



PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION INC.



The More You Know

**68th Annual General Meeting
Book of Reports
Monday, May 10, 2021
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
(Virtual on Zoom)**

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation Inc. exists to promote the total well-being of children and the highest standards of education for each child in the province. The Federation works in partnership with other organizations who foster this ideal. The Federation encourages and whenever possible assists in the development of policies related particularly to quality education for each child and generally to the total well-being of children in Prince Edward Island.

HOME AND SCHOOL THOUGHT

We hope that our endeavors may at all times be guided by wisdom! May we use knowledge so our thoughts may be well directed and that we will be tolerant. May we use understanding and clear vision, so we always seek the highest good for our children, our homes and our schools. May we always have the wisdom to choose the right.

HOME AND SCHOOL CREED

We Believe

That Home and School should be concerned with everything that relates to the welfare of the child at home, and in the community.

That Home and School's main purpose is to bring together the home, the school, and the other educational forces in the life of the child, in order to work for the good of all children.

That Home and School should seek to learn about all conditions in the school, and in the community that affect children and youth, and encourage those which promote their growth and safety.

That Home and School work actively to promote public support for schools, so that they will be equipped with the best teachers, facilities, and other resources.

That Home and School should help parents increase their knowledge and understanding of their own role.

That Home and School should support the school in its efforts to give children and youth the education they need to become citizens who represent the best in Canadian national life.

That Home and School may question the school policies but shall not be used as a medium for criticizing or interfering with its authority.

That Home and School's guiding principles are those of social service, good citizenship, good will, and international peace. *Approved: AGM April 20, 2002*

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION

PRESIDENTS 1953 - 2021

1953 - 1955	Dr. Helen MacDonald (<i>Deceased</i>)
1955 - 1957	Mrs. J. P. Lantz (<i>Deceased</i>)
1957 - 1959	Reginald MacNutt (<i>Deceased</i>)
1959 - 1961	Mrs. Basil (Margaret) MacDonald (<i>Deceased</i>)
1961 - 1962	Eric J. Kipping (<i>Deceased</i>)
1962 - 1963	Dr. Kenneth Parker (<i>Deceased</i>)
1963 - 1965	Matthew F. Hagan (<i>Deceased</i>)
1965 - 1967	Hesta MacDonald (<i>Deceased</i>)
1967 - 1969	Charles Campbell (<i>Deceased</i>)
1969 - 1971	Jeannette Gleeson (<i>Deceased</i>)
1971 - 1972	Ronald E. Elliott
1972 - 1974	Dr. Karl Winter
1974 - 1975	Jack Sands (<i>Deceased</i>)
1975 - 1976	Dr. Karl Winter
1976 - 1978	Wayne MacKinnon
1978 - 1979	Dr. Karl Winter
1979 - 1981	Stan J. Warwick
1981 - 1982	Lorne Morell
1982 - 1984	Inez Doiron
1984 - 1986	Melina Gallant
1986 - 1988	Marion Murphy
1988 - 1990	Jeannette Arsenault
1990 - 1992	Marjorie Stevenson-Dawson
1992 - 1994	Audrey Newcombe Penner
1994 - 1996	Corina Bolo
1996 - 1998	Sherry Cheverie
1998 - 2000	Kathy Jussaume
2000 - 2002	Georgina Allen
2002 - 2004	Ken Williams
2004 - 2006	Martha Ellis
2006 - 2008	Wendy MacDonald
2008 - 2010	Bill Whelan
2010 - 2012	Owen Parkhouse
2012 - 2014	Pam Montgomery
2014 - 2016	Peter Rukavina
2016 - 2018	Lisa MacDougall
2018 - 2020	Cory Thomas
2020 -	Heather Mullen



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Virtual Zoom Meeting

TENTATIVE AGENDA

06:30 PM **Welcome to everyone,** Heather Mullen President

Welcome to the 68th Annual General Meeting; the second virtual meeting of the Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation.

- Delegates / Board members
- Hon. Natalie Jameson, Minister Education and Lifelong Learning
- Norbert Carpenter, Director, Public Schools Branch
- Owen Parkhouse, AGM Parliamentarian
- David Wright, Accountant
- Isaac Williams, Tech/Sound
- Workshop Guests

Business Meeting:

- Refer to the shared screen business meeting reference documents.
- We will begin the business meeting with the following statement:

The P.E.I. Home and School Federation Board of Directors scheduled the Corporation's 68th Annual General Meeting to be held virtually, Monday, May 10, 2021, in support of the on-going efforts of the Chief Public Health Office efforts to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic.

1. Adoption of Agenda 2021
2. Adoption of Minutes 2020
3. President's Report
4. Adoption of Finance Report (Donna MacLeod/David Wright)
5. Other Reports (Accepted as circulated)
6. Resolutions (Andrea Richard)
7. Nominations Report/Elections (Cory Thomas)

8. New Business – The PEIHSF's 2020 Semi-Annual Meeting was cancelled to support the ongoing efforts of the Chief Public Health Office in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. The Federation will hold an in-person 2021 Semi-Annual if CPHO guidelines allow.
9. Adjournment of Business Meeting
10. Recognitions

Education Update - Hon. Natalie Jameson, Minister of Education and Lifelong Learning

WORKSHOPS:

- #1. The More You Know: Student Well Being**
Resources: Elizabeth Kennedy, Student Well Being Teams / Terri MacAdam, Public Schools Branch Student Services
Facilitator: Mike Stanley
- #2. The More You Know: Healthy School Food Program**
Resources: Chef Austin Clement, Culinary Institute of Canada / Sterling Carruthers & Katelyn MacLean, Education and Lifelong Learning
Facilitator: Shannon Bruyneel / Heather Mullen
- #3. The More You Know: Communications / PowerSchool**
Resource: Norbert Carpenter, Interim Director, Public Schools Branch
Facilitator: Andrea Richard
- #4. The More You Know: Curriculum, Assessments, Report Cards**
Resource: Tammy Hubley-Little, Programs and Services, Education and Lifelong Learning
Facilitator: Dionne Tuplin / Craig Goodick

08:30 PM Adjournment

BUSINESS PROCEDURE FOR ANNUAL MEETING

1. The Annual General Meeting is conducted in accordance with our **Constitution and By-Laws**. In the case of any procedural dispute, reference shall be made to Parliamentary Procedures which is based on **Robert's "Rules of Order"**.
2. Each Local Association may have **five voting delegates**. **All members** may attend.
3. **Each voting delegate shall have one vote** provided their Association Membership Fees have been paid to PEIHSF by the Annual Meeting date. Each member of the Federation's Executive and Board of Directors shall also be entitled to one vote.
4. **Voting shall be by ballot or show of hands**. All questions shall be decided by a majority of those voting, except those which require **two-thirds (2/3) majority**; the President having a deciding vote in case of a tie.
5. A delegate speaking from the floor shall **address the Chair** and wait to be recognized. When a sound system is being used, **delegates should proceed to a microphone**, and wait until the Chair indicates it is their turn to speak.
6. **A delegate may not speak for more than two minutes** on any question under discussion, not more than once on the same question unless requested or permitted by the Chair to clarify a point. However, **the mover of a motion or resolution** shall have the privilege of speaking first to begin discussion and speaking last to close debate.

MEETING TIPS

1. **Plan to enjoy** the meetings. As a representative of your Association, it is your responsibility to help make it a success.
2. **This is YOUR Annual Meeting** - You transact the business of the Federation and set the policy to be followed in the coming year for the PEIHSF.
3. **Be courteous** to speakers by listening attentively. Avoid private conversations and remain seated when others are speaking.
4. **Speaking from the floor** - a member wishing to speak from the floor shall address the Chair, give their name in full and the name of the Association represented.
5. **Do find time to exchange ideas and information**. **Be friendly**, mix with delegates from other parts of the province. Don't wait for them to speak first. They may also be a bit shy and a first-time delegate to an Annual Meeting.
6. **Say "hello" to your Board of Directors**. They are elected to represent you between Annual Meetings by Association members, and they would like to meet you personally.
7. **Do take notes** in order that you may report back to your Association: the actions taken, business transacted, ideas and inspirations gained. **Share information with your members** - knowledge, hand-outs and other material acquired during the AGM.

**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION INC.
2020-2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

<u>Name</u>		<u>Term Ends</u>
President	Heather Mullen	(AGM 2022)
Past President	Cory Thomas	(AGM 2022)
Vice President	Andrea Richard	(AGM 2022)
Treasurer	Donna MacLeod	(AGM 2021)
Secretary	Haley Zavo	(AGM 2021)

REGIONAL DIRECTORS – Families of Schools:

Bluefield	Rosie MacFarlane	(AGM 2021)
Charlottetown Rural	Michael Stanley	(AGM 2021)
Colonel Gray	Shannon Bruyneel	(AGM 2022)
Kensington	Darby McCormick	(AGM 2021)
Kinkora	Krista Murphy	(AGM 2022)
Montague	Craig Goodick	(AGM 2022)
Morell	Mary Kendrick	(AGM 2022)
Souris	Vacant	(AGM 2021)
Three Oaks	Maria McMahon	(AGM 2021)
Westisle	Dionne Tuplin	(AGM 2021)
Executive Director	Shirley Smedley Jay	

**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION INC.
2020-2021 HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS**

SCHOOL

Alberton Elementary
Amherst Cove Consolidated
Athena Consolidated
Belfast Consolidated
Birchwood Intermediate
Bloomfield Elementary
Bluefield High
Cardigan Consolidated
Central Queens Elementary
Charlottetown Rural High
Colonel Gray High
Donagh Regional
East Wiltshire Intermediate
Eliot River Elementary
Ellerslie Elementary

PRESIDENT/CO-CHAIR

Kelly Gallant Butler
Vacant
Sally Bernard
Sylvie De Sousa
Paula Pollard
J.J. MacNeill
Catherine Enman
Twila Palmer
Rayanne Frizzell/Julie Corbett
Patricia Callaghan
Sandy Nicholson
Patti David
Laura Hagen Grant / Gayle Stuart
Tanya Murphy
Erin Veale

Elm Street Elementary
Englewood Consolidated
Georgetown Elementary
Glen Stewart Elementary
Greenfield Elementary
Gulf Shore Consolidated
Hernewood Intermediate
Kensington Intermediate/Senior High
Kinkora Regional High
Lucy Maud Montgomery Elementary
M. E. Callaghan Intermediate
Miscouche Consolidated
Montague Consolidated
Montague Intermediate
Montague High
Morell Consolidated
Mount Stewart Consolidated
O'Leary Elementary
Parkdale Elementary
Parkside Elementary
Prince Street Elementary
Queen Charlotte Intermediate
Queen Elizabeth Elementary
Sherwood Elementary
Somerset Elementary
Souris Regional
Southern Kings Consolidated
Spring Park Elementary
St. Jean Elementary
St. Louis Elementary
Stonepark Intermediate
Stratford Elementary
Summerside Intermediate
Three Oaks Senior High
Tignish Elementary
Vernon River Consolidated
West Kent Elementary
West Royalty Elementary
Westisle Composite High
Westwood Primary

Terri-Lynn Edison Gallant/Naomi Harvey
Rosie MacFarlane / Rachel Lowther-Doiron
Jeanna Kernazitskas
Andrea Richard
Sara Milligan Buckley/Sara Courtney
Jen Covello
Sandra MacLean
Julie MacLeod
Donna MacLeod
Alicia Packwood/Cara Dempsey
Carrie Ann Dunbar
Erynn Cormier
Paula O'Brien
Lindsay Hume
Robyn MacDonald
Natasha Wilson-Steele
Leanne Feehan
Samantha Shaw-Veniot
Karu Bate
Krista Ward
Sharlene Gallant Hambly
Karma MacCallum
Darby McCormick
Amy Bysterveldt
Jennifer Duffy
Krystal Jamieson (contact)
Krista Sheppard
Vacant
Patricia Abbott
Rebecca Ellsworth
Ghiselle Dalton
Jodie Zver
Vacant
Saralie Vriends
Teena Callaghan
Miranda MacLeod
Nancy Costa
Dawn Sprake/Allan King
Heidi Morgan (contact)
Angela Campbell

Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation Inc.

67th Annual General Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 14, 2020, 6:30 – 8:10 PM

1st Virtual AGM using Zoom Online Platform

06:30 PM WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Cory Thomas, President welcomed everyone to the 67th Annual General Meeting; the first virtual meeting of the PEI Home and School Federation. Zoom protocols were reviewed and sound issues resolved. Pertinent business meeting documents can be viewed in the 2020 Book of Reports online at: peihsf.ca and on the shared screen. PEIHSF eligible voting members include five delegates per local association having paid membership fees for 2019-2020. Voting occurs through Zoom polls for members who choose to motion or second. Use the vote option on screen to be managed by parliamentarian, Peter Rukavina.

Attendance: 38 local Home and School Associations are registered with 34 present. Quorum is met.

Diversity Welcome: We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional and unceded territory of the Abegweit Mi'kmaq First Nation. Welcome to everyone. We welcome people indigenous to this place and recognize that we are on Mi'kmaq territory. Here we welcome all of our identities, valuing the richness of diversity gathered here. Whoever you are, you are welcome here. We welcome people from all across the province, the country, the world.

Introductions:

- Delegates / Board members
- Hon. Brad Trivers, Minister Education and Lifelong Learning
- Bethany MacLeod, Deputy Minister
- Tammy Hubley-Little, Dept. ELL Director English Programs
- Norbert Carpenter, Public Schools Branch Interim Director
- Peter Rukavina, AGM Parliamentarian
- David Wright, Accountant
- Isaac Williams, Tech/Sound

AGM Spring postponement statement:

The P.E.I. Home and School Federation Board of Directors rescheduled the Corporation's 67th Annual General Meeting from Saturday, April 18, 2020. This meeting will be held virtually on Monday, September 14, 2020 in support of the efforts of the Chief Public Health Office in dealing with the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic.

1. ADOPTION OF AGM AGENDA 2020

MOTION: To adopt 2020 AGM agenda as circulated.

Moved by Dionne Tuplin

Seconded by Mary MacDonald Pickering

MOTION CARRIED.

2. ADOPTION OF 2019 AGM MINUTES

MOTION: To adopt 2019 AGM Minutes as circulated.

Moved by: Sandy Nicholson

Seconded by: Michael Stanley

MOTION CARRIED.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Cory Thomas, President reported the following highlights:

It's been a challenging year due to global pandemic. Islanders have worked together to get students back to school. As president, relationships and building relationships have been important for me. Thank you to the education department and public schools branch for continuing to foster these important relationships which are imperative to the organization and children/youth. The Federation is pleased with the implementation of the new healthy school lunch program. Credit goes to past board members, in particular, Lisa MacDougall who was instrumental behind the scenes in bringing this to fruition. If it was ever needed, now is the time. Thank you to the executive and board members. Thank you to Shirley, Executive Director who does the heavy lifting – her work is greatly appreciated.

