



PEI Home and School Federation 66th Annual General Meeting & Convention, April 13, 2019 Evaluation Summary

Please take a few minutes to respond to the following questions by circling one number only for each question. Your views are very important and will help us to improve future events.

Please circle one answer				
Overall, my satisfaction with the event was...	Poor	1=0 2=0 3=0 4=8 5=28		Excellent
The opportunity for me to give input was...	Poor	1=0 2=0 3=1 4=12 5=23		Excellent
Overall, the time given to all agenda items was...	Poor	1=0 2=0 3=5 4=8 5=23		Excellent
Overall, was the buffet luncheon...	Poor	1=0 2=0 3=0 4=10 5=29		Excellent
Overall, was the nutrition break...	Poor	1=0 2=0 3=0 4=6 5=30		Excellent
The location of the event was...	Poor	1=0 2=0 3=1 4=8 5=27		Excellent
The usefulness of the round table...	Poor	1=0 2=0 3=0 4=12 5=24		Excellent
Is this your first PEI Home and School Federation meeting? Yes = 13 No = 24				
<p>What was most helpful for you at this meeting?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting a sense of the concerns and priorities and ideas of the parents and educators • Listening - to parents, members re: their concerns, barriers, solutions to a number of topics! Well organized! • Sharing ideas with others; passing of resolutions; being able to give input on discussion. • Enjoyed having an opportunity to meet with diverse groups of different locals - pre-meeting and during tea break. • Expanding on ideas on how to keep youth engaged. • Communication with other presidents. Learning new opportunities. Talking to other parents. • Awareness. There are a lot more people involved. • Meeting with others and learning new ideas about what they do at their schools • Meeting reps from other schools plus what they do: communications, fundraising (or not) • I enjoyed the Round Table model this year with the Rapid Fire Round. • Meeting in groups to discuss different topics; it was great hearing all the different suggestions / ideas • Realizing that an Ideal can be someone else's Barrier! • As a first time attendee, I was grateful for all the information available. The sessions were very insightful and have given me more confidence to help at our Home and School; to provide all we can for our students and community. • Reminder that all schools struggle with the same issues and hearing different / new ways to address them. • Information shared was very informative. • Being able to share / discuss ideas and concerns. • Booklets with all information for the meeting; Clear speaking and friendly atmosphere; Openness of communication and understanding of all. • The Round Table sessions which enabled you to voice opinions on all topics. • As always, sharing stories with other parents. The open sharing of experiences. • I got so much information about mental illness. • This is a very organized annual meeting. Marion is a key resource! Shirley is wonderful! Great job - to all Board members! I will be back. • As a school administrator, it is great to hear ideas I can bring to our school and school community. 				

What was least helpful for you?

- What is the next step after the carousel discussion? What happens to that information? Will a database be created to share with our schools? What expense to have consultants lead to discussion? Was that necessary?
- I didn't know how to prepare for today.
- I really enjoyed my first Home and School AGM and it was very interesting to sit and hear about so many topics and different issues being dealt with.
- Summary of Round Table discussions.
- I was too busy soaking everything in.
- I found everything quite helpful. Being new to the Home and School - any information is good information, and it's all helpful.
- Sensitive to the emphasis on strict time limits for the carousel round; if past evidence is any gauge, this feeling is not unique – others were uncomfortable. Perhaps a more relaxed format for discussion could be considered for future years or, at the very least, less emphasis on the timing aspect in the introduction to the exercise.
- The carousel seemed to be more individual issues vs. global issues with the topics. Can it be shared in an email? Maybe with response from those who can speak to the issues or solutions.

What was the most surprising thing you learned at this meeting?"

- Sense of the organization and event evolving. Using external facilitators. Also, because so many education officials present - a more low key tone; less fire in people's bellies; issues, but less intense than in the past.
- There were only two resolutions given the volume of 'ideals', barriers, and resolutions shared.
- The meeting was very formal, but I did not mind that.
- The Student Well-Being Team initiative coming to Three Oaks Family of Schools.
- The amount of potential resources that we have among our volunteers.
- How all the schools here on PEI are all so different.
- The large number of government employees are invited to attend, but do not stay for the full day's events.
- I'm glad to know other schools are experiencing similar challenges and are working to find useful solutions and actions to make things better.
- The challenges still surrounding diversity.
- Why people volunteer; Aspects of the Wellness Teams.
- Just how much support is out there for Home and School.
- Was not aware of pull up poster "our children, our schools, our future;" This, as I am aware, has not been at West Kent Elementary.
- The fact that Crossing Guards are not necessarily the responsibility of police; Kensington is now volunteer.
- All good.

What topics would you like to discuss at future meetings?

- Innovation (e.g. project-based learning)
- See today's notes posted! Send out to those who participated and others and ask for potential topics to further explore.
- Drug information, Special needs supports, Cyber Safety, Parent Awareness, Mental Wellness, School Food, Bullying, Mental illness, Homework - Yes / No.
- More supports for students who don't have a learning disability or have been diagnosed with anything; they sit right on the border and there is no extra help for these students; they are just left or told they need to be medicated by teachers.
- Some very solid ideas for parent engagement.
- Ways to bring the Families of Schools together and collaborate on programs in their communities. How to help the Families of Schools have better communication with each other.
- Why children do not fail in younger grades - always pushed through - set up for failure in high school. The need for mandatory CEP classes in high school.
- Why lunch food (cafeterias) is so expensive.
- Why (*are there*) no parent/teacher interviews in second semester in high schools.
- I really enjoyed the Round Table discussions. However, I would like to see outcomes in the future that indicate that this feedback has been utilized and incorporated.
- An area for improvement: To provide an overview of the financial statements for members to better understand (a) where PEIHSF gets its funding (b) what PEIHSF spends its money on.
- Sensitive to the emphasis on strict time limits for the carousel round and if past evidence is any gauge, that this feeling was not unique to (*some*), that others were also uncomfortable. Perhaps a more relaxed format for discussion could be considered for future years or, at the very least, less emphasis on the timing aspect in the introduction to the exercise.
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- Be nice to have Education Minister attend. I realize that wasn't an option as we are in the middle of an election.
- Is there a better way to do parent-teacher interviews?
- Outcomes from meeting. Processes.

Do you have other suggestions or comments about this event?

- The carousel sessions were good but required a lot of time to catch up on what was already said and written.
- Not clear (yet) if the input to the Round Table will be transcribed and made available online. Hope so. Cory said they would be posted. But then what?
- Keep doing what you're doing! Well done! Very well organized! Thank you.
- It was nice to have extra time in the morning to talk to other Home and School members.
- Love seeing the children participate and feel comfortable voicing thoughts and opinions.
- Great event. Look forward to being a part of Home and School for the years to come.
- There was a lot of great information presented.
- Great event, venue and lunch!
- Marion's talk about her time with Home and School was inspiring! Thank you for a wonderful year on the board!
- Only suggestion: Comfortable room temperature.
- Round Table was not long enough; having political parties present at Round Table; Having a guest speaker each year to give presentations on aspects to their roles (guidance, leadership, etc.). Offer a vegetarian/vegan option for lunch; label desserts.
- Pre-register for topics that are of specific interest to the school (or area) we are representing, just so a bit more time can be spent on those areas.

Evaluations received = 37