

Sir Charles Tupper PTA Meeting Minutes
October, 2018

Attendance: Patricia Woodbury, Erica Phillips, Clare B, Cathy Baillie, Monika W, Shelly C, Cindy M, Trish B, Shannon L, Beth F, Kathy Ann R, Jane C, Nadia, Dan S, Aimee S, Jennie Colburne
Regrets: Paula K, Kim K

Welcome to new and returning PTA members.

Reviewed and approved minutes from June 2018.

President report: (Clare Bilek)

Teachers luncheon at the end of the year was a huge success, thank you to Shelly for leading and Cindy and Clare for helping.

End of year BBQ went well, thank you to Cindy & Robbie for leading. Cindy & Robbie will be doing the BBQ again this year.

Our first event, the Ice cream social went well, thank you to Shelly for leading.

Last years Grade 6 closing ceremony went well, thank you to PTA for supporting that. Rental of chocolate lake and party was fun.

We got our deep freezer. Thanks to Dan.

We are going to do BINGO again this year, planning to check with Sarah to see if she's ok with running it again this year.

Treasurer: (Shannon L- new lead)

Thanks to Nicole M for her years of service. So far everything looks good. Classroom allocations have been done, pizza money collected. On track for a good year.

Principal/Vice Principal: (Patricia Woodbury/Erica Phillips)

September has come and gone, we went over cap in Primary and had to move some kids around in classrooms, they all transitioned well.

The pre-primary's went to the tech room, moving the maker area to the library. We have space for 4 more pre-primary students. They will be opening up the spots to out of area kids next week. If we get 4 more it will bring us up to 18 pre- primary children.

Stand up against bullying went well.

Mrs Phillips was able to get the shark tagging team to come speak to the students in grades 3-6 about sustainability. Huge hit! Thank you Erica!

Grade 6 leadership team has been formed. Their first mission was helping unload the fresh vegetable nourish your roots boxes.

Terry Fox run is this Thursday.

Orange shirt day went really well, coupled with education on what it was for made an impact on the student body. Intramurals started for grades 3-6.

Mad science lunch started.

Grant money arrived early from the department of education. \$5200.00

Last Friday's PD day was all about writing and was helpful. Patricia W met with our councillor, Sean Cleary. Went well, he's looking into some things for us, picnic tables, etc. The field will be very expensive to fix (\$13-16,000 just to soil and seed and that would go back to the state it's currently in. So not a great way to allocate funds. We may add height to the fencing, he will look into pricing of that for us.

Vote taken and approved by PTA for Mr. MacDougall. We may use some of the funding for new soccer nets for the field.

Looking into quotes. Will revisit soon. (Up to \$3000 approved by PTA members.)

Many complaints about steps on Norwood street side of school crumbling. Very unsafe, should lead to repair.

New director of operations for HCE was originally from HRM so that should be helpful with decisions and "who's responsible for what" type questions.

Natalie Diaz from Ecology action centre would like to talk to PTA. Possibly next meeting (November 6, 2018). They would like to do a survey of how many students walk to school and how to increase that number.

Doing a traffic study in the area, also looking into parking safety before and after school pick ups.

Committee Leads Update

Safe Arrivals - new lead Paula Kolysher. Thank you to Aimee Silver for all past years as lead. All going well, but we still need a Wednesday afternoon shift person. Elaine Jansen will possibly be able to take this shift.

Refundables - Aimee Silver (lead)

Going well so far. Money raised goes to charity of choice by winning classes, plus winning class gets a fun party. Magazine campaign - Beth Farquhar

Kicked off yesterday. Very user friendly online. Top sellers will get prizes. 37% return on magazines.

Wine campaign - Clare/Caroline

Launched yesterday as well. Through Bishops Cellar. Great selection available this time. White, red, or mixed case available. Pick up at warehouse on October 16.

Tupper Gardens - Erica Phillips (Rob is the official garden pro)

Went well over the summer thanks to Erica. Beans to be harvested. Erica made her class zucchini muffins to show that the garden actually yields food. Kale is coming up nicely.

150 nourish your roots boxes sold. 34 boxes donated to charity, to be split 17/17 between Adsum House, and Dartmouth Housing.

The gardens need more people power/volunteers. We also received our water barrels. Will make good use of them this year.

Tupper Times - Jane Crowell (new lead)

Friday was her first Times and it went well, and looked great! Library Committee - Jane Crowell

Everything going well. Open concept study/maker space/ meeting space area. Making small gains in the process. Got tables, some furniture, little details still being worked on. Will need

more funding.

Jane from Excel has been doing some incredible paintings based on library books, and kids input for the space.

Papa Mario's Lunches - Monika Wile

Going well. Thinking of setting up e-transfers to help make it easier. Also, papa Mario's may replace pizza program with online hop on/hop off program so parents can select to have pizza lunch once, twice, or every time. (Healthyhunger.ca)

School Clothing - Monika Wile

Will launch after the wine and magazine fundraiser. (November) Will display samples for students and parents to touch and see, tshirts, zip hoodies, hats, and toques to start. Then we will take orders and see how it goes.

Cindy M will create photo of clothing with logos to display by sample clothing.

Book Fair - Kim Connolly will lead this again this year. December 3-7 during parent-teacher days.

Mabel's labels - Shannon Langston

Soft sell still selling. May do a push in the Times.

Other Business

Benches/picnic table update - picnic tables should be coming soon, Sean Cleary will be providing funding. Benches need to be quoted. Janet Lilly will be looking into this.

Halloween Dance - October 25, need committee for that. 6-730pm last year it was by donation, this year \$2/family and donation, plus canteen. Fog machine may add some extra fun.

Adult Dance is back by popular demand- St Mary's boat club, November 23. We need a committee for this. Kim C will do liquor license, Cindy M will help with set up and clean up.

Next meeting will have a discussion about vendors selling and contributing to fundraising for school. Aimee Silver, epicure, would like to show/sell her products with a portion of sales going to Tupper. Other vendors may wish to do the same.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 6, 2018, at 7pm