- Looking forward to continuing to be an active member of PEIHSF through at the local school level, advocating for children across the province.

Cory thanked local association presidents for submitting annual reports and adding supplementary reports about the impacts of COVID-19 in their school communities. He advised everyone to read these reports. (Annual reports record the history of PEIHSF.) Reports are accepted as circulated.

4. Adoption of Finance Report

The Finance Report presented by Donna MacLeod, Treasurer and David Wright, Accountant

MOTION #1: To accept Finance Report as presented.

Moved by Donna MacLeod

Seconded by: Alicia Packwood

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION #2: To appoint David Wright, Accounting Services for the PEIHSF's next fiscal year.

Moved by Donna MacLeod

Seconded by: Patricia Abbott

MOTION CARRIED.

5. OTHER REPORTS

Accepted as circulated.

Cory thanked Local Presidents for submitting reports which work to write the history of the work of Home and School in Prince Edward Island. Thank you to those who added impacts of Covid-19 on their school communities. There is still time for this information to be added to reports; send to office.

6. RESOLUTIONS = CHAIRED BY HEATHER MULLEN, VICE PRESIDENT

Resolution 2020-1 School Principals/Vice Principal Administration Allotment

Submitted by Mount Stewart Consolidated Home and School Association

WHEREAS the current allotment of principals in Prince Edward Island schools (1 principal per 200 students and less than 20% vice principal per 200 students) is insufficient to address the needs of Prince Edward Island school children in schools with under 200 students, and

- WHEREAS the principals of a small school is most directly responsible for maintaining the relationship between the school and the community, they develop a strategy for school-community relations, and
- WHEREAS principals ensure that their schools allow both adults and children to put learning at the center of their daily activities, and
- WHEREAS principals focus on building a sense of school community, and
- WHEREAS *principals play a major role in developing a "professional community" of teachers who guide one another in improving instruction, and*
- WHEREAS principals that are teaching courses in schools with under 200 students are required to attend the same meetings and Professional Development as other PEI principals as well as Professional Development in their subject matter,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PEI Home and School Federation request the Minister of Education and Lifelong Learning address principal allotment positions in Prince Edward Island schools, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PEI Home and School Federation request the Department of Education and Lifelong Learning to demonstrate its commitment to PEI students by establishing a target of a minimum of one full time principal and one .50 vice principal for every PEI school.

DESTINATION: Public Schools Branch
Department of Education and Lifelong Learning

BACKGROUND: This would directly impact 19 of PEI's 56 English Language Schools having student populations as follows:

1. Alberton Elementary – 118
2. Amherst Cove Elementary – 118
3. Belfast Consolidated – 109
4. Cardigan Elementary – 100
5. Georgetown Consolidated – 57
6. Kinkora High – 156
7. Morell Consolidated – 175
8. Morell Regional High – 149
9. Mt. Stewart Consolidated – 188
10. O'Leary Elementary – 109
11. Parkdale Elementary – 174
12. Somerset Consolidated 151
13. Southern Kings Consolidated – 188
14. St. Jean Elementary – 107
15. St. Louis Elementary– 112
16. Tignish Elementary – 174
17. Vernon River Consolidated – 183
18. Donagh Regional – 206
19. M.E. Callaghan Intermediate – 207

MOTION: To move Resolution 2020-1 to the floor for discussion.

Moved by Leanne Feehan.

Seconded by Marla Guidney.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 2020-2 PEIHSF Resolution Electronic Form

Submitted by Bloomfield Home and School Association

WHEREAS one of the stated purposes of a PEI School and School Federation resolution is to establish Home and School policy for the whole of Prince Edward Island, and

WHEREAS resolutions are a vital way for local Home and Schools to affect positive change in school communities across the province, and

WHEREAS the number of dual income earners continues to increase, leaving parents with less time to devote to volunteering opportunities, whether Home and School related or otherwise, and

WHEREAS the current method of drafting a resolution is presented in a government friendly, professional way which can be intimidating for members of the public not well versed in the art of drafting a resolution,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the PEI Home and School Federation be requested to develop an e-form using a plug and play approach for local Home and Schools to use in the drafting process which would keep the professional aspect of the resolution while also acknowledging and respecting the precious time of our volunteers use in crafting these fundamentally important resolutions.

DESTINATION: PEI Home and School Federation

WITHDRAWN. Deferred to board.

Resolution 2020-3 Comparative Analysis of Report Cards

Submitted by Prince Street Home and School Association

WHEREAS there are eight different models used for report cards at schools across Prince Edward Island, and differences exist even within report cards for the same grade levels and grade ranges; and

WHEREAS parents of students who move from one school to another and whose new school uses a different report card model than the school they left face challenges comparing and understanding student learning and achievement; and

WHEREAS there is province-wide consistency in curriculum that should facilitate consistency in report card models; and

WHEREAS report cards are an essential tool for engaging parents and care-givers in student learning and in communicating learning goals and achievements,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that further to the PSB report card survey distributed last spring, the PEI Home and School Federation request the Public Schools Branch (and/or Department of Education and Lifelong Learning) engage parents and school communities through the PEI Home and School Federation to have input into the evaluation framework for report card models.

DESTINATION: Public Schools Branch
 Department of Education and Lifelong Learning

MOTION: To move Resolution 2020-3 to the floor for discussion.

Moved by Keir Lowther.

Seconded by Robin Aitken.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 2020-4 Request School Websites to be Hosted on PEI Government Server

Submitted by Birchwood Home and School Association

WHEREAS families rely on school websites to access information on current and upcoming events, and standard school information, and

WHEREAS there is no guide for ensuring consistency of look or feel of school websites across the province, and
WHEREAS parents, caregivers, students, and other stakeholders have a range in experience and familiarity with navigating websites, and
WHEREAS ensuring ease of access to school information for parents and students enhances and increases the quality of the school experience, and
WHEREAS the security of the information and images on school websites require safeguards from hacking,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that PEI Home and School Federation request the Public Schools Branch, and the Department of Education and Lifelong Learning to work with the schools across the province to implement the following:

1. School websites will be hosted on the PEI Government server, providing a higher level of security, and an established website design template and consistent layout for easy navigation. Schools will maintain flexibility to personalize their school website beyond these essentials.
2. Schools will have access to IT and Web Development supports to implement an initial updating of their websites, where necessary, and ongoing support at appropriate times in the year to maintain the school website, where necessary.
3. Schools will have access to training for those staff who are responsible for in-house web site maintenance at appropriate times in the year, providing proper skill development to maintain consistency over time.

DESTINATION: Public Schools Branch
Department Education and Lifelong Learning

MOTION: To move Resolution 2020-4 to the floor for discussion.

Moved by Linda MacLean

Seconded by: Kim Gillis

Friendly Amendment:

1. Amanda Doherty-Kirby: "Implement" changed to "discuss"
2. Made by original mover: To add 4th point for discussion around paid role for person in school who is responsible for maintaining website.

Friendly amendment wording:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that PEI Home and School Federation request the Public Schools Branch, and the Department of Education and Lifelong Learning to work with the schools across the province to discuss the following:

1. School websites will be hosted on the PEI Government server, providing a higher level of security, and an established website design template and consistent layout for easy navigation. Schools will maintain flexibility to personalize their school website beyond these essentials.
2. Schools will have access to IT and Web Development supports to implement an initial updating of their websites, where necessary, and ongoing support at appropriate times in the year to maintain the school website, where necessary.

3. Schools will have access to training for those staff who are responsible for in-house web site maintenance at appropriate times in the year, providing proper skill development to maintain consistency over time.
4. Discussion around paid role for person in school who is responsible for maintaining website.

MOTION CARRIED.

7. NOMINATIONS REPORT / ELECTIONS = LISA

Lisa presented the slate of officers and called for further nominations three times from the floor. There were no further nominations. Lisa called for a motion for nominations to cease and accept the Slate of Officers as presented.

<u>Position:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Term Ends:</u>
President	Heather Mullen	AGM 2022
Vice President	Andrea Richard	AGM 2022
Charlottetown Rural	Michael Stanley	AGM 2022
Colonel Gray	Shannon Bruyneel	AGM 2022
Kinkora	Krista Murphy	AGM 2022
Montague	Craig Goodick	AGM 2022
Morell	Mary Kendrick	AGM 2022
Bluefield	Rosie MacFarlane	AGM 2021
Three Oaks	Maria McMahon	AGM 2021

MOTION: For nominations to cease and accept the PEI Home and School Federation 2020-2021 slate of officers as elected.

Moved by: Dionne Tuplin

Seconded by: Leanne Feehan

MOTION CARRIED.

Induction: Peter Rukavina, Parliamentarian carried out the induction of the new 2020-2021 board.

Lisa MacDougall expressed a thank you on behalf of the Federation board and membership to Cory Thomas for serving as president 2018-2020.

Cory offered a thank you to outgoing board members and welcome to the new board.

8. No New Business.

9. Cory called for adjournment.

Cory called on Hon. Brad Trivers, Minister of Education and Lifelong Learning to provide an education update and announced the minister will take questions following his report.

08:10 PM Closing Remarks

Cory thanked Minister Trivers, delegates and guests for attending.

Respectfully submitted by,

Haley Zavo, Recording Secretary

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION**Heather Mullen, President****68 years strong!**

On behalf of the PEI Home and School Federation, I want to extend an Island wide Home and School message of appreciation to all of our administrators, teachers, educational assistants, custodians and bus drivers who meet our children and youth every day with a determined effort to teach and keep them safe – all during the COVID-19 pandemic! As a Federation, we are supportive of the measures taken by Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. Heather Morrison, and Premier Dennis King to slow the spread of this virus in P.E.I. Working together, being patient, kind and listening to health care professionals, is extremely important. The challenges are being met with the rollout of vaccines which gives everyone hope to be in a better place for fall 2021.

The PEI Home and School Federation works with our partners in education to find positive solutions that benefit all students. We are pleased to have Hon. Natalie Jameson, Minister of Education and Lifelong Learning, and Norbert Carpenter, Director of the Public Schools Branch joining us for the 68th Annual Meeting on May 10th. We are appreciative of our close working relationship.

The Federation cannot do its work without a strong board of directors. We are fortunate to have committed parents and educators who represent their respective families of schools in the Federation's efforts to advocate for quality education and the total health and well-being of children and youth in P.E.I.

Advocacy

The focus of the Home and School movement has been and continues to be to listen, learn, and share ideas aimed at advocating for the best interests of students in the Island's education system.

Impacting positive change in the education system is what we do. Action statements, in the form of resolutions, come from the parents, guardians, teachers, administrators and staff, who request changes for the benefit of all students.

Resolutions rise out of learning about the education, health and well-being of student needs at the school level and work to improve PEI's education system. These are extensively discussed and debated at the local level before being considered provincially at annual meetings. Approved resolutions form home and school's statement of policies and collectively represent the federation's position on key education policy issues facing the province of Prince Edward Island. Resolutions are forwarded to the appropriate destinations with the request for change in the areas being addressed. Review past and current resolutions at: <https://peihsf.ca/agm>

Department of Education and Lifelong Learning

The P.E.I. Home and School Federation has always maintained a strong working relationship with the Department of Education and Lifelong Learning as well as the Public Schools Branch. Meetings are held on a needs basis when issues arise. To develop and implement good educational policy, it is important to have that collaborative relationship with our educational partners. We will continue to foster this relationship.

Oct. 7: Minister of Education Trivers meetings: Covid's impact on school communities, Home learning, resolutions, remote learning readiness, communications, community access to schools, school food details, elected school board, etc.

Oct. 15: Tammy Hubley-Little, DELL met with Andrea Richard - report card review discussion.

Oct. 27: Standing Committee Education and Economic Growth: Elected School Board, Presenters: Heather, Andrea, Haley, Cory

Dec. 11: Tammy Hubley-Little, Remote Learning Guide for parents/students

Feb. 3: Tammy Hubley-Little, Report Card meeting; Dionne Tuplin attended

Apr. 13: Minister of Education Jameson meeting: Introduction to the Federation's work and partnership with the Ministry of Education; resolutions, wellness, remote learning readiness, communications, school food program, elected school board, Minister to bring greetings and state of education to AGM 2021.

Donna MacLeod is the Federation's representative on the department's School Calendar committee. This committee completed the 2020-2021 calendar and continues with its efforts to develop a new 3-year calendar.

Cory Thomas and Shirley Smedley Jay represent the Federation on the Public Schools Branch Playground Committee. Shirley Smedley Jay is the PSB's School Food Environment Working Group representative.

Public Schools Branch

The Public Schools Branch (PSB) met with the Federation, fall 2020, to discuss a new website platform for schools as part of the PSB's new communications plan. School websites will be built on a similar template, on a new platform. As well, the PSB hired its first communication staff person, Sparrow McGowen to assist and build the PSB's public presence. The president and executive director attended Public Schools Branch meetings, fall/winter 2020-21.

PowerSchool is a new and improved online reporting tool being developed to replace the Students Achieve System (SAS), to go live in September 2021. PowerSchool is currently planned for intermediate and senior high schools and provides home access to student reports and school activities.

Dec. 21: Elected School Board Consultation/Survey circulated to Home and Schools

Jan. 11: Heather Mullen/Shirley Smedley Jay - PSB reps providing feedback on new PSB/Schools website

Jan. 14: PSB requesting feedback: *Student Investigation and Search* policy and procedure

Jan. 22: Heather Mullen - Norbert Carpenter/Sparrow McGowen re: PSB communications

Education Act Consultation

The Federation was consulted about Education Act revisions, Oct. 2020. Revision to the Act Section 7 was concerning the implementation of ways for appointing new people to the Teacher Certification (TC) and Standards Board. The current TC and Standards Board consists of reps from Dept. Education authorities, UPEI, and the Teachers' Federation. **Subsection 99(6):** This section is referencing Career and Technical Instructors which are two different areas that are not the same and the revision was needed to separate these two areas to make it easier to choose the right skill sets for these positions.

Provincial Healthy School Food Program

Former Minister of Education and Lifelong Learning, Hon. Brad Trivers, announced the School Food Pilots in the legislature on Dec. 4, 2019. The six-school pilot program moved forward with the support from government and community partners and explores the use of a model where food is prepared at a central school and delivered to satellite schools using a pay-what-you-can model. Students were engaged in producing the food,

where possible. The Public Schools Branch school food policy is being updated to align with current Canada Food Guide requirements.

When schools were shut down in March 2020 because of Covid-19, the pilots were able to quickly pivot with adaptations to feed families in need across PEI. This program was supported by the Department of Housing and Social Development from March to the end of August.

A new non-profit organization is being set up to guide procurement and hiring chefs and cooks to deliver the program. A cost-shared program works to develop "a comprehensive and sustainable school food program that will increase students' food literacy and provide them with food made from scratch using fresh, local, healthy Island products. The food literacy piece is particularly important, shifting the framing from a program that feeds "at-risk children" to an education-based program that includes hands-on food systems education and promotes healthy school food environments. Heather Mullen will represent PEIHSF on the non-profit organization being established to guide the future of school food in PEI.

