially and share information and support.

Future PTA meeting dates

October 20, 2020 (Tuesday) at 6:30 by zoom