**PTA**

**January 31, 2024**

**Attendance:** Kathlene Robinson, Sean Sangster, Maja Kandali, Jennifer Falkenham, Lara Ajmati,  Shawn Samamba, Beth MacLellan,  Tanya Conrad, Nancy Bradfield

**Regrets:** Cynthia Rigby

**Welcome/Introductions**

* Introduction of Nancy Bradfield, Acting Principal
* All committee members introduced themselves

**Literacy Day Family Open House Update - January 26th**

* Great Success - Approximately 40% of students had someone to read with from their family/friends
* Students given juice and a snack
* Question - would PTA be interested in sponsoring a Math event of the same magnitude to supply the drink/snacks?
	+ **Action:** Agreed

**Math Games Open House - February 23rd 11am**

* Formed out of success of Literacy Open House
* Same format (9:30 School wide assembly, 9:30-10:00 students engage in activities/games with their older buddy, 10:30-11:00 recess and snack, 11:00-12:00 pm parents/family can come to participate in Math games with their child
	+ **Action:** will get date out in February newsletter

**School Clothing**

* Cynthia is looking into a new company to provide school clothing
	+ **Action:** Cynthia will provide an update next meeting

**Canteen**

* Huge thank you to Jennifer for taking on the canteen leadership role
* Twice a week - Tuesdays and Thursdays 9-11am
	+ **Action:** Shawn will be trained by Jennifer next Thursday as an additional volunteer
	+ **Action:** We can put out a search for volunteers in the newsletter if that is wanted
	+ **Action:** Nancy will look into “best before” food policy or regulations

**Winter Walk**

* Postponed do to weather and sidewalk safety
	+ **Action:** Ms. Stewart will provide a new date

**Breakfast Program**

* Going very well, Carla Chambers is the lead
* Food delivery from Vegetorium (fruits/vegetables), Armstrong (granola bars, cereal, cheese strings)
* Costco - pick up, Square Roots (fruit) pick up
* If we ever need more money to support our students, HRCE will provide funds

**Fundraisers**

**50/50 Tickets**

* Launching on Monday February 5th (photocopier was without toner)
* Tickets to be sold until March 6th, draw March 7th
	+ **Action:** C. Withers and Cynthia are compiling and sending out

 **Seed Campaign**

* Vessey’s - no longer supplying
* Make it Sow - Sean has ordered a information pkg
	+ **Action:** Sean will update once information is received

 **Pizza Dough (Uncle Bucks)**

* Sold last year - was a success
* Dates: Begin February 20th, End Date March 1st, Goal to Pick up for delivery March 6th
	+ **Action:** Tanya to contact Rick Tanner to see if

**African Heritage Month**

* Daily Quiz question of the day - friendly competition
* Drumming ensemble - next week
* Guest Speakers
* Looking for other ideas
	+ **Action:** Hoping to have map of NS with the historical black communities labeled on map - Troy States

**Spring Fair** **- June 1st 10am-1pm**

* Looking for lead for this event
* Ideas
	+ Bouncy Castle
	+ Cotton Candy Machine
	+ Silent Auctions
	+ Canteen - pizza? Hot dogs? Pop? Water?
	+ Halifax Water Commission to support?
	+ Invite Police, Fire, Radio Station, MLA
	+ Bank volunteers come to the event - match funds?
		- **Action:** Kathlene to look into and purchase canvases for paintings for silent auction
		- **Action:** Kathlene and Nancy to look into and create donation letter
		- **Action:** Nancy to look into bank matching funds - if program still happens

**Funds in Various Accounts**

* Attached to minutes  document

**Binder**

* Would like access to binder (Dawn)
	+ **Action:** Tanya will speak with Dawn

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday February 28, 2024 @6pm