Quick facts:

- PEIHSF resolution approved April 2015
- School Food Pilots, six schools, began January 2020
- Covid relief school food for families in need, March to end of August 2020; provided by Dept. Social Development and Housing (SDH) as Covid support to families
- New Provincial Healthy School Lunch Program started 2nd school week, September 2020
- The pay-what-you-can model offers meals at \$5 each
- Non-Profit is being set up to manage school food beginning September 2021
- PEIHSF, SDH, DELL partnered with Breakfast Clubs of Canada (\$86K) to secure additional federal dollars to support PEI's food program.
- PEIHSF applied to United Way for a grant to support the Pay-What-You-Can school food model under United Way's focus on poverty
- Partnership - PEIHSF and Dept. Education and Lifelong Learning (DELL) - application to Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada for up to \$250K to support kitchen infrastructure in schools.

It is important to note that the Federation presented a resolution to the government in 2015 asking for the implementation of a universal school food program. The Public Schools Branch led Food tasting projects were organized with students. We will continue to advocate for a universal provincial school food program in PEI schools.

School Governance – Public Schools Branch

On Dec. 4, Hon. Brad Trivers announced that their government would be moving ahead with elected school boards. The minister appointed two retired principals, Mary Jane Ready and Norman Beck, to fill two vacancies as appointed PSB board members. Deputy Minister, Bethany MacLeod, continues to also serve as the PSB board chair. Government will be seeking input from Elections PEI to move this forward.

MLA Karla Bernard invited PEIHSF to present to the Government's Standing Committee on Education and Economic Growth, Oct. 27; Presenters: Heather Mullen, Andrea Richard, Cory Thomas and Shirley Smedley Jay

Annual General and Semi-Annual Meetings

The Federation held the 2020 Annual Meeting, September 14th, however, was unable to hold its Semi-Annual meeting in October 2020 because of Covid-19. The plan, at this time, is to hold an in-person Semi-Annual meeting in fall 2021.

The May 10, 2021 - 68th Annual Meeting theme is ***The More You Know***. Resolutions will be discussed, an election of officers will bring new and returning to the 2021-2022 provincial board of directors and the Federation will recognize special people who contribute to the work in Home and School. Four workshop topics with resources will be available for registrants as follows: Student Well Being; Healthy School Food Program, Communications / PowerSchool, and Curriculum, Assessments, Report Cards.

Approved resolutions will become Federation policy and form the discussion points when speaking with decision-makers. All resolutions are forwarded to the Education Minister and Public Schools Branch board. All Federation meetings and activities are posted online at peihsf.ca.

The Federation urges every school community to ensure they are represented at provincial meetings. Everyone is welcome to attend - parents, teachers, any school staff, and students.

Youth and Vaping

The Youth and Vaping Working Group was set up to address current high rates of youth vaping in PEI. Melissa Munro Bernard (Health and Wellness) and Sterling Carruthers (Education and Lifelong Learning) chair this committee. Shirley Smedley Jay is the PEIHSF representative. The work of the committee was paused in spring 2020 because of Covid-19. A meeting was held in March 2021 to recap/restart committee work.

Welcome to Kindergarten

The Federation participates in the provincial Welcome to Kindergarten (WTK) committee, chaired by Ken Gaudet, WTK, PEI coordinator. There are approximately 1,400 children registered for Kindergarten for fall 2021. Public Schools Branch Schools will hold a **Drive-By WTK** this spring. Schools can do either an outdoor event or an indoor event, but families engaged in activities at stations will not be permitted. Each school will decide what works best for them with numbers of students being a huge factor. Mask wearing, social distancing and cleaning protocols will be in effect.

The Learning Partnership, WTK national sponsor, produced a slide show demonstrating how families can use the materials in the WTK Bags, effectively. Schools may personalize this resource and email it to parents to support learning. In addition, Community Partners sent information to schools to be inserted into the WTK Bag including The Public Library Service, PEI Home and School Federation, and the Student Well Being Teams have committed to provide material. A complete schedule of WTK events is posted on the PSB website. Dionne Tuplin and Shirley Smedley Jay represent PEIHSF on the WTK committee.

Communications

Federation mailings: Presidents received a print mailing in September with September school start-up information including a request for executive contacts, and to submit membership fees. Annual Meeting registration, resolutions, department directives, and school board directives are circulated electronically.

Media: The President speaks to the media on behalf of the Federation when required to respond to current issues as related to and directed by PEIHSF resolutions which have become policy. Press releases are issued as events and issues arise; these are also circulated to Presidents/Co-Chairs and members.

Monthly Guardian Columns / News Updates: The president's "Home and School and You" monthly column is published in The Guardian newspaper on the first Friday of the month. The office issues monthly updates to Locals and schools. We remind Islanders that the Home and School message is about education and that our primary role is to advocate for "the highest standards of education for each child in the province." This message is well received by parents, teachers, educators, and our elected officials and needs to be restated.

Website/Social Media: The Federation's website and social media sites are kept up to date. The website's current look is cleaner and easier to navigate. Its purpose is to keep parents informed about Home and School activities and what is going on in P.E.I.'s education system. Check regularly at www.peihsf.ca.

Parent Leadership Projects

2020-2021 Parent Leadership grants were awarded to Home and School Associations for their engagement initiatives on topics such as Mi'kmaq Art Night, Parent Survival Nights, Literacy at Home, and Outdoor Engagement. Projects are to be completed and final reports submitted to the Federation office by May 31. Joanna Stewart, hired in Jan. 2021, works 1-2 days/week assisting with the Parent Leadership Program following up with application contacts and guiding the selection committee tasks.

Recognizing Special People/Awards

Retiring Federation Board Members: Board members deserve our thanks and appreciation for the many contributions made during their time on the provincial board. Thank you to outgoing provincial board members: Donna MacLeod, Rosie MacFarlane, Haley Zavo, Maria McMahon, Darby McCormick

Awards of Merit/Recognition: Extra Mile Awards were presented to the following school staff who are loved and appreciated for going the extra mile for students: Sharon Gordon, Custodian Southern Kings Consolidated School, Feb. 10, 2021., Melissa MacKinnon, Teacher, Mount Stewart Consolidated School, Feb. 10, 2021, Robert Holmes, Teacher, Gulf Shore Consolidated School, Feb.17, 2021, John Doucette, Custodian, East Wiltshire Intermediate School, Feb.18, 2021, and Shelley Tremere, Teacher, Kinkora Regional High School, Feb. 19, 2021

Crossing Guard and School Bus Driver Awards are part of the Federation's Awards Program. Nominate an individual who takes care of children and youth keeping them safe as walking and/or bussed students.

This report is a joint president and executive director compilation of activities during my first year as President of PEIHSF. I would like to thank all parents/guardians, administrators, educators, custodians, and school bus drivers for your efforts to educate and keep our children and youth safe in school communities across the Island. Much appreciation for the PEIHSF board members and staff who make every board meeting fun and purposeful. It is an honour for me to 'lead' such a wonderful volunteer organization, and I look forward to the coming year with hopes we will meet again in person at the 2022 AGM.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF:

PEI HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION INC.

DECEMBER 31, 2020

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INDEPENDENT PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the Members' of:
PEI Home and School Federation Inc

I have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the PEI Home and School Federation Inc that comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2020, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Practitioner's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on my review. I conducted my review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which require me to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less in extent than, and vary in nature from, those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Basis for Qualified Conclusion

As common with many not-for-profit organizations, the PEI Home and School Federation Inc derives revenue from fundraising activities, the completeness of which is not susceptible to me obtaining evidence I considered necessary for the purpose of the review. Accordingly, the evidence obtained of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the PEI Home and School Federation Inc. Therefore, I was unable to determine whether any adjustments might have been found necessary with respect to fundraising revenue, excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses, and cash flows from operations for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2020, and net assets as a January 1 and December 31 for both the 2019 and 2020 year ends. My conclusion on the financial statements as at and for the year ended December 31, 2020 was modified accordingly because of the possible effects of this limitation in scope.

Qualified Conclusion

Based on my review, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis of Qualified Conclusion paragraph, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the accompanying financial statements do not present, in all material respects, the financial position of the PEI Home and School Federation Inc as at December 31, 2020, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.



David A Wright Professional Corporation
Chartered Professional Accountant

April 15, 2021

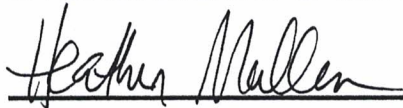
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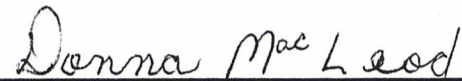
PEI HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION INC.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2020

Statement 1

	2020	2019
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and deposits	\$ 58,299	\$ 60,031
Accounts receivable, trade	3,400	1,300
Harmonized sales tax receivable	1,070	1,544
	<u>\$ 62,769</u>	<u>\$ 62,875</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 4,431	\$ 2,620
Government remittances payable	598	
Deferred revenue (Note 4)	20,632	26,796
	<u>25,661</u>	<u>29,416</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>37,108</u>	<u>33,459</u>
	<u>\$ 62,769</u>	<u>\$ 62,875</u>

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:





The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

PEI HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION INC.
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND EXCESS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

Statement 2

	2020	2019
REVENUES		
Breakfast Clubs of Canada grant - School Food Program	\$ 122,000	\$
Grants	77,214	82,184
Membership dues	8,800	8,700
Donations and fund raising	968	1,618
Registration and display fees		4,420
Investment income	739	562
	<u>209,721</u>	<u>97,484</u>
EXPENSES		
Advertising, donations and awards	3,551	4,441
Breakfast Clubs of Canada - School Food Program	122,000	
Consulting fees	1,635	
Meetings	1,713	9,270
Parental Engagement	930	1,688
Postage	706	621
Professional fees	2,558	2,328
Rent	3,058	2,976
Supplies	6,404	4,714
Telephone	3,161	1,198
Training and education	2,714	5,490
Travel and conference	2,082	9,813
Wages and benefits	55,560	49,166
Wellness sessions		516
	<u>206,072</u>	<u>92,221</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	\$ 3,649	\$ 5,263

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

PEI HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION INC.
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

Statement 3

	2020	2019
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 33,459	\$ 28,196
Excess of revenues over expenses	3,649	5,263
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 37,108	\$ 33,459

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

David A. Wright Professional Corporation
Chartered Professional Accountant

PEI HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION INC.
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

Statement 4

	2020	2019
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash receipts	\$ 201,931	\$ 97,910
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	(203,663)	(91,246)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND DEPOSITS	(1,732)	6,664
CASH AND DEPOSITS, beginning of year	60,031	53,367
CASH AND DEPOSITS, end of year	\$ 58,299	\$ 60,031
AS REPRESENTED BY:		
TD Canada Trust investor account	\$ 1,008	\$ 1,004
TD Canada Trust operating account	6,799	29,027
TD Canada Trust term investment account	50,492	30,000
	\$ 58,299	\$ 60,031

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

PEI HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2020

1. MISSION

PEI Home and School Federation Inc. is a not-for-profit organization incorporated under the laws of the Province of Prince Edward Island. The Federation's principal activities include the promotion of the total well-being of children and the highest standards of education for each child in the Province. The Federation works in partnership with other organizations who foster this ideal. The Federation encourages and whenever possible assists in the development of policies related particularly to quality education for each child and generally to the total well-being of children in Prince Edward Island.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and include the following significant accounting policies:

a) Revenue recognition

- (i) Grants, members dues, registration and display fees are recognized proportionately over the fiscal year to which they relate. Revenues received in advance of the fiscal year to which they relate are recorded as deferred revenue.
- (ii) Donations and fundraising are recognized as revenue when they are received.
- (iii) Investment income comprises interest from term deposits and is recognized on an accrual basis.

b) Cash and equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are made up of unrestricted cash and term deposits.

c) Donated services

The work of the Federation is dependent on the voluntary service of many individuals. Since these services are not normally purchased by the Federation and because of the difficulty of determining their fair value, donated services are not recognized in the financial statements.

d) Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the current period. Actual results may differ from the estimates, the impact of which would be recorded in future periods.

e) Tangible capital assets

Tangible capital assets are not capitalized, but are expensed in the year they are purchased.

PEI HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2020

3. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Federation is exposed to various risks through financial instruments, such as cash, accounts receivable, investments, accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

Credit risk

Cash and deposits: Credit risk associated with cash and Canadian fixed income investments is minimized by ensuring that these assets are invested in guaranteed investment certificates.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Federation will not be able to meet a demand for cash or fund its obligations as they come due.

The Federation meets its liquidity requirements by anticipating investing and financing activities and holding assets that can readily converted into cash.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk is comprised of currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk.

Interest rate risk

The Federations cash includes amounts on deposit with financial institutions that earn interest at market rates.

Changes in risk

There have been no significant changes in the Federations risk exposures from the previous year.

4. DEFERRED REVENUE

	2020	2019
Deferred revenue represents core funding, project grants, conference registration and display fees received in the current and prior fiscal years for expenditures that will be incurred in future fiscal years. The statement of operations revenues has been increased or reduced accordingly.		
Provincial government core funding	\$ 18,625	\$ 18,625
Department of Education training grant	1,697	1,921
Registration fees	120	
Display fees	190	
School Food Security grant		6,250
	\$ 20,632	\$ 26,796

PEI HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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5. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE

The PEI Home and School Federation Inc receives 88% of its total revenue through a Province of PEI core funding grant.

6. GOING CONCERN

At this stage, the impact of Covid 19 on the Federation's statement of operations has not been significant, and based on experience to date, the Federation expects this to remain the case. At this moment, no uncertainty about the Federation's ability to continue as a going concern has been identified. The Federation continues to follow the various government policies and advice and is doing their utmost to continue operations in the best and safest way possible without jeopardizing the health of staff or its members.

ATHENA CONSOLIDATED HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Sally Bernard, President**

President: Sally Bernard

Vice President: Jennafer Lynch-Bernard

Treasurer: Melissa Woodacre

Secretary: Elaine Campbell Burwash

School Administration: Jerry McAulay, Principal

Elementary Liaison: Lorelei MacArthur

Athena's Home and School meetings are held on the first Monday of each month from 7-8 p.m. To date, three meetings have been held, with three more planned for April, May and June. (Covid restrictions have resulted in at least two meetings and events being cancelled so far this year.) In addition to these meetings, Home and School members are active with special events and other initiatives throughout the year. We have had improved turn out this year at most meetings which is encouraging.

At the first meeting, Home and School decided not to do any fund-raising this year as many families are struggling with financial stress and it didn't feel fair to be asking for money this difficult year. As a result, Athena Home and School applied for Parent Leadership funding and was successful securing some money to help cover the costs associated with guest speakers at the monthly meetings. The funds will help cover thank you gifts, refreshment costs and any photocopying or paper costs and we are thankful to have it in a year when there won't be any income from fundraising.

