

# **Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation Inc.**

## **2014 Semi-Annual Meeting**

Tuesday, October 21, 2014, 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Queen Elizabeth Elementary School, Kensington PE

Registration began at 5:45 pm. Shirley S. Jay and Jean Davis distributed meeting packages to registrants upon their arrival.

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Peter Rukavina at 6:10 p.m. Ellen Campbell acted as Recording Secretary.

Peter welcomed members and guests, including Hon. Alan McIsaac, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, English Language School Board Superintendent Cynthia Fleet and English Language Board Chair Fred Osborne. Peter also outlined the format for the evening.

### **1. Adoption of Agenda 2014**

**MOTION:** The agenda be approved as circulated. Moved by Shelly Keenan. Seconded by Ann Miller. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **2. Adoption of 2013 Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** The minutes of the 2013 Semi-Annual Meeting be approved as circulated. Moved by Pam Montgomery. Seconded by Jannett Jones. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **3. Treasurer's Report**

In Shelley Muzika's absence, Joanna Stewart presented a brief report on the PEIHSF financials as of October 2014. See submitted income statement for further details.

**MOTION:** The financial summary be approved as circulated. Moved by Tracy Bergman. Seconded by Laura Hagen Grant. **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **4. President's Report**

Peter Rukavina presented the President's Report (see submitted report for details). In a brief overview, Peter touched on a few points of interest:

- Peter reported that he was the PEIHSF representative at the NS Federation of Home and School Association's Annual meeting. Although the NS organization is smaller than ours, the issues are very similar. He added that it is wonderful to have such positive relationships with our neighboring provinces and be able to brainstorm and share ideas.
- Peter emphasized to attendees that the PEIHSF is a "bottom up" organization that exists to support its members and local associations.
- Peter also reminded everyone in attendance that Home and School members include everyone at the school level - custodians, teachers, education assistants, administrators and others within the system – and that it is of great importance to get their feedback and include them in discussions. Two-way discussions and collaboration are key.
- PEIHSF's policy is set by its members and therefore the Federation looks to its members, including everyone in attendance, for input and opinions on matters of interest.
- He encouraged everyone to think about possible resolutions and submit ideas to the Federation office for consideration.
- Peter also spoke about the number of Federation sub-committees and the work of its committee members. He added that the committees cover a great spectrum of education related issues and that becoming involved doesn't require a great time commitment but the reward of being involved can be significant as well as very informative.

#### **5. New Business/Announcements**

Peter Rukavina called for new business from the floor.

There being no new business, Peter called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: To adjourn the 2014 Semi-Annual business meeting. Moved by Pam Montgomery. Seconded by Ellen Campbell. **MOTION CARRIED.**

So-ended the format business of the 2014 Semi-Annual meeting. At this point the meeting adjourned for a brief 15-minute break before continuing with the PEI Home and School Federation sub-committee break-out sessions.