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**Year: 2016-2017**

**Executive Role/Title: VP Communications**

**Committee Members: Cathy Burgess, Erin Gaudet, Donna Griffin Heather McLean**

**Highlights from the year:**

The year once again we started with our traditional “Welcome Back.” It was held at The Kings Arm Pub. This activity is always a great way to start our school year and reconnect with our colleagues. Everyone enjoyed the great food and door prizes. In attendance were teachers-newer and older as well as substitutes and student teachers. Our Kings Local President, Natalie MacIsaac was in attendance to welcome the crowd back to the 2016-2017 school year.

The Communications Conference was held the end of September in Halifax. I had the opportunity along with Bev Roy-VP of PA/PR to attend. It was great to meet others VP’s of this committee in the Province and to be given the chance to work together.

The 25 Year Celebration did not happen this year as no names came forward to the committee. The committee is hopeful that this forthcoming year, this event will happen as it is a great way to celebrate those teachers who meet this milestone.

This year the Committee held a Teacher Appreciation event for the members of the Kings Local in April to appreciate all the things that teachers do to support their students and their colleagues. It was great to hear laughter amongst the group. The photo booth was popular and thank you to Theresa Pelley for setting this up and taking the pictures for us.

Our Kings Local Website continues to promote events. The Facebook page has over 200 members and is continually adding new members.

**Moving Forward:**

The Welcome Back event has already been booked for September 27th at the Kings Arms Pub and the 25 Year Celebration will be held in the Spring.

I would like to thank the committee for their help, support and patience with me this year as I continue to learn the ins and outs of this committee and complete my first year as VP.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Burgess

VP Communications