Communications:

We make use of the following means and opportunities to convey information to parents at Athena:

- We eliminated most paper hand-outs this year, relying instead on the school wide email system, with assistance from the school secretary. Information is shared via email, posted on the Home and School blog and also on the Home and School Facebook page for the public.
- As required, like during Staff Appreciation Week, paper hand-outs do go out to encourage strong participation. Home and School can also submit info to the school's monthly newsletter.
- We also have an internal Home and School Facebook group for regular, active members working on fundraising efforts to discuss details about activities between meetings. There is also an internal Facebook group for Breakfast Program volunteers to share vacancies, questions or feedback.

Special Events and Fundraising:

- Given all the restrictions, it was a much quieter year for Athena Home and School. We planned to try to do something each month, as possible with restrictions. It seemed that each event was stymied by corresponding with sudden new restrictions that prevented any plans from going forward.
- In October, Home and School provided a Samuel's coffee bar, along with soft drinks and sparkling water for the staff room.
- Many parents helped out in February, as they do every year, with Teacher/Staff We opted to change Staff Appreciation from a week event, to a month-long event, asking parents to send in treats each week, by grade level. The theme was "Teachers are the Building Blocks of Success" with lots of Lego decorations, including "everything is awesome" blocks that the students filled out about their staff member of choice and posted on the wall. Highlights were the pizza party and Samuel's Coffee Bar in the staff room.

- Our first guest speakers of the year were staff members who walked parents of the three grade levels through online learning, including the Google suite of programs and how to best access and use them from home.
- The next guest speaker is slated to be Anne Marie Peters who will share a presentation on Occupational Therapy in the schools and how we can all work together to make our school days more comfortable and accessible for everyone.
- We also anticipate hosting guest speakers on Nutrition and Healthy Lunches, Student Mental Health, and Literacy through the summer months.
- Managing the volunteers for Breakfast Program has been a little more challenging this year, but we are able to maintain a steady group of dedicated folks who come in to make an adjusted, Covid-restriction-friendly breakfast for all the students. We were fortunate to have Terri McNeill prepare and host a Food Safety course for everyone who serves the food.

BELFAST CONSOLIDATED HOME and SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Sylvie De Sousa, President****Executive:****Maddy Fortune, Vice President****Debbie Beck, Treasurer****Sarah Densmore, Secretary**

Our Home and School Association meets every second month during the school year. We have seen an increase in our student population and have welcomed new parents to our Home and School meetings. Our biggest attendance so far was in February 2021.

2020 was a somewhat different year for everyone as staff and students moved towards a different way of learning in March. It took some adjusting at first, but both staff, parents and students worked together to make this transition as smooth as possible.

In March 2020, the Grade 4s and 5s from Belfast Consolidated were chosen by the Government of PEI to write letters to the Essential Workers of Quebec and Ontario. These letters were well-received.

In June 2020, an outdoor graduation ceremony was held for our grade 9 graduates, while respecting social distancing. The whole ceremony was recorded live so that others could watch from the comfort of their homes and while respecting Covid directives in place. Home and School helped with the cost of awards and graduation signs for this event.

Enrollment was up to 129 as staff welcomed students back to school in September. Each student had a personalized mask with the Belfast Bulldog logo waiting for them. Parents were asked to pay as they could, and the rest of the costs were covered by Belfast School and Belfast Home and School.

Welcome to Kindergarten bags were also handed out in September instead of Spring 2020.

Students and staff quickly adapted to the new way of school life with social distancing and the respect of the different cohorts. There are three different cohorts at the school (K-3, Grade 4 and 5 in the lower level, and Grade 6-9 in the upper floor).

Also in September, our annual fundraiser took place. This year, we went with Mom's Pantry, which was another huge success, despite all the financial implications that Covid has had on families. Home and School raised \$2100 which will help fund projects throughout the school year. Top sellers were rewarded with gift cards from local businesses as well as gift bags.

September 2020 also brought about changes in the Home and School counsel. We said goodbye to our former president, Marcella Ryan, who continues to be very active with Home and School and the transition. And we welcomed a new president.

In November 2020, Home and School purchased 20 reusable water bottles as the use of the water fountains became limited with the new Covid policies in place. It also helped ensure that every student had water in the classroom. The Belfast Lions Club would soon follow suit in 2021 and donated water bottles for every student in the school.

(Cont'd Belfast)

In December 2020, Belfast Consolidated held their first virtual Christmas Concert. It was a huge success. Parents, guardians, staff and students got to watch a recorded version of the Christmas concert. It was an enjoyable experience for all. Some students who were not able to participate in the Christmas Concert with their classmates, sent in recordings, and these were integrated into the Christmas concert.

In February 2021, we held a very successful Staff Appreciation week with hot meals and desserts delivered daily during the week. All protocols were followed to ensure that safety came first.

Also, in February, students and staff commemorated Pink Shirt day by ordering t-shirts for those students who wanted one. Again, it was a <pay as much as you can> option for parents. Both Belfast Consolidated and Home and School helped to offset the remaining costs.

Toonies for Trayton was also held in February. This has become a yearly tradition and helps raise funds for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. This year was particularly successful and we saw other schools participating in our fundraiser. Thank you to Vernon River and Georgetown Consolidated.

In March 2021, parent-teacher interviews were held either via Zoom or via phone. Interviews were spread throughout the week.

As we look ahead to the remainder of the school year, we hope to organize some activities for the school within Covid protocols.

We also continue to have a very active and involved community in Belfast. Our breakfast program continues to be partially sponsored by the Montague Rotary Club. The Belfast Lions Club and Point Prim/Mt Buchanan Women's Institute also make donations on a regular basis to the school.

Belfast Home and School maintains a FaceBook page where it keeps everyone in the loop of what is going on at the school. We also have a tab on the Belfast Consolidated Wordpress site which keeps parents current on meeting minutes and other happenings.

Our executive is looking forward to participating in the Annual General Meeting again this year.

President,

Sylvie De Sousa

BLOOMFIELD ELEMENTARY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**JJ MacNeill, President**

This school year has been challenging for every parent, child, teacher, and administrator. There are always so many activities which Home and School supports that simply could not happen this year. Instead of dwelling on what we missed out on this year, I will outline the things we were able to get done so far this year.

Home and School was able to continue to offer breakfast program five mornings a week. We had to go back to the drawing board, from menu to delivery, to make this happen. We bought a large plastic bin for each class. On Monday mornings, that bin is filled with grab and go snacks (granola bars, fruit to go bars, juice boxes, apple sauce cups, etc.) for Monday-Thursday mornings. On Fridays we are still doing our hot breakfast. Each teacher fills out an order sheet with the amounts they need (of pancakes, fruit and juice for example). Our volunteers then stay in the kitchen and prepare the food (wearing a mask) or other volunteers deliver to one cohort at a time. All trolleys are disinfected between cohorts. This has been a lot different then the way we would usually deliver our breakfast program, but we are very proud that we found a solution that gave every Bloomfield child the opportunity to have breakfast every morning.

Another major project has been raising money to pay off our playground loan. We, again, had to re-work what we had been doing to keep everyone as safe as possible during the pandemic. We have done two cash draws through a Facebook group. This is something many, many community groups have been doing this fall and winter. They both worked well, but we are still hoping that next year we can get back to having school dances and all the fun activity-based fundraisers we had done in 2019/2020.

As far as what the next few months will bring, I have learned my lesson from March of 2020. I am hopeful that school will continue on. We will hold one or two more online fundraisers. While things have changed a lot since my last annual report, one thing that has stayed the same is the amazing group of volunteers we have at Bloomfield Elementary. Without their dedication and flexibility, the preceding projects would not have gotten off the ground.

Be Well,

JJ MacNeill

President Bloomfield Home & School

BLUEFIELD HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Catherine Enman, President

Our Bluefield Home and School Association met two times during the school year. We had to cancel several meeting due to Covid-19.

Here is a list of activities that our members participated in:

- Several of our members attended the PEI Home and School Federation Annual General Meeting virtually
- Bluefield Home and School had Subway and sweets from the Winsloe Irving brought in for the staff during both parent teacher interviews. The event was successful and muchly appreciated by teachers and staff.
- We held a lunch for the Teachers and Staff during Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week. The event was successful and muchly appreciated by teachers and staff.
- We had parents/guardians make monetary donations to go towards the Staff Suppers and Lunch.
- We encourage members to attend the PEI Home and School Federation Annual Meeting in May.

We appreciate the support and participation from our members and the staff of Bluefield.

CHARLOTTETOWN RURAL HIGH SCHOOL HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Patricia Callaghan, President**

Due to COVID-19 we have had fewer meetings in the last year than we normally would with school being shut down. Since September we have hosted three meetings, being offered in person, as well as virtually through Zoom meetings. We have had a good response to the Zoom meeting option and hope to continue this choice into the future.

Charlottetown Rural closed due to the pandemic on March 13, 2020 and did not resume until September of 2020. The Rural closed again for two weeks on December 4th. The students returned to school after the Christmas break on January 4, 2021.

Teacher Appreciation was a success in 2020. Parents showed the school staff much appreciation by sending in donations of food and baked goods.

COVID-19 had an impact on the end of school year plans but committees were able to successfully pull off celebrations to recognize the graduating class' accomplishments.

Parent Teacher interviews proved popular again this year. However, they looked different during the pandemic as well. Teachers met with parents in their classrooms instead of in the cafeteria and gymnasium as in the past. Interest in the PEI Healthy School Lunch program is increasing. We will continue to support this program going forward.

In September, our Home and School committee usually hosts a "pass the hat" fundraiser during the meet-the-teacher evening. Since this evening was not possible this year, we decided to request donations through e-transfer. While we did not collect as much as in a normal year, it was a successful option. We are in the process of signing on with a Gold Rush fundraiser. We are sending out an invite to other local schools to see if they would like to join into the fundraiser as well.

We sent a letter of support to the Charlottetown City Council in support of the school's efforts to improve safety for pedestrian and vehicular traffic around the school.

We are in the process of forming a committee to plan the prom and awaiting direction from the Chief Public Health Office before making decisions on how this will look.

DONAGH REGIONAL HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Patti David, President**

Executive: Tracey MacDonald -Vice-President, Nancy Power, Secretary, Lisa Ramsey Treasurer:

September 2020 to February 2021

- Meetings were held in September, October, November and January.
- Communication methods we use include: Facebook Page, school newsletter and email.
- We have one fund raiser which is selling Community Calendars.
- We plan Friday lunches with volunteers coming to the school each Friday and cooking a healthy meal.
The menu for Friday lunches include:
Spaghetti with whole wheat roll
Sloppy Joe's with carrots and veggie straws
Grill cheese with oranges
Pancakes with yogurt tube and 1/2 banana
Macaroni casserole with whole wheat roll
- Gift cards were donated to Christmas families.
- School Staff Appreciation Week: We donated money to the staff to purchase a meal. Bus drivers received Tim Horton gift cards.
- We purchased two retirement gifts for staff members.
- Parent-Teacher interviews went really well; very well organized and not busy at all.

Thank you
Patti David.

EAST WILTSHIRE HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Laura Hagen-Grant and Gayle Stuart, Co-Chairs

East Wiltshire Home and School Association meets every two months during the school year. The meetings are led by our principal, Ms. Cole with Mr. Cusack and Mrs. Woodford as the teacher reps. The main purpose of the meetings is information sharing. Topics cover a range of information from new programs, staffing changes, curriculum and student body concerns/challenges. The format of our meetings is very informal where everyone has an opportunity to ask questions, raise concerns, and express opinions. Parents can also stay informed on a daily basis using the information posted on our school's website in the daily announcements, or via its Facebook page.

Some highlights from this school year:

- East Wiltshire's very own John Doucette won the Extra Mile Award from the PEIHSF. We were so thrilled to nominate him for this award and the students and staff rallied around John. Such a well-deserved honour!
- We are proud to always have members represent EWS at both the Semi-Annual and Annual PEIHSF meetings and report back to the membership.
- We are also supportive of the excellent breakfast program at the school that offers hot food daily to students and has a strong community, student, and parent volunteer base.
- A highlight of each school year is the Staff Appreciation Luncheon which takes place during Staff Appreciation Week in February. This year, due to COVID constraints, parents generously donated funds to purchase a take-out meal for all EWS staff.
- East Wiltshire also has an active presence on the Bluefield Family District Advisory Council. Our representative, Melissa Rommens, represents EWS well and provides regular updates on the council's work.
- An ongoing concern for our Home and School is the size of EWS student population and our aging building. The school is now operating at full capacity and attention should be drawn to the absence of space available to staff to deliver programs as they feel necessary. Students are receiving instruction in areas of the school not intentioned for classroom work. Unfortunately, EWS was not a priority when the School Review was completed three years ago. The need for additional room due to COVID has added to this strain as areas previously used for activities have been transformed into storage spaces.

ELIOT RIVER HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Tanya Murphy, President

Executive:

Tanya Murphy, Chair

Kelly MacDonald, Treasurer

Andrea Kelly, Secretary

The Eliot River Home and School is pleased that the many years of advocacy have paid off and the school will be getting some much needed renovations and expansion. Home and School is looking forward to the work beginning.

Angela Campbell is the Eliot River representative on the Family of Schools District Advisory Council for the Bluefield family of schools and continues to bring forth issues to the DAC.

Home and School supported the annual Scream Park by donating treats that were given to all children who drove through the Scream Park. The change to a drive through Scream Park was a great success! An outstanding effort by Eliot River staff!!

Our association supported Staff Appreciation Week. Various treats for all Eliot River staff were generously purchased and dropped off by Eliot River parents. We also purchased 5 gift cards and names were drawn and gift cards given to the winning teachers the Friday of Teacher Appreciation week. For the first two weeks of February, all students were encouraged to nominate a teacher (any adult in the building) for all they do to help our students and community. Yellow slips were delivered to each class and were available in the office. Slips were drawn on February 14th for gift cards from our Home and School association. This is a similar process the school uses for "Pawsitivity" nominations with students. Home and School also purchased coffee on Wednesday and had Pizza donated on Friday of Teacher Appreciation week.

We continue to try to communicate with parents through the school newsletter.

We meet approximately four to five times a year and welcome all new members.

ELLERSLIE ELEMENTARY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Erin Veale, President

Executive Members:**Lori MacKendrick - Secretary****Lisa Banks – Treasurer**

Our Association meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month with a very dedicated group of parents. Most meetings have a minimum of 8 parents in attendance as well as the Principal. We have worked hard as a committee to encourage parent participation and our group is passionate and committed. Our committee members can be seen around the school as often as possible and helping wherever they can. Our committee has an excellent working relationship with our school staff. We take suggestions and offer our support as often as possible. We also have a Facebook page for current families of children at Ellerslie to keep them informed and engaged. Ellerslie has a separate group of generous and dedicated volunteers that help weekly with our breakfast program ensuring that all students are still fed safely.

