MEMORY EVENT SCRIPT – CHECK PRONOUNS (ALL ”HE” CURRENTLY)

This morning we come together to mourn the loss and celebrate the life of Grade 11 student Kaydence Bourque. Kaydence tragically passed away on Tuesday, after being hit by a car; he was 16 years old. Kaydence is survived by his loving family, Douglas and Crystal, who are here with us today, as well as his sister Ahria. Kaydence made close connections with a number of students and staff here and was an important part of our community.

Most of you who connected with Kaydence developed a friendship either in your many years at school, in band class or in the community; Kaydence loved being a musician ANY OTHER INFORMATION FROM STAFF AND CARTER/PETRA/BETH

In remembering NAME I will always see him as one of the most polite and courteous young men I have had the privilege to work with. In connecting with staff and students the words used most frequently in describing NAME was “Incredibly Kind”. TEACHER’S NAME also described NAME as a selfless person who thought about others first. He indicated that he would often see NAME in the school or in his own neighborhood and that NAME was always quick, with upbeat enthusiasm, to greet him with, “Hello TEACHER NAME how is your day going”. A simple gesture with such profound influence; Kindness is such a wonderful legacy to leave behind and certainly one we could all learn from.

In many waysNAME’s life was full of new beginnings, taking advantage of opportunities and not dwelling on the curve balls that life sometimes throws at you. Things were not always easy for NAME but as DIFFERENT TEACHER NAME described to me, “NAME always seemed to have a smile on his face and a look in his eye that gave you reassurance that he was going to persevere, that he was going to find his way.”

NAME’s life was cut much too short. Now, we all have our lives to live, our hopes and dreams to pursue, my hope for all of us is that we continue to take care of one another, that we are here to pick up one another when we fall and that we celebrate in each other’s success.