

Dr. A.T Leatherbarrow
Home and School Association
Meeting Minutes – March 1st, 2016

Attendees

Shawn Price (President)

Emily Dee (Vice President)

Natalie Mackenzie (Treasurer)

Stacy Barrett (Secretary)

Lisa Jardine (Principal)

Nancy Peters (Teacher's Rep)

April Leblanc

Dorothy Price

- **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:38pm.

The previous meeting minutes (January 5th, 2016) were approved.

Shawn informed the members that the meeting for February 2016 had been cancelled due to a mix up regarding DATL's Home and School Association's paperwork and payment for dues at the provincial level. Thanks to some quick action by Shawn and Natalie to get it sorted out, the DATL Home and School is back to regular business.

- **Treasurer's Report**

Natalie reported an account balance of \$6675.52

- **President's Report**

Shawn reported that many of the DATL parents came together under Emily's guidance and put on a successful staff appreciation week for all the teachers and support staff at DATL. Many

delicious meals and treats were prepared and delivered during the week of February 8th. A big thanks to everyone who helped out.

- **Vice President's Report**

Emily reported that the DATL Family Skate hot chocolate/cookies fundraiser that was held during the public skate on Sunday February 28th was not a success. Although there was a lot of people skating, very few came upstairs for the treats or to make a donation. It was discussed that this idea may be revisited at a later date with increased advertisement, signage, and perhaps a different day of the week to increase the participation of students and their families.

Emily attended the PSSC meeting in February on behalf of the Home and School. The buddy benches, activity bikes, and the SIP or Student Improvement Plan were discussed. The next meeting was to be held March 16th at 6:30. April Leblanc or Emily Dee were planning to attend and report back at the next home and school meeting.

- **Principal's Report**

Lisa reported that as March is Nutrition month, DATL was planning on providing two Fresh Fruit Fridays during the month. It was requested that the Home and School help cover the costs of one of the dates. Shawn motioned for the home and school to cover up to \$200. for Fresh Fruit Fridays which would provide healthy fruit to all 11 classrooms and 215 students. He also stated that Dave Wolpin from Kredl's had generously offered the facilities and the fruit at a discount for the event (as was done last year). The specifics to organize the preparation and distribution of the fruit on March 18th were to be done via the Facebook group email. The motioned was seconded by Emily and was approved.

A second request was made to the Home and School to help purchase more noise canceling headphones for the Kindergarten classrooms. These headphones are very helpful for many students to help them concentrate without distraction. The school currently has ten sets of headphones. Dorothy motioned to cover the cost of 10 additional noise canceling headphones, was seconded by April and was passed. Mrs. Creighton was to price good quality headphones with a warranty if possible, and the Home and School will write a cheque to cover the costs.

A final request was made to help purchase whiteboard markers for students at the school. With the help of a grant, the school was able to purchase individual small whiteboards for each student for daily use, especially during the morning message. The goal for the boards is to help keep students more engaged and help with informal assessment. The price of the markers was

\$2 per student. A concern about the high cost of the markers was raised and Shawn offered to look into lower pricing by the next Home and School meeting.

Finally, Lisa reported that the school was able to purchase 4 activity bikes through various community donations (Hampton River Runners, 50/50, Rotary Club) and /or grants. These bikes are helpful for many students who require movement/physical activity to maintain attention and focus on learning. DATL appreciates the support of the community for such equipment to aid in the lives of students of the school.

- **Fundraising**

Value Village: The Value Village/Spring Cleaning Fundraiser was confirmed. Community members and families can donate bags of used clothing, toys, and household goods while “Spring Cleaning” and DATL Home and School will receive funding via a percentage per bag donated. Some guidelines were that no appliances are accepted and that one must be able to lift it alone. It was decided that the best date for this fundraiser was Saturday April 23rd to coincide with the Hampton Community Spring Leisure Services Registration Day. Advertisement was to be done via the DATL talkmail, the DATL April newsletter, and possibly the digital sign outside the Hampton Community Centre. Emily was going to write something up about the event to put in the ads and newsletter.

Kredl's food box drive: Due to concerns about the current business model at Kredl's, this fundraiser has been put on hold. It may be revisited in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday April 5th, 2016 at 6:30pm in the Staff lounge- All are welcome to attend!