Our Home & School Committee dove right into helping where we could in **September** by offering all classroom teachers \$100 towards necessary classroom supplies and extra's due to COVID-19 requirements. It was a beautiful September with many warm days so our Committee purchased cases of water bottles for students who may have forgotten their water bottles and were unable to use the fountains. Our Committee also offered to cover the cost of a 2nd water bottle filling station if it was necessary. Prior to meeting, our committee discussed offering a teacher appreciation snack/treat day once a month. After confirming COVID-19 food handling protocols we let the school staff know that a snack or treat of some sort would be provided on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Our committee wanted to show a small token of our appreciation and gratitude for the staff and acknowledge all they have done for our students.

Our Committee was so pleased to be able to come together and meet in **October** by following all COVID-19 guidelines. It was so great to see everyone and meet in person again. We decided to participate in the Santa's Little Helper Fundraiser again this year since it had been exceptionally well organized and was prosperous for us the previous school year. We were able to offer the 3 highest selling students each a \$25 Indigo gift card which we had earned last year during a Coles fundraiser night. Last year was also our first year in many offering a school yearbook. We decided as a committee to give all Grade 6 Graduates a free Yearbook as a small gift from our Home & School committee. Volunteers will work on the yearbook for several months in conjunction with the staff providing photos. Our committee had a special request from a teacher asking for Home & Schools assistance in covering the cost of a subscription to 'What in the World' for Humanities which boasts current Canadian events and would be shared between several classrooms. We were happy to help out with this.

November was another exciting month with lots happening around the school. Through Regal Cresting we have a website with school clothing available to purchase, our Committee receives a small portion from all clothing sold. The Grade 6 class signed a number 21 which was added to the back of an Ellerslie Elementary shirt designed by several students the year before. Our grade 6 students really love this keepsake. While looking for different Fundraiser opportunities we created a group called Ellerslie Eagle-cent Deals, offering draws for various gift cards a few times a month. We have had tremendous feedback on these draws and our community has been exceptionally supportive. To show our support to a longtime staff member with a medical condition our Home & School Committee all signed a card and gave him gift cards to offer assistance.

Our Music teacher worked so hard with the students to practice for the recording of their Christmas concert,

our Committee was grateful to be able to contribute towards scenery costs and recording fees. Our School Christmas concert and Grade 6 play was recorded, and a link sent to all families to view it. It was a tremendous success and our students were thankful to still be able to participate in their much-anticipated concert.

We were still able to meet in **December** and had a lovely discussion of what else we would like to do for our staff and students. Our Committee has always covered the cost of Elf on the Shelf books given away to 1 student each day in December. This year we doubled the amount of books given out! We are so thrilled to be able to help build literacy skills in our school. We wanted to offer a little something to the students as a special treat from our committee before Christmas. With the help of a local vendor our Committee bought pancake breakfast for all the students complete with whip cream, sprinkles juice and fruit. This month we also provided our school staff a small feast before Christmas break including meat and cheese trays, buns, crackers, fruit & veggie trays, treats, sweets and beverages. Over the last few years we have made a substantial effort to have our staff feel appreciated. This year just prior to Christmas we gave each of our custodians and our administrative assistant a card signed by the committee with a \$50 gift card.

We decided to forgo **January's** meeting but again came together in **February**. In January we returned to snow and as our committee does yearly we purchased sleds and saucers for the students to enjoy at recess. With a request from the Principal we were able to cover the costs to purchase 10 games which were given out by draw in support of literacy day/week. The students were thrilled and our committee was happy to help out. Due to the COVID-19 shutdown last year many of our school library books were unfortunately not returned. In an effort to help our Library replenish the lost books our committee gifted our Librarian \$1000 to buy new books. We had a parent offer to provide/sell pink shirts to staff and students with the help of our committee. The parent offered a \$2 donation from the sale of each shirt to our Home & School committee. Approximately 50% of our school purchased t-shirts! This was an excellent way for anyone who wanted to have a pink shirt to participate in anti bullying day and for our committee to earn donations. With the money from Pink shirt sales we had a local baker supply 250 cookies for all students and staff for Valentines Day. They all loved this little treat. With the need to continue to fundraise we participated in the Mom's Pantry fundraiser which was all completed online. Again this was a generous fundraiser for us and exceptionally well organized.

Although we did not meet in **March** we continued with the Gift Card draws through Ellerslie Eagle-cent deals as well as provide a monthly snack/lunch for our amazing staff. Our committee made the decision to begin to fundraise specifically for playground equipment on the grades 4-6 side of the school. We hope to be successful in a grant application for playground equipment and have plans in place for September 2021! We are also looking into purchasing a greenhouse and some raised flower beds for our school which will also give students some hands-on learning. In an effort to keep our student's active outside at recess our committee offered our gym teacher money to purchase more outdoor equipment such as balls and some Frisbees.

In **April** our school Librarian is hoping to have the much-loved book fair. Our Home & School committee has offered to help set up the fair to ensure the safe shopping for all our students. Our committee is also looking to provide each student with a \$5 gift card for the book fair, so every student has the opportunity to purchase something and our school benefits from more books. We have really tried to make this year about the students and it seems we have a literacy theme as well! Our Committee will be hosting another fundraiser which is yet to be announced. This fundraiser will help provide our Grade 6 graduating class with an opportunity to have a special end to their elementary years.

We believe in the success of our staff, students and community and we as a committee are grateful for the opportunity to be able to support them in any way we can.

ELM STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Naomi Harvey and Terrilynn Gallant, Co/Chairs

With lots of help from Holly MacLeod, and
New member Rylea Kember

This year was totally different than any other year due to Covid. A lot of activities have been put on hold but we wanted to make sure the kids still had some exciting events and treats to look forward too.

We tried to have meetings available via skype/google so that parents didn't have to come into the school. This wasn't a huge hit yet. We haven't really had a huge parent representation at the meetings. Hopefully that will grow as more parents become aware of the online option.

We still held National Childs Day with the help of an amazing parent baked all the cookies and individually wrapped them so the kids could still enjoy it, along with their chocolate milk from ADL. The children really enjoyed the treat along with the fact of trying to keep things somewhat normal.

For a fundraiser, we teamed up with a local business again to sell meat pies, and delivered these from the parking lot it was a wonderful fundraiser.

For a Christmas treat we ordered all students and staff pizza supporting our local businesses again. This went over extremely well.

Then it was Staff Appreciation week. The Home and School, instead of asking parents due to Covid, purchased all the items and wrapped them so the staff could just grab a prewrapped snack, which also went over very well.

The students are all doing a wonderful job adjusting to the new rules and wearing their masks. It was a huge adjustment.

We are looking forward to seeing how the rest of the year pans out, and will continue to support our students along the way.

Hope everyone has a wonderful year!!

ENGLEWOOD HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Rosie MacFarlane / Rachel Lowther-Doiron, Co-Chairs

Treasurer: Cathy Lantz

Introduction:

It was a relief to Englewood parents to see children returning to school in fall 2021, after missing the last three months of the previous school year due to Covid 19. Thus far, the school year is unfolding well despite Covid 19 restrictions. Teachers and children have adjusted well to the school's operational plan and mask-wearing has become a part of routine.

The Englewood Home and School Association remained active but kept a low profile in 2020-21. We held a fall meeting at the Lone Oak Brewing Company in Borden-Carleton and enjoyed the opportunity to meet safely in a relaxed environment.

Communications:

The Englewood Home and School Association continues to administer a Home and School Facebook page which is an excellent way to distribute information about school events and activities. Our Facebook page is updated regularly with school announcements, delays, closures etc. Membership in the group increased since last year as parents recognized the value of this tool as a quick way to receive information during the pandemic. There are currently 219 members in the group, up 34 from last year.

School Food Initiatives:

The school lunch program was welcomed by our Association which had been struggling to provide hot lunch options for many years. The program has had mixed reviews from parents and students but it is a good start. The "grab and go" breakfast program was curtailed this year, as was the canteen that is normally operated by students.

Fund Raising:

The primary fund raiser for our Home and School Association is the sale of coupon books in spring and fall. A successful fall sale was undertaken in 2021. We anticipate providing some financial assistance to the Band program as well as other areas in need within the school.

Participation in Provincial Home and School and District Advisory Council Activities:

Englewood Home and School Association actively participates in provincial Home and School activities, with representatives attending the semi-annual and annual meetings. One of our co-chairs participated in the Annual meeting via Zoom.

Our Home and School Association co-chair, Rosie MacFarlane, is a member of the District Advisory Committee.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week:

Englewood parents enjoy treating teachers and staff to an annual luncheon during Teacher/Staff Appreciation week. With Covid 19 restrictions in 2021, we opted to have a local restaurant, the Blue Goose, cater a lunch. Parent volunteers provided supervision, which allowed teachers and staff to have a sit-down lunch together. We also show our appreciation to the Englewood bus drivers by providing coffee and muffins at the school during bus driver appreciation week.

Other:

At the fall meeting of our Home and School Association, we passed a motion to provide feminine hygiene products in girls washrooms within the school. We were pleased to hear the provincial government announce in late November that these products would be provided in all PEI schools.

The Home and School Association provided financial support towards the construction of a Gaga Ball pit on the school grounds. This game has proven to be very popular across all grade levels and a second one is being considered.

Summary:

Although Home and School activities were scaled back in 2020-21, the Englewood Home and School Association continues to provide support to parents, students, teachers and administrators. We look forward to 2021-22 and celebrating the end of masks!

GEORGETOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Jeanna Kernazitskas, President

Vice President/Treasurer - Stacy Toms

Secretary - Haley Zavo

DAC Representative - Peggy McInnis

Breakfast Program:

Our breakfast program is running 5 days a week. It is mostly staffed by the school EA's and teachers due to Covid. There are a couple parents who go in once a week and do a hot breakfast. I go in every couple of weeks and make muffins for the kids. We receive funding from the province for our breakfast programs.

Events and Activities and Fundraisers:

Our fundraising this year has been impacted by Covid, so we have had to get creative.

We held a Chili cook off in December to raise funds to purchase Gymnastics equipment.

We are in the process of holding a fundraiser in the form of an online Auction. We hope to raise enough funds for the end of the year Field Trip and other supports the school has needs for.

For Teacher Appreciation Week, we bought cards and flowers for all the teachers in the school, and had each student sign the cards to make it more appreciative.

We also purchased Valentines gifts for all the students.

Our students are looking forward to seeing what we are able to come up with for the end of the year festivities.

Jeanna Kernazitskas
President

GLEN STEWART PRIMARY SCHOOL HOME AND SCHOOL**Andrea Richard, President****EXECUTIVE:**

Andrea Richard

Alison Sheppard

Erin Wadden

Considering all the unknowns surrounding Covid19 when school started, it has been a great year for the Glen Stewart Primary. Our Home and School has not been as active as in years previous, with only a single meeting in the Fall. However, we have been communicating with the school administration and providing support for the children of our school virtually. We provided funding for the school to purchase cohort-specific outdoor toys and balls to ensure our children, in their cohorts, could play in areas of the schoolyard that do not have access to play equipment and toys to initiate play.

The Home and School helped with the fall coupon book campaign by putting together the coupon booklets for each student and class. The funds were raised by the school administration, and Home and School provided support.

For Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week, we reached out to our parent community and asked for financial support to offer thank you's to our staff in a new way. The parent community was absolutely amazing, and the funds raised funded all the planned activities. Local businesses provided food and discounts, and we were able to provide lunch, muffins, coffee, and thank you cards to each staff member.

Our online lunch orders continue to be successful, with children ordering from both the PEI Healthy School Food program and the Hot Lunch program. We provided feedback to the PEI Healthy School food program as it was rolled out and continue to let the program staff know about our experience at Glen Stewart.

We are very proud of our partnership with Stratford Elementary and the support that our Home and School receives from the school, staff, parents, and community.

GREENFIELD HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Sara Milligan Buckley (President)****EXECUTIVE:**

Becky Stewart (Vice- President)

Jocelyn Mills (Secretary)

Krista Peters (Treasurer)

In the fall and winter, the Greenfield Home and School Association met in September, November, February and April. Our next scheduled meeting is in May. We will continue to meet every second month over the remainder of the school year. This being a very different year due to Covid, our activities have been limited.

Our fundraising efforts include: Greenfield School Calendars. We sold Greenfield School Calendars again this year, with the school's contact information, bell schedule, lunch menu, and PD/Holidays listed. Local businesses were approached to sponsor a month in exchange for having their logo featured on that month's page. The calendars were sold to staff and families for \$10 each. Sales were up from last year. We used the same printer as the previous year and the end product was very nice. We actually ended up selling out of calendars. The money raised went towards our yearly expenses again this year. As of right now, we plan on selling the calendars again next year. We are currently starting a no contact fundraising campaign with Tru-Earth where we will be selling ecofriendly laundry detergent, all purpose cleaner, beeswax food wraps as well as several other ecofriendly products. The sales of this will be online and will be shipped right to the customer's door.

Breakfast Program - Greenfield has a very successful breakfast program that operates five days per week for all students. This year we remain financially secure; however, getting volunteers can still be a struggle at times. There are many loyal parents and grandparents, who help out regularly, and the teachers are great to fill in if needed as well; but we could still use more volunteers to keep things running smoothly.

Christmas Hampers - The Christmas Hampers Committee, in conjunction with the St. Eleanor's Lions Club, had another amazing year! The money collected from various fundraising events held in the fall was used to purchase gifts for 15 families (including 38 children) this year in the Summerside area. Greenfield parents, students, and staff helped with this project which is a real community event for the school. We held a Halloween dance for grades 3-6, Gator Giving Days (PJ Day, Crazy Hair Day, Jersey Day and Xmas spirit day) with toonie donations every Wednesday in November. We sold Candy-O-Gram sales and all proceeds went to the Christmas Hamper fund. There was also a special draw on our Give to Gators Facebook page that collected money for the hampers.

Teacher/ Staff Appreciation - This year, Home and School hosted a coffee break every Wednesday in February. Coffee from Tim Hortons and snacks brought in by parents were provided to staff once a week for a month instead of every day during Teacher/Staff appreciation week to spread things out a little more. We also provided a farewell lunch for Sandra Jay which was enjoyed by the staff, from the venue of Sandra's choosing to show our appreciation for her hard work and commitment to the school for the many years she has been here. We had also planned to have lunch from the Water Street Bakery provided for the staff during the lunch hour of parent teacher interviews but we had to cancel this lunch due to the Covid restrictions placed on PT interviews.

Resolution - We submitted a resolution this year to ask for a committee be created to help schools find funding for their playgrounds. It was requested that this committee be made of PSB and Government representatives, as well as any volunteers from Home and School who may be interested.

Greenfield Playground Committee - This year we haven't been successful as of yet at creating a playground committee. Most of the fundraising efforts have been headed up by the Home and School executive. An online fundraiser was created on Facebook this year where tickets were sold on draws that were done virtually. This has been a good fundraiser for the playground. We have a meeting set for April 12th to address the playground fundraising and come up with ideas for more support. We are drafting a corporate letter to send to companies in the Summerside area to ask for support. We have been looking at several fully accessible play structures and it is our hope that we will be installing one in the future.

So far it has been a very different year moving forward as a Home and School committee with the new normal that we are currently living in. We have made it a great year and we are confident that moving forward we will continue to make the best of it and serve our school in the best way we can.

GULF SHORE CONSOLIDATED HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Jennifer Covello, President****Executive:**

Past President: Erin MacRae-Forrest

Vice-President: Peggy Doucette

Treasurer: Marsha Doucette

Secretary: Marsha LeBlanc

We host six meetings during the school year which take place on the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. We moved the location of our meetings from the science lab to the multi-purpose room this year to allow for adequate social distancing. We continue to post information on the Gulf Shore Home and School Facebook page as well as in the school's monthly newsletter. These streams have been a great way to share information and reminders with all parents, guardians and teachers.

Last year we asked that each class/grade have a representative attend meetings regularly and act as a liaison between the Home and School Association and the parents of that class. This increased meeting attendance last year and got more people involved in discussions and events. We have carried the initiative forward this year and have seen the same success.

Initiatives**Milk & Hot Lunch program**

With the advent of the Provincial Healthy Lunch Program we scaled back our hot lunch selection this year. We still offer milk five days a week, but only offer a school specific pizza day on Friday. We continue to utilize hotlunches.net to provide online purchasing for all milk and pizza. We have a few volunteers that work with the executive to communicate with the vendors and organize the online ordering system.

Food for Thought Cupboard

Thanks to donations and funding we are able to keep our fridge and cupboards stocked with healthy foods. These items are available for any student who either does not have access to food or who has forgotten their lunch that day. This cupboard is well utilized during a typical school year, and we have seen an increased need over the past few months. With a number of families feeling increased financial strain due to COVID 19, it is extremely beneficial to have options available for those that need it.

Terry Fox BBQ

Every year we provide BBQ hotdogs and juice boxes for all students after the run. As with most of our annual events, changes had to be made to ensure we remained within the public health guidelines this year.

Student Head Checks for Lice

Periodically throughout the school year we have Home and School volunteers come in and do hair checks for our students. One of the hidden benefits of the public health measures has been not only a decrease in coughs and illness within the school system, but also a decrease in the spread of lice. We have not had to send any lice notifications home this year.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week

Home and School recognizes the great teachers and staff at Gulf Shore and appreciates their kindness and dedication to our children's education. We use an online sign-up sheet (signupgenius.com) where

parents/guardians can access and sign up to provide a sweet treat, healthy snack during this particular week. As with most activities, changes had to be made this year to keep within the public health regulations.

Teacher/Staff Supper Potluck

Provided twice a year during student lead conferences. We once again use the online sign up sheet for families to sign up to bring in either: soup, chili, biscuits, rolls or snacks. This allows our teachers to grab something when they can during scheduled conferences.

Hot Chocolate

We normally host an event in February affectionately called "Soup for Shirley". Shirley was a Gulf Shore parent that strongly believed each student deserved a warm meal in their belly. Because of the restrictions on extra people in the school and serving soup communally, we shifted our focus this year and set up hot chocolate stations within each of the outdoor playground zones during a lunchtime recess. All the students were treated to a warm cup of hot chocolate and marshmallows in memory of Shirley.

Christmas Concert/Christmas Joy Fund

In previous years, we provided fruit kabobs for our K-6 students on the evening of the Christmas concert. Given the public health guidelines, changes had to be made and the concert was taped ahead of time. The Home and School association paid for the cost of the professional videography and editing so that we could all still enjoy watching the children perform.

Because Christmas parties/dances were not permitted this year, we decided to provide each homeroom teacher with \$100 to spread a little Christmas Joy to their students. Some teachers hosted movie and snack time, some choose to do gift exchanges or to purchase supplies to make crafts. We received many thanks and positive feedback from the staff and students.

Weekly Fruit Bowls

Each week during cold/flu season we placed a fruit bowl filled with clementines and apples in each homeroom. This allowed students to not only get a little extra vitamin C but a healthy snack too.

Extra Mile Award

This year, the Home and School Association nominated Robert Holmes for the Extra Mile Award. We were delighted that Robert was chosen as one of the recipients. He continually goes above and beyond his duties to ensure that students receive the support they need to reach their full potential.

Parent Leadership Grant

We were successful in securing a Parent Leadership Grant this year. We held a virtual family quill art session with Melissa Peter-Paul. Melissa is a Mi'kmaq artist from Abegweit First Nation. The event began with her sharing how she harvests her raw materials. Then students and families created quill art together using kits and a tutorial prepared by Melissa. We had a great response to this event and were provided with lots of positive feedback from the participants.

Bus Driver/Custodian Appreciation

In March, we generally prepare a hot breakfast for our bus drivers and custodians to show our appreciation for all that they do to keep our children safe. Even though we are extra thankful for them this year, we were unable

to all enjoy a warm meal together. Instead, we put together "grab n go" bags containing fresh baked scones, Preserve Company jam and a Robin's gift card. These bags were handed out on the Friday morning before March Break.

Playground update

One of our original wooden play structures at the school was torn down last year as it was no longer deemed safe. We organized a committee to raise funds through grants, donations and a bake sale. We have already purchased a GaGa Ball Pit and a new large sand box. The committee has plans for a few more playground additions in the future.

Fundraising

To help support the needs of our students and school, we did one major fundraiser this school year. In partnership with Smith's Christmas Tree Farm, a local business run by a family in our school. We sold tickets for Christmas trees each costing \$40 with \$10 going back to our Home and School. We also added wreaths this year at a cost of \$20 with \$5 going back to the school. We are very appreciative of the ongoing support of Smith's Christmas Tree Farm.

Provincial Meetings

Gulf Shore Home and School will be sending virtual representatives to the PEI Home and School Federation Annual General Meeting on May 10th 2021. We also have a member that sits on the District Advisory Council.

Covid -19 update

When the school year began, many families were feeling the stress of the unknown. We weren't sure how things would work or how to navigate all the new routines. I don't think that anyone could have predicted just how well things would work. Although there have been some setbacks, I think it is safe to say that most staff, students and parents have adapted relatively well. We are lucky to still have in person education this far into the school year.

Although this school year has looked much different than any previous year, we have managed to pivot and adapt so that most of the annual events could still happen in some capacity. It is amazing to see the students take all the changes in stride and enjoy to events for what they are this year. We certainly have a lot to be thankful for in PEI and especially as members of the Gulf Shore family.

HERNEWOOD HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT

Dione Tuplin, President

Sandee MacLean - Vice President

Danielle Sprigg - DAC Rep

It has been a slow year at Hernewood- Covid regulations have kept morale low and we all can't wait for the cohorts to end. We did receive a PEI Home and School Grant which we are using to reach out to more of our community- hoping to work towards better collaboration within our own school community and our feeder schools.

We recently held the first of these meetings where students, teachers, the Student Well Being Team (SWBT), parents and guardians met in person and virtually (first time for this) and it was a promising start. Our goal is to have more collaboration with students to find out what works for them and for parents to have a more helpful role in creating school culture. A prime example is the Student Well Being Team which is working on a presentation for the fall and when the students were asked by parents how much they got out of presentations - their response was "Not Much" or "None". Most students use the time as an opportunity to zone out and they don't find them engaging. The SWB team then offered to work with Student Council to try to figure out what would work. Lots of ideas our SWBT have they just need the energy and students to try them out.

Sexual harassment, racism, and bullying are concerns for parents and students both in elementary and Junior High. It is 2021 everyone knows sexual and racist comments are not just teenagers being teenagers. Female students raised concerns about the lack of noticing of such comments by staff and how terrible it is on buses. They don't feel safe or comfortable on the bus and noted how elementary students are hearing and learning about sexual acts heard and seen on porn from the older boys on the bus who give loud verbal display.

It was decided we should meet with other Home and School Associations to discuss how to address the problems on the buses as elementary students are hearing things even an adult won't be comfortable hearing.

In order to help facilitate outdoor learning a Schoolyard Reno project is about to be kicked off. With hopes of expanding our upon the garden and greenhouse staff began, ideas brought forward so far are for an outdoor classroom, outdoor trail with native trees, forest and fruit, picnic tables, obstacle equipment, touch garden.

Increasing cultural experiences is also a priority looking forward. Experiencing the music, dance, and traditions of all cultures, including Mi'kmaq, Scottish, Acadian, Irish, Immigrants, hopefully by celebrating all cultures of our school understanding will occur.

Working with the SWBT in hosting Teenager Survival nights are another goal - Nights where parents and students would meet separately, then can come together, if they want, to learn how best to navigate the realities our children face.

Mental health continues to be a large concern with an increase in individual referrals and longer waiting lists within our family of schools. Upstream services are not able to occur, leading to more reactive cases. Increased

funding to the SWBT is needed if mental health education is going to reach all our children and keep reactive cases lower.

Topics of discussion moving forward

- What is the process/steps to report sexual harassment?
- Let's identify any barriers preventing students from reporting these concerning behaviours.
- What peer groups can be created to support students experiencing Sexual Harassment, bullying, peer pressure?
- Plan a meet, great fun night for back to school.

Not a very eventful year but we are looking forward to building on what we have begun.

KENSINGTON INTERMEDIATE SENIOR HIGH (KISH) PARENT COUNCIL**Julie MacLeod -Chair**

The Kensington Intermediate Senior High (KISH) Parent Council meets 4-5 times during the school year. The meetings are led by our principal, Mr. Donald Mulligan.

Our meetings have a robust agenda covering topics such as various changes to acts, policies and procedures, school priorities, parental concerns, District Advisory Council (DAC) updates, COVID protocol, questions and concerns, school sports, student council updates, staffing changes and roundtable. The meetings are an excellent forum for information sharing and are very informal.

As with most parent councils and home and school groups, we would love to have more parent engagement. Due to COVID, two meetings this year have been held using Google Meets. This has worked very well and we will look at continuing this in the future. The virtual meetings allow for more parents to attend as travel time is eliminated when they can participate in the meetings from the comfort of their home. Communication between home and school is emphasized at KISH and there are various other ways that parents can stay informed. Daily Announcements are posted on the KISH website. Monthly newsletters are posted on the website and printed copies are available in local community businesses. A regular article is printed in the local free newspaper, the County Line Courier. The principal sends a weekly email every Sunday evening with details for the coming week. There is a weekly slideshow at the school which is also posted on the Facebook page. Finally, parents can also follow school happenings on Twitter.

Throughout the school year:

- COVID – We have been extremely lucky. The school operational plan has worked very well and we've only lost 3 days due to the recent circuit breaker in March. Students are following the rules and wearing their masks. Many parents are driving their children to and from school to minimize the number of children on buses and there are more students walking to and from school this year than ever before. The custodians are working very hard to keep the school clean and safe for everyone.
- The principal and other staff are very visible and engaged at KISH. The principal is outside every morning greeting the students as the buses and students arrive. The students like this.
- Fundraising has been successful this year with tremendous support from the community for the annual pie campaign. The community is very supportive of KISH in many ways from volunteering to coach school sports, providing co-op placements and financially with donations for various activities and initiatives.
- Due to COVID, the high school hockey tournament, a major fundraiser, could not be hosted this year.
- A full roster of school sports has been offered this year with great interest from the students. The teams have been successful and have made it to the provincials in soccer, volleyball and basketball. COVID managers volunteered for all sports to ensure COVID related guidelines were followed
- The KISH Parent Council Chair represents the school at the District Advisory Council meetings and information is readily shared back and forth.

- The Healthy Lunch program has been a success particularly since the menu was updated. The cafeteria is also busy and the Breakfast Program continues to run. The Breakfast Program is more challenging due to COVID but challenges have been worked through.
- The student council has done an excellent job of keeping school morale high with lunchtime activities and “spirit/theme” dress up days. The last week of March will be a Spring Carnival. This will be combined with a food drive for the local food bank.
- The course selection parent information meeting was extremely well attended. This was virtual using the Google Meets platform.

Looking ahead:

- Badminton and spring volleyball will be the next spring sports. Other sports have not been confirmed yet due to public health guidelines.
- Graduation and award ceremonies are in the planning stages.
- A parent/student committee is organizing the prom which will be held (if possible) off school premises following public health guidelines.
- A new school website will be coming at the end of April.
- There have been quite a few new students who have moved to the community during this school year. Many of these students are coming from off-island. This is very positive for the school.

KINKORA REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL**Donna MacLeod, President / Provincial Treasurer****Executive:** Ryan McAleer**Local Home & School Director:** Krista Murphy**Student Council Advisor:** Kevin Stewart

Our parent council has bi-monthly meetings in which our school's student council advisor Kevin Stewart and the student council president share a report about what is happening in our school. As well, our principal shares information about school policies, upcoming events, and school initiatives and goals. Our meetings are a chance to gather valuable feedback from parents and discuss happenings within the school.

- Blazer Beef supper is our major fundraiser for our school. Last fall, we sold over 400 dinners to the local community for take-out only because of COVID-19 restrictions. Students, parents, and KRHS staff worked very hard together to prepare and carry out this fundraiser.
- We also held a pie fundraiser in October.
- During exam week, parents provided and served nutritional snacks every morning to students before their scheduled exams.
- For Teachers and Staff Appreciation Week, parents organized homemade treats and lunches for staff and bus drivers.
- Along with KRHS staff and students, our parent council also put forth a very special nomination for the Extra Mile Award and presented it to a deserving teacher, Shelley Tremere.

With our ongoing pandemic and all the COVID-19 restrictions, parents and students at KRHS are very lucky to be a part of a small school, and because we are a small school, we were able to adapt to the new "normal" easily. Custodial staff and school administration have worked together to make parents and students feel safe in our school. Together we will get through this and still be able to remain active within the school community.

After being involved for about 14 years with local and provincial Home and School, this will sadly be my last year. My youngest daughter Mandy is graduating from KRHS. Home and School has answered a lot of questions about my children's education here on PEI. Being a part of Home and School has given me the opportunity to support my children and other students to receive the best possible education. I want to thank Shirley Jay for always answering my questions or sending me in the right direction to find an answer. Also, thanks to the many Home and School Presidents and executives, I've had the pleasure of working with and formed many friendships with parents across PEI.

L.M. MONTGOMERY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Cara Dempsey / Alicia Packwood, Co-Chairs

Executive: Amanda Carr Gamester, Treasurer; Gail Edgett, Secretary

The 2020 school year started off strong, with the Executive Committee focused on raising funds towards new playground equipment. In late August and early September, we began to receive a lot of messages from parents looking for clarification on the operational plan, drop-off's/pick-up's, and cohort details. The Home and School Executive acted as a liaison between the school administration and the parents. The school did create a few short videos to help explain the new processes to parents and we helped push those out through our social media channels.

Our first Home and School Meeting was held on September 22 and done virtually. Despite a few small technical issues, we had good attendance. At this meeting we announced that we were looking for classroom parent reps. This was a concept adapted from another school and we wanted to create more parent engagement, as well as open another channel for communication. We held a second virtual meeting November 17, followed by in-person meetings, held January 12 and March 30. Our final meeting of the year will be our AGM on May 25.

