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Bee City School Application Form

Kent Public School

Ontario

A) School Information:

School: Kent Public School

Address 150 Kent St.

City: Campbellford Province/Territory: Ontario

Postal Code: K0L 1L0 Phone: 705-653-1540

B) Applicant Information:

Name: Mark Carlen Position: Teacher

Email: mark_carlen@kprdsb.ca Cell Phone: 705-653-8106

C) Becoming a Bee City School

Briefly summarize why your school should become a Bee City School (add/remove lines as needed).

As part of my ongoing attempts to green-up our school and provide hands-on educational experiences with nature, I would like to apply to be a Bee School to supplement my "Food Forest" that I started a few years ago. Since the area was an unused grassy area, I have turned it into an area where we plant trees each Fall. Since the trees are seedlings and will take many years to change into a forest, I have planted many wildflowers and allowed the area to become more naturalized, not allowing any mowing or groundskeeping to occur. I believe this initiative falls in line with the bee friendly environment you are trying to encourage.

D) Commitments and Actions

If you have any questions, please contact Shelly Candel - shelly@beecitycanada.org or 647-402-0133

In order to enhance the understanding of the students and staff about the vital role that pollinators play and what each of us can do to sustain them, the applicant agrees to meet the following commitments required of all Bee City Schools:

1. **Adopt this Bee City Canada Resolution. (see Section F)**
2. **Create a Bee City Pollinator Team.** The team which will be responsible for the Bee City program at your school. We recommend a committee of at least two teachers/instructors and two students as well as parent(s) and caretaking staff if possible. Expand table to add more rows, as needed.

Name	Role	Email address
Mark Carlen	Teacher	mark_carlen@kprdsb.ca
Storm Saito	Teacher	cheryl_saito@kprdsb.ca
S.H.	Student 1	
TBD	Student 2	

3. **Develop a Pollinator Habitat Action Plan:** Outline any initiatives which aim to improve, maintain or create new habitat for pollinators. Examples could include planting a locally native pollinator garden at your school or in the local community. Describe your plans for habitat and include a plant list.

As noted above, I have already started a natural area. Among the trees planted I have many natural pollinators. The area will continue to be planted yearly with new fruit and nut trees to go along with my Food Forest goal. Around the trees are planted flowering native and non-native plants. I will be aiming to add to it with wildflower mixtures. I will also possibly be adding a wildflower kit from Lower Trent Conservation if I am able to secure funds for the project. The Lower Trent Conservation kit includes Wild Columbine, Wild Lupine, Harebell, Black-eyed Susan, dense Blazing Star, Bee Balm. We already encourage the growth of natural plants like Mullen, Milkweed, comfrey, haskap bushes, elderberry, butterfly bush,

4. **Promote Education about Pollinators:** Outline any initiatives aimed at educating students, staff, volunteers, parents and/or the local community about pollinators.

I have been working with a student identified above as S.H. for a year in running a nature club that she oversees. I will assist her in continuing to complete a once a week meeting where nature is discussed and plan activities outside in the Food Forest such as the planting for Pollinator Week.

5. **Celebrate Pollinators:** Tell us about how your school will celebrate National Pollinator Week and/or participate in other pollinator-themed events.

To celebrate National Pollinator week I will provide seed, pots and soil, and the students in my class and the Nature Club participants will add to the natural plants already in the garden area. I will promote natural pollinator week with a media literacy campaign on the daily announcements.

E) Other Requirements

1. Publicly acknowledge receiving your Bee City School designation through your website, social media and by displaying Bee City Canada signage in a prominent location.
2. Annually apply to renew your Bee City School designation. A renewal application will be sent to you.

F) Resolution and Signature

WHEREAS the goal of Bee City Canada is to promote healthy, biodiverse habitats in communities across Canada.

THAT bees and other pollinators around the globe have experienced dramatic declines due to habitat loss, use of pesticides, industrialized agriculture, climate change and the spread of pests and diseases, with serious implications for the future health of plants, reptiles, birds, insects, mammals and humans; and

THAT schools have the opportunity to take actions to support pollinators by creating healthy habitats within their grounds and the broader community; and

THAT supporting pollinators fosters environmental awareness, increases interactions and engagement in the school and reminds of our responsibilities to take care of mother earth for future generations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT Kent Public School accepts the designation and commits to the 3 pillars of the Bee City Canada Program; creating healthy biodiverse pollinator habitat, educating whenever possible and celebrating.

Approved and adopted this

29th day of August, 2019.

Signature of Principal/Official: A DiRenzo

Please print Principal/Official's name: Adrianna DiRenzo

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____

G) Requested Attachments

With your completed application, please provide:

1. Your school logo (in png format) and usage guidelines.
2. A short 50-100 word write-up of why it's important to become a Bee City School. Include photos if possible and ensure there is parental permission. This will help us share the exciting news through our social media outlets.

Send your completed application to: applications@beecitycanada.org.