

PEI HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION
61st Annual General Meeting, April 12, 2014
Evaluation Form - Summary

The part of the meeting I liked best was...

- Presentation and Question and Answer with Minister of Education, Deputy Minister and Doug MacDougall **(20)**
- Tabling of resolutions and resulting discussions **(18)**
- Fellowship with fellow Home and Schoolers **(2)**
- Hearing the views/questions/opinions of others across the province **(2)**
- Marion Murphy - her professionalism in chairing the Resolutions **(2)**
- Great discussions during AGM
- Keeping traditions alive – important to the tradition of the founders – prayers, etc.
- Lunch!
- Robotics workshop—great job
- Seeing the power of the votes making changes for the positive
- The information booths and displays are always great.
- The information on Student Achievement Plan
- Fred Osborne
- Venue was cozier!

Two of the things I learned were...

- A better understanding of a variety of issues at these meetings
- Activities of the Home and School Federation **(2)**
 - Subcommittees **(2)**
 - Importance of role that H&S plays in the education system.
 - Home and School is not all that concerned about student achievement
- Plans and Initiatives undertaken by Department to address student achievement **(7)**
 - Student graduation transition planner
 - Goals set for June 2017 for graduating group—Very positive goal **(2)**
 - Grade 9 course selection process is changing for the better **(2)**
 - Student-teacher ratio is excellent 12.1:1 but test scores are low
- Priorities, plans and objectives for ELSB **(5)**
 - The chair of the school district is not qualified to be chair.
- *Help My Child* website **(3)**
- Initiatives of other Home and Schools **(3)**
 - Great and active associations exist
 - Other H&S associations have the same concerns I do
- Parents are key, have a voice in our schools & have power to make a change **(3)**
- Increased awareness of all the collaboration between partners regarding education **(1)**

- Communication between Home and School and government needs to be improved **(1)**
- The importance of resolutions **(2)**
 - The resolution process
 - Write a clear, concise, short resolution
 - Our local needs to review the resolutions in more depth before coming to AGM
 - It's a full year of activity that brings the changes that can be voted on
- Information on: Volunteer Bursary / Duke of Edinburgh credit **(2)**
- Robotics **(2)**
- Education is heading in the right direction
- There are still many differences between schools
- Every local association is very different, even if they represent the same levels of schools and grades.
- How much investigation is being done
- How much schools wasn't parent input and involvement
- The process of the annual meeting—better understanding of parent leaders
- To navigate and understand SAS

As a result of this meeting, I am hopeful I will be able to...

- Bring back to my local association and others in school community, concerns, issues & ideas **(12)**
- Continue to be able to represent our school in an educated and respectful manner **(3)**
- Access information on web sites: edu.pe.ca, peihsf.ca, helpmychild.ca **(2)**
- Encourage more parents to join "Home and School" **(2)**
- Parent engagement at the local level **(3)**
- Build a Lego robot! **(2)**
- Be more informed as a parent **(2)**
- Become more active in Home and School at local level **(2)**
- Approach the school board with my concerns
- Contribute to provincial board
- Develop a greater understanding of the "student achieve" initiative
- Discuss priorities of Home and School on PEI
- Encourage more people to come to AGM from my local.
- Get a Home and School started at Colonel Gray
- Get involved in student achievement
- Give an update
- Help promote the great resources PEIHSF has online
- Introduce the Community Volunteer Bursary to my children
- Plan more meaningful parent engagement (leadership) opportunities

I think this meeting could be improved if...

- There was more time for group discussion / round table discussions **(8)**
- Have stricter timekeeping on the question and answer section. This is not soap box time; Question and answer time should be treated more precious and gives attendees an opportunity to voice concerns, share concerns/ideas and get immediate, unfiltered government responses **(7)**
- More time given for discussion on resolutions **(2)**
- Better time management.
- Time is built in for running late.
- Have a dynamic speaker; workshops are questionable
- Have a sub meeting to pass regular “business” (i.e., minutes, bring along sheets, etc.) outside larger group meeting, either before the meeting (via email) or in person meeting the day before.
- Reports and protocols were circulated and explained in advance
- It is well organized and structured
- It remains secular; I am uncomfortable with the prayers and don’t understand what it has to do with education
- Mix the delegates at the tables even if it occurred after the break
- It was held in another venue
- Please return to Charlottetown Hotel.
- Meal was very poor.
- Priorities were more clearly defined—we can’t be all things to all people
- Shorter workshops and take in more than one
- The room temperature was more even—not a big problem though.

Any other comments, requests or suggestions?

- Great meeting; well-run and very controlled. Thanks for putting together another successful event. **(10)**
- Very informative! **(2)**
- Shirley Jay is excellent – considerate, knowledgeable and respectful of all present. **(3)**
- Could have arranged seating for families of schools. Helpful to network with other schools; i.e., Charlottetown Rural (3 tables), Souris—etc. Assist in meeting other parents and locals
- Excellent lunch
- Great to see other school reps
- Have shorter workshops so you can take in more than one
- I don’t think some workshops are that beneficial
- I found the discussion around Resolution 6 to be disappointing. It was shocking to me that one of our provincial board members described student achievement as a “fad.”
- I prefer a guest speaker in the afternoon
- Invite Principals, teachers and students to express their points of view.

- Involve more principals, teachers and students in the Home and School Federation (decision making).
- Marion Murphy does a great job
- Minister Alan McIsaac's message was very informative! Great to see plans in place for future!
- No need of prayers in this day and age **(2)**
- Glad that the Provincial Home and School believes in the H & S prayer.
- The Minister praised the teachers a few dozen times ~ What about the students and parents?
- The venue was not as accommodating (and really just not as nice) as the Rodd Charlottetown
- Use less paper—send reports/motions by email; have evaluation forms online; paper online by request

Total # received = 38