At the beginning of the year, we also spent a lot of time sorting out our lunch program. Initially there was some confusion on the Provincial Lunch program vs. our in-school lunch program (pizza, subs, and milk). Our in-school lunch program has always been run by a volunteer committee, but it became difficult to manage when issues arose with order mix-ups and payments. School administration agreed to take over the lunch program and assign staff to help manage it. They still use volunteers to help deliver the lunches to the classrooms.

Our playground fundraising is ongoing and we have tried to add smaller pieces/installations when funds allow. In the fall, the Home and School purchased a GaGa Ball Pit for the grade 4-6 students. Home and School also committed to purchasing replacement basketball and soccer nets, we are just waiting on approval from Public Schools Branch for installation.

Fundraising initiatives include: Mabel's Labels, Flip Give, on-line auction, Holiday Shoppe, Coupon Books (twice a year), LM Spirit Wear, and our newest initiative – LM Lucky Fox. The Holiday Shoppe was very successful, donated items were available for students to purchase by cash donation. The LM Lucky Fox is a gift card draw with a limited number of spaces available. Typically, the prize would be a \$500 gift card and we would sell 100 spots at \$10 each, for a fundraising profit of \$500 per draw. These draws are time consuming and require a lot of tracking. We also had to switch banks as we incurred a lot of fees from the number of e-transfers we were receiving for the payments. To date, we have held about 20 LM Lucky Fox draws.

We are about to start a new fundraising initiative with other Charlottetown families of schools, called Gold Rush. It's a 50/50 online fundraising format which is set to go live in May.

We held our School Staff Appreciation Week from Feb 14 – 21. COVID provided us with some unique challenges on how we could provide something to all staff. The Hospitality Committee accepted donations and used those funds to purchase a pizza party for the staff. We also purchased gift cards for the bus drivers and all

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staff members were entered into a draw to receive prizes throughout the week. The Home and School contributed approximately \$250 for Staff Appreciation Week.

To date this year, the Home and School has provided funding for Christmas Families, Teacher Classroom Fund (\$100 per teacher), Staff Appreciation Week, and the GaGa Ball Pit.

The Home and School is currently receiving quotes on a few more pieces for the playground. The hope is to have two new pieces purchased and installed before September 2021.

Our school continues to grow, especially with the developments taking place in Montgomery Heights. With this growth we have expressed a concern for student safety as they cross MacWilliams Road. The Home and School has been working closely with school administration to provide support on this issue, as needed. To date, the City of Charlottetown has said a crosswalk will be installed in the Spring/Summer. No parking signs were placed along the road on the school side. We are still advocating for a crossing guard assigned to the new crosswalk as well.

Social media, specifically Facebook, has significantly increased engagement levels for the Home and School. All Home and School meetings are posted as "events" on the page and we also use it to share news from the school, as well as our fundraising initiatives.

Our two co-chairs and secretary have all completed a two-year term on the executive. Alicia Packwood is stepping down, but Cara Dempsey has offered to stay on for another 2 years. Gail Edgett will be stepping down as secretary but has offered to support the executive for 1 more year, as her child will be in grade 6 in the new school year. We welcomed Amanda Carr Gamester mid-year as treasurer.

Sincerely,

L.M. Montgomery Home & School Executive Committee

MONTAGUE CONSOLIDATED HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Paula O'Brien, President**

Executive: Paula O'Brien, President
Nancy Robertson, Vice President
Rae-Anne MacDonald, Secretary/Treasurer
Betty MacDonald, Principal

The MCS Home and School meet approximately bi-monthly on a Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. In September, our long time Treasurer Susie Myers Garrett stepped down and the position was filled by Rae Anne MacDonald who also acts as Secretary. Childcare is no longer provided due to Covid-19 restrictions. Attendance generally consists of the Executive, the Principal and a few parents. We found parent participation has significantly declined since last year.

In last year's budget the Province of PEI announced that Montague Consolidated would be receiving 5.5 million dollars for infrastructure upgrades. School administration as well as members of Home and School met with government to discuss the "wish list" and prioritize the spending. Since that time a consulting firm was brought in to create a new floor plan that would better utilize the existing space. We are very pleased with the results! Some other items included in the infrastructure improvements are upgrades to the HVAC system, ceiling/floor tiles and the front entrance. These upgrades should be complete by September 2021.

The executive and school administrators are working with funding partners to assist in the development of our playground. One fixture was removed last year and has not since been replaced.

The MCS Home and School provided welcome-back coffee and (individually wrapped) treats for the staff at the beginning of the year. In prior years, parents would bring in homemade items or purchase treats. Due to Covid, all items were purchased this year.

Currently we have only run one significant fundraiser in the 2020/2021 school year. We raffled tickets on a basket of gift cards from local businesses. The value of the gift cards was over \$1000, and we raised \$3000 in ticket sales. In the past, the majority of our fundraisers were large events held within the school so during this time we are brainstorming alternative methods of fundraising that are not financially draining to parents.

The Home and School provides funds for each teacher to purchase books for their classroom through Scholastic during the two book fairs held each year.

The healthy lunch program is popular but there are mixed reviews from parents on the food items and their complexity. It is the only hot lunch program provided at Montague Consolidated. This may be revisited in the future. The Breakfast program continues to be extremely popular with students. Breakfast options are delivered directly to the classroom. This wouldn't be possible without the support of the Montague Rotary Club and our wonderful volunteers.

Staff Appreciation Week is always a wonderful time at MCS. This year we changed things up a bit. We would normally offer a luncheon for staff but felt with Covid restrictions it would be safer to opt out for this year. Instead, we purchased 25 gift cards for local businesses. Staff members names were randomly chosen throughout the day to win the cards. The staff loved it! Coffee and snacks were also provided in the staff room and on Friday all staff given a bouquet of beautiful Vanco tulips!

Prepared by Paula O'Brien

MOUNT STEWART HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Leanne Feehan, President**

Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month, with 10 + people in attendance. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we have moved our meeting area to the cafeteria, where we can properly social distance. Masks and hand sanitizing were also mandatory. Topics discussed at every meeting include occupational health and safety concerns, parent engagement and our breakfast and lunch programs. We also discuss things like provincial assessment results, fundraising, special events and other things happening around our school and community.

This year our Home and School nominated our Vice Principal for the Extra Mile Award. We had lots of letters of support from both staff and parents; presented flowers at the award ceremony, and provided cake for a staff social afterward.

Even with COVID-19 restrictions, our Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week went very well. We supplied lunch every day for the staff (including soups, chili, sandwiches and sweets and coffee on Friday). We also did daily random draws for small prizes (2 staff member names, per day were drawn during morning announcements). A donation was given to the school on behalf of the staff, so they could dress casually all week. This was very much appreciated.

Our fundraisers this year have been BOGO Fall coupon books and we will be participating in our annual Spring Summer Saver BOGO Coupon books, as well. We will hold off on our spring fundraising event again this year, due to COVID-19.

We have been approved for two Parent Engagement Events/Activities...a winter fun night and a geo-caching/BBQ family evening. Both of these events will focus on family well-being. These will include families spending time together, outside, while being active. Members of our staff and student well-being team will be in attendance as well.

We continue to run a Facebook group, that we share news from the provincial office, events happening at the school, events taking place in the community and any other school related news. If a parent has a question, they can ask it here. This has also been a great help in connecting with volunteers. It is well run and very well received. Parents, guardians, volunteers and staff members use it often.

We have a great group of volunteers; that includes parents, grandparents, community members, seniors, and even a great grandparent, that help out with our breakfast program. We continue to try to build up our volunteer list and parent engagement the best we can.

Our Home and School works very closely with the administration and staff of our school and we have a great working relationship. The staff is very supportive of our association and vice versa. It definitely hasn't been a "normal" year, but we've all come through it together.

Looking forward to better things in the future.

O'LEARY ELEMENTARY HOME and SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Sam Shaw-Veniot / Krista Locke-Ellis Co-PresidentS

Executive: Sally Burden-Secretary, Sam Shaw-Veniot-Treasurer

The O'Leary Home and School committee continues to meet roughly every 2 months throughout the school year to discuss various topics - we receive updates from our Principal and Vice-Principal regarding things that are happening in the school. We continue to post on our Home and School webpage any upcoming dates, or anything we would like to communicate to the parents/guardians. We continue to host out hot breakfast on Thursday mornings each week; the menu changes every week. We serve anything from eggs and toast to pancakes and fruit, etc. We have recruited some new volunteers this year which was nice.

This year has been a bit different with Covid-19. We were not able to host our back-to-school BBQ which usually results in a big turnout. This usually happens in September, around the second week of school. In September, we also held out first meeting for Home and School.

October: We ran a fundraiser to sell things such as wrapping paper, etc. This was done through Maritime Fundraising. We were not able to do our annual bagging of groceries due to Covid-19. We began our breakfast program offering a hot breakfast once a week on Thursday mornings, and on 3 other days, a cold breakfast such as granola bars, etc.

November: We held another Home and School meeting. We discussed various things such as upcoming Christmas break, breakfast program and equipment needing to be purchased.

December: We held out annual Christmas concert. This was hosted virtually, and we had good feedback.

January: We held another Home and School meeting and discussed the beginning of a new online auction fundraiser. We began to gather donations for this, and will run it sometime in the spring. We also discussed the upcoming Teacher Appreciation week.

February: We held our annual teacher appreciation dinner. We provided salads, dessert, lasagna and garlic bread. We held pink shirt day and students discussed different ways to Sprinkle Kindness. We held our annual winter carnival, and held various activities per cohort for the week.

March: We began Kindness Catchers, where students are awarded for their acts of kindness. This will continue 'till the end of the year.

April/May/June: We plan to host our last Home and School meeting of the year in mid-April and will be discussing the upcoming online auction, as well as year-end activities such as graduation, field trips, etc.

We continue to be pleased with the work going on in the school and are still actively recruiting new volunteers for our Home and School committee and our breakfast program.

PARKDALE HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Karu Bate, President

Covid has changed the way that we have been able to support our school, staff and our children and impacted the way we have attempted to fundraise. We like everyone else have had to change our way of looking at fundraising and our team has come up with some unique ideas and created opportunities for our school this year.

Goals

The Goal of the Parkdale home and school this year is to raise as many funds as possible to expand the playground area at the school.

Activities

- We have opened a new Facebook page which is managed by our Vice President.
- Breakfast program is still ongoing and doing well.
- There was no bake sale as the Christmas concerts were virtual this year.
- Monthly meetings were possible for Home and School to update families on our efforts.
- Staff Appreciation Week was a huge success this year.
- Attendance for the Home and School has been a challenge this year due to Covid safety measures. We could not borrow a staff member to watch children of parents who have an interest in the Home and School meetings.
- Recently a remarkably successful bottle drive was completed. Challenges were made to each of the classes in the school to see which class could donate the most recycling. The top three classes were awarded an ice cream party. We are now looking at making this a bi-annual event.
- Because we are unable to do our local bingo event, we have made a connection with the Brackley Drive In Theatre and are attempting a Bingo at the Drive In. The event is scheduled for the first week of June so we will keep you posted.

PARKSIDE HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

"A Heritage of Learning"

Krista Ward, President

Vice-President – Jana Newsome

Treasurer – Krista Thompson

Secretary – Krystyna Cahill

Principal – Nick Martin

Teacher Reps. – Sarah Grace Schurman, Danielle Keough-Delgado

The following is a summary of the activities of the Parkside Home and School Association for 2020-2021 (thus far):

- The Home and School was pleased to welcome back some of last year's executive members and some new members. Our principal is very supportive of our work in the school community which makes it a pleasure to work in and for the school. We also put out an 'all-call' to parents/ caregivers letting them know that we and the school community need their help/volunteer time to run our activities.
- We have our own **Facebook page** where we *often* post activities/events that are being planned, volunteer needs and successes we'd like to share. The president also has editing privileges for the school Facebook page and can post like messages there as well. This is an effective way to reach many families of our 350 students. We have also sent home some paper flyers as well when we deemed it would be effective.
- We ran a successful Santa's Helpers cookie dough fundraiser in the fall. This is our main Home and School fundraiser which allows us to do our work in the school.
- Our annual Christmas Bake sale was unable to happen because of COVID. We did sell 'Jingle Grams' which parents and students loved. Loved ones can write a note that is then attached to the Jingle Gram (a small candy cane) and then delivered to the student before Christmas. We sold almost 800 Jingle Grams this year!
- We are pleased to offer the students a **Healthy Snack Program** about once a month. A small group of volunteers shop for nutritious fruits and veggies, dips and other items to serve the students and staff. In our school zone, there are many students who are not exposed to enough of these items in their daily lives so this is an opportunity to try something new and it is rare a platter is returned with any food on it.
- We were the recipients of a kind donation from the Centennial Auto Group for our breakfast program that is in the beginning stages of getting up and running. In addition we have started a Facebook crowdfunding page in hopes of using this to keep the breakfast program running and get some money to do some landscaping to the playground. We would also like to purchase some new playground equipment.

- We make continuous food donations to the school snack cupboard. This room provides lunch items to students who do not have a lunch, or snack.
- Teacher/Staff Appreciation week was a great success. We had a large banner made saying thank you, provided treats, and coffee/tea from Samuels, provided lunch and dessert another day and gave some little treats to teachers throughout the week.
- We gave teacher donations this year. We have given each teacher \$100 for educational supplies in their classroom. The Music, Gym, Library, Guidance and specialty teachers all received \$200.
- We received a very generous donation from the PEI Cupcakes Facebook page of \$2500, it was used to purchase baskets for each classroom containing various outside things for outside play. Some of the classes are playing in a large field due to the COVID restrictions and cohorts.
- We are currently selling coupon books as our last fundraiser of the year.

PRINCE STREET ELEMENTARY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Sharlene Gallant Hambly, Chair****Executive Members:**

Jane Ledwell, Secretary

Heather Anderson McEwen, Treasurer

Prince Street Elementary school has held three home and school meetings thus far this school year with one more to finish off the school year. The first one was in person at the school October 8, 2021, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, with 8 parents in attendance and two children. Natasha Bromley, principal chaired the first meeting of the year. Robin and Keir stepped down as co-chairs this year. Sharlene Gallant- Hambly became chair for the year.

Our second meeting was held on December 07, 2021, via zoom, chaired by Sharlene Gallant Hambly. In attendance: 4 parents and Althea Coady, vice principal represented the school. On April 13, 2021, an in person meeting was held at Prince Street school with 5 parents in attendance, both Althea Coady, vice principal, and Natasha Bromley principal represented the staff. The end of year celebrations was discussed.

This year Prince Street did not hold events to bring families into the school, which in the past was very successful, due to the COVID-19 Operational guidelines for the school. The Home and School was reluctant to fundraise this year, since many families are facing serious economic pressures and uncertainty about the future as a result of the pandemic.

