

Hammonds Plains Consolidated School PTA Minutes

June 10, 2025

Attendance:

- Andrea Marsman (Vice Principal)
- Megan Hunter
- Kari McGinley
- Michelle Croxen (President)
- Sharon Higgins
- Lisa Oakie (Teacher)
- Carolyn Milne
- Carmen Bartlett (Secretary)
- Leanne Nowkowski (Past President)

Welcome/Call to Order: 6:30 pm by Michelle Croxen

1. Approval of October Agenda:

Approved by: Michelle Croxen

Second by: Carolyn Milne

2. Approval of September Minutes:

Approved by: Michelle Croxen

Second by: Lisa Oakie

3. Administration Report – Andrea

- In May/early June we had French Acadian cultural performances via a cultural grant, organized by Mme LeBlanc

- Cereal box challenge was a success. St Margaret's Bay Food Bank was grateful. Mrs. Oakie's primary superstars collected the most boxes and approx ½ of the donations.
- Primary orientation happened in two sessions. One for pre-primaries already enrolled at the school and the other for parents of new students.
- Fire Safety - the inspector came by and identified minor issues to fix. Big thanks to the Hammonds Plains firefighters who served up the food at our BBQ. We would like to invite them to come to the school to chat with the students about fire safety.
- Transition meetings for those attending MSMS next year happening Wednesday June 7 6:30 pm
- Field trip season is happening and continuing until June 20. A reminder school cash is optional payment system available on school website.
- Friends from the Tantallon library stopped by the classrooms to chat about the summer literacy club. For more info visit:
<https://www.halifaxpubliclibraries.ca/locations/tantallon-public-library/>
- Last of the 7 Sacred Teachings assemblies happened this week with the final teaching being humility. In June we will focus on trust and honesty.
- Modular buildings update: the concrete has been poured and the project is moving along quick. There will be some demo out back and where the portables are now will become parking. Reminder our school is 100% bussed. There is no parking at the front of the school. Please continue to use the kiss and go when dropping children off at school.
- 2025-2026 school calendar is available at
<https://www.hrce.ca/news/2025/05/26/2025-26-school-calendar>
- Staffing almost complete for next school year. Three teachers are retiring.

4. SAC Report -

No meeting this month, no report

5. Treasurer Report - Kari

- Budget -\$250 to come from Rick Burns for BBQ

- At BBQ we sold tickets for the 50/50. Winner took home \$145 we raised \$142.
- Wraffle baskets we recieved \$60 donations
- Superstore gave \$250 donation, Sobeys gave \$50, lowering our hot dog expense
- Frost Construction gave \$100
- September meeting Kari will be present to provide final report and hand over position to new treasurer.

6. A) Elections for September

- We will hold off on election until September for treasurer position and vice president.

6. B) Past Events/Fundraisers

- **Spring BBQ**
- led, thank you.
- Great turnout
- Firemen would like to return next year. Bring truck
- Jenn and her child would host CPA students with fun activities again. Face painting popular maybe triple number of face painters and limit to very few choices
- Start the BBQ earlier next year
- Takes 4 days to defrost hot dogs
- We had 15-20 hot dogs left out of 639
- People spent leftover tickets on canteen
- Need a laptop to play music from next year
- Canteen provided advice most folks prefer Apple or orange juice over the variety of flavours
- Garbage signs by Mrs Oakie's class were a great addition and lowered litter. We used large bins for trash.
- Sending thank you notes to those who helped out (firemen and students)

7. Upcoming events

- First day of school greeters needed, If interested please contact school administration
- Dates for events for 2025-2026 school year PTA events:
- Sept. 18 - Curriculum night
- Oct. 9 - Turkey Bingo
- Oct. 29 - Halloween Dance
- Nov. 29 - Santa Social
- Feb. 12 - Valentine's Dance
- June 5 and 6 have both been booked for the BBQ.
- *Lynn forgot to book the Spring Hop, so she is going to see about getting April 16 as Easter is pretty early this year and we figured there would be less chance of cancellations if we went with a bit later of a date.*

Meeting adjourned 7:20 pm