Fundraising events from 2020 which included the gift of a flight from WestJet enabled the school to purchase an FM system for the classroom and a 12-month subscription to the online IXL Math program, which was initiated in December. The Home and School covered the cost of both of these items which was very well received by both the staff and students. The school also held an online book fair during the first set of interviews and an in person one during the second set of interviews which did very well for the school.

The Home and School provided the staff with snacks and coffee before Christmas break to show the staff our appreciation. This school year definitely has its unique challenges. For Teacher Appreciation Week we again provided coffee and snacks for morning break on one day. As well, with great support from Althea, prepared chicken quesadillas for lunch for the staff on Thursday. Home and School also provided four \$25.00 gift cards from different stores for draws for the staff during the week.

Overall, the school year at Prince Street has been very successful. The children, parents and staff are happy to have the children in class.

SHERWOOD HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Amy Bysterveldt, Chair**

If I had to summarize our efforts into one word this year I'd pick "support". During these unprecedented times Sherwood Home & School couldn't host many of the community events we typically would. There was no Meet the Teacher BBQ, no family movie nights and there were no guest speakers. Recognizing our limitations, we focused on new ways we could support the community's mental health and try to ease the financial burden brought on by Covid19.

Over the summer we purchased grocery store gift cards and donated them to the school, who in turn ensured they got into the hands of the Sherwood families that needed them most. We increased our efforts to promote wellness and positivity on our facebook page, fielding many questions throughout the year.

To help promote inclusiveness, we created a virtual "Welcome to Sherwood" video. This video included a school tour to share with new families joining the community who missed the opportunity to see it in person this year. It also welcomed back returning students, reminding them that we were all looking forward to having them back.

For the 2020-2021 year we chose not to run our annual fundraising "cash draw" campaign, recognizing the financial impact this pandemic has had on many families.

In an effort to promote school spirit, we designed a school logo with the tag line "Sherwood School Strong, be kind and persevere". With our partners at Cows and using the website Ecwid we created an online shop where families could cheaply purchase various clothing. This wasn't a fundraising campaign, but rather an effort to promote a sense of community. When the school hosted "School Spirit" days we're happy to report that the classrooms were a sea of green shirts.

In February we looked for new ways to celebrate Staff Appreciation Week. To play on the fact that most families are now on a first name basis with their Amazon delivery person, we went with a "You've Got Mail" theme. Each staff member was presented with a handmade mailbox with a postcard inside. The card was designed by students with a special note from Home and School. Each student was then sent home with a template letter and encouraged to deliver their thank you notes to staff throughout the week.

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At the end of the week teachers received a special package which included a gift card and personalized treat. The response from staff was overwhelmingly positive and we'd like to express our thanks to the parents who chipped in to help make this year's Appreciation Week extra special.

Our principle Jean Boudreau is retiring. As I finalize this report, we are planning a Covid-19 friendly send off to thank him for his dedication to the Sherwood Community. Jean was instrumental in advocating for the new Sherwood School, which is set to break ground in 2021 and will be PEI's first "green" school. He is leaving us in the capable hands of our VP Francyne Doiron until June. We look forward to welcoming Mr. Parker Grimmer as the new principle next year and further building on the strong partnership that exists between Home and School at Sherwood.

And finally, we would like to send a shout out to our teachers and staff. During this pandemic, you were agile and adapted to an environment that at times felt like it was changing daily, all while keeping a smile on your face. Thank you for going the extra mile to support our children. Whether it was posting videos of yourselves reading your favorite stories, or the games you incorporated into online learning, you were superheroes.

Amy Bysterveldt

Chair of Sherwood Home and School

SOUTHERN KINGS CONSOLIDATED HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Krista Sheppard, President****Gena Miller – Vice President****Ashley Higginbotham – Treasurer****Emily Norton – Secretary**

Despite COVID making things somewhat difficult for many this year, we still have had a very busy and productive year at SKC. The Home and School Committee meets every month. We are a group of parents and volunteers and we always have overwhelming support for events. Like Staff Appreciation Week.

This was a very successful week where we showed appreciation for all our staff and thanked them for everything they do for our school and students. They were spoiled with food and coffee and treats all week and at the end of the week we did a draw for prizes. All the staff loved it! It was also a little extra special week this year because our very own school custodian Sharon Gordon was nominated and received the Extra Mile Award. This was very deserving for Sharon; she always goes above and beyond what she has to do to make everyone feel special.

This year the government rolled out a lunch program and alongside the government program we also continued to provide our Hot Lunches school program. We provide food three days a week and milk five days a week. This continues to be successful. Even though we could not have our annual Christmas dinner this year due to COVID, the kids were still able to enjoy a nice hot chocolate treat that was made and provided by our very own, locally-owned Buttercup Café.

Our Breakfast Program volunteers continue to offer breakfast every day to our students with options such as muffins and milk, cinnamon rolls, bacon and toast, yogurt and fruit, freshly baked biscuits and cheese and so much more. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful breakfast program and if it wasn't for our wonderful volunteers and support of our community and local Rotary Club this wouldn't be the success it is, so thank you to everyone.

We still have two annual fundraisers. Our fall fundraiser, and we usually do an online auction in the Spring. With this year being a little different with COVID going on we decided not to do our online auction. Instead we decided to do a Facebook Pancake Raffle where we raffle off gift certificates and items from our local businesses. We thought this year our local businesses really needed our support so we wanted to help them since they are always here to help us. All money raised will be going towards new playground equipment for our school.

In closing, this year has been a different year but in all was a very good year. Everyone stuck together and we were able to make this one of the best years for our children.

Thank you.

SKC Home and School

STONEPARK HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Giselle Dalton, President

Executive: Treasurer - Tracy Ellsworth, Vice President - Elizabeth Blake

Our Home and School communicates through our blog on the school's website which has links to the PEI Home and School website. We post our minutes, meeting updates, volunteer request and updates from the Home and School Federation there. We use google docs for Staff appreciation week and our end of the year closings.

Activities have been very low this year due to COVID-19. Our most recent activity was our Staff Appreciation Week. We had treats for the teachers every day of the week, except Thursday when the principle organized his own treat. We had cinnamon rolls, chocolates, fruit, muffins and water for the teachers throughout the week.

Fundraising: This year for fundraising we took part in the Pointsettia fundraiser with VanKampen's Green Houses. It worked out nicely and we used some of the funds for Teacher appreciation week.

We are looking at taking part in another fundraiser in the near future with Charlottetown family of Schools to help build our funds up and have some funds for the Grade 9 graduation in the near future.

We are looking forward to the annual PEIHSF AGM to be able to discuss things there and meet reps from all over the Island.

Submitted by,
Giselle Dalton
President

STRATFORD ELEMENTARY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Jodi Zver, Chair**

Treasurer – Jennifer Ashby

Secretary – Erin Wadden

DAC Rep – Patrick Ross

Stratford Elementary Home and School has held regular meetings this year at the school, abiding by Chief Public Health Office guidelines. With the cancellation of our major fundraising events due to the pandemic, our focus has turned to student well-being. We purchased outdoor equipment “kits” for each cohort in the school, containing balls, skipping ropes, hula hoops, snow blocks, and other outdoor play equipment. This helps ensure children have things to do outside regardless of which zone they are in.

We have also been working with the Town of Stratford and school administration to look at ways to improve student safety around the school. This year has seen a large increase in the number of students walking and biking to school, as well as increased vehicular traffic from children being driven to and from school. Different options are being discussed and explored including crossing guards, additional crosswalks, and the installation of speed bumps. We are optimistic that we will see some action/improvements soon.

Although Teacher Appreciation Week looked a little different this year, we were happy to be able to provide well-deserved treats for school staff throughout the week.

TIGNISH ELEMENTARY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Teena Callaghan, President**

Vice President: Nicole Doucette

Treasurer: Stephanie Gaudet

It has been a different year with Covid-19 but a successful year for Tignish Home and School. We have met in person only once November 10th. Tignish Home and School is using Facebook to stay in touch with parents.

We have a Home and School Group which we use to update parents with upcoming events. We have had to come up with unique and fresh ideas for fundraising etc.

Fundraisers this year:

- We received \$1000 from the Tignish Co-op's 50/50 committee.
- During Co-op week paper apples were sold for \$2 each and all money went back to the Tignish Elementary home and School. Community support was overwhelming.
- We developed a Crowd Funding Facebook Group called "Weak Good Deals." We get lottery licenses to do prize draws. We have been very successful. All funds raised go back into the school.

Monies raised in our fundraisers go towards the healthy program which we do every Thursday. Some of the snack options we provide include: veggie trays, fruit trays, cheese/crackers/grapes, fruit and yogurt parfaits, to name a few. With the generous donation of blueberries from Wyman's we make the students favorite smoothies. This year we purchased two Ninja blenders which stay at the school. We are lucky to have dedicated volunteers for our snack program.

We donated monies to help with the purchase of new books, soccer balls and other supplies the school needs. Summer reading program funding is provided. This past summer we had three university students hired as our number of summer students was higher than previous years.

As part of the weekly lunch order, we now go in on Monday's and make chicken wraps/carrot sticks. We have received wonderful feedback from students/staff and parents. Five volunteers are needed to prepare the wraps. Tignish Elementary takes care of ordering for their school lunch program. Tignish Co-op offers food items on Tuesdays and Fridays. PEI's healthy school program is also an everyday option. Last December Home and School purchased a fridge. This has made it easier to shop in advance and buy things in larger supply, when on sale.

In December Tignish Home and School asked staff/students what class gift they would like for Christmas. We purchased a \$50 gift for each class. Some popular items were Lego, Rubix Cubes and various board games. We wrapped these and they were handed out the last day of school before Christmas Break. Students and staff were very appreciative.

Our Christmas concert was also a great success this year due to our Music Teacher. She pre-recorded each class musical contribution and compiled it into a virtual Christmas Concert. The YouTube link was shared with parents. It was a wonderful production!

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Parents, in previous years, have been good to send in treats on various occasions such as Christmas and Valentine's Day. As such treats were not allowed this year we made individual trail mix bags for students and staff.

Staff Appreciation week was held Feb.16-19. We asked parents to donate money to cover costs of this week as we could not ask parents to bring in any homemade items due to COVID-19 concerns. Our parents as usual were very generous and donated monies to cover this week. Tuesday was a storm day. Wednesday was individually wrapped sweets and tea and coffee was provided. Thursday was our potluck day which our local bakery provided. Friday once again MJ's Bakery provided a delicious chicken soup and a chili with fresh biscuits. The next Monday we collected staff sandwich orders which the bakery prepared. All was organized by Home and School. It was very successful. Our parents always ensure this week is successful and special for our staff.

Tignish Home and School has a Facebook page to circulate announcements. With the availability of Facebook it has become very easy to connect with a large group of parents within a short period of time.

We owe a big thank you to the volunteers who help with Home and School fundraisers and snacks. We are very proud of our school, teachers and students and staff. The Community of Tignish is very supportive of our school and it shows.

Our children have a great school and community environment to learn and live in.

VERNON RIVER HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Miranda MacLeod, President

Executive:

Secretary: Julie Anne MacDonald

Treasurers: Devlin Bruce

District Advisory Council Member: Joelene MacLeod

Lunch Coordinators: Jodi MacKenzie and Christina Powers-Burt

Topics Discussed At Local Meetings:Fundraising Requests/Expenses for this year:

- New outdoor equipment
- Basketball shorts and balls for the girls basketball team
- New microscopes

Fundraising Events/Activities:

- Fundraising looked a little different this year because of Covid. This was our first year trying out the Fall/Winter Coupon Books and it was a great success, raising approximately \$2600.
- We also started using the FlipGive app. People can join our school team and when shopping online certain stores give a percentage of the sale back to the school team.

Reports:

President – This year was my first year as President for the Vernon River Home and School and it certainly looked different from previous years as far as our usual school activities and fundraising events but we made the best of situation.

We decided to try the coupon book fundraiser many other schools have been doing and were very pleased with the results! We are getting ready to start the Spring coupon books in the next few weeks and hope for great success with that as well.

We also implemented the FlipGive app. Parents and community members can join our team on the app and each time they shop online, we get a percentage of the sale back to our school. With so many people shopping online now, we have had success with fundraising through that app.

The girl's basketball team had a great season and we were able to help them out with some new basketball shorts and practice balls.

We also added a day to our hot lunch program menu and decided to support local and are getting the meal from The Home Plate. They were great to work with and get some new hot, nutritious meals in our school!

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week Activities:

This year members of the executive chose a day in which to "treat" our teachers. Islander day and a storm fell in this week as well so some days they received double the appreciation!

Coffee pods and individual packages of trail mix with a note that said "A little caffeine to espresso our thanks!"

Potted succulents wrapped in burlap and tagged "Thank you for helping me grow!"

Umbrellas with a card that read "Thank you for showering me with love and knowledge!"

Coffee mugs made by an executive member with a decal that said "Before school" and stemless wine glasses that said "After school".

We also took this week to recognize our two custodians who are always amazing members of our school community, but with Covid, we felt they have truly gone above and beyond this year so we presented our own "Extra Mile Award"!

We had parents and students send messages of appreciation and thanks and compiled them all together. We purchased gift cards and tulips to present to Kerry and Ellen with the messages and a card to thank them for all their hard work keeping our school clean and safe, all while having a smile and hello when meeting them in the hallway!

We put out a message via our FB page to all parents to show our teachers how much they are appreciated!

Website:

The Home and School has a link on the VRCS Website. This site lists the executive members and contact information. It also has information regarding our Hot Lunch Program.

We also have our Home and School Facebook page to communicate our meeting dates/times, as well as, to post our minutes from the meeting. All information from school newsletters goes on the Facebook page, along with any reminders of events going on (i.e. PJ day tomorrow). We use this page to communicate our fundraising events. We have had a lot of parents join the page this year and really appreciate the quick access to up-to-date reminders or notes, such as a bus running 10 minutes late. It's also a great way for staff to post reminders for class activities or pictures of the themes on the bulletin board since parents are not in the school as much as other years to see what is going on.

COVID-19 Report

We are so thankful that our students are able to be in school for in class learning this year! We are also very grateful that we have such an amazing school community that rose to all the challenges Covid-19 has presented over the past year.

The school year has certainly looked different this year but we are very confident that our school staff is doing everything they can to keep our students safe while trying to keep as much normalcy to their school year as possible. It has been amazing to see how well students are dealing with the changes and adapting so quickly to their new normal at school.

It is evident that the school is ensuring students are remaining in their cohorts and following all guidelines, our bus drivers are following all distancing and cleaning protocols, and the custodians are going above and beyond with cleaning and sanitization.

WEST KENT HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Nancy Costa, President****Executive:**

Nancy Costa, President

Amy Boswall and Rebecca Deacon, Co-chairs

Julie Carroll, Treasurer

Ashley MacDonald, Secretary

2020-2021 has been a transformative year at West Kent, with the adoption of Covid-19 Operational Plans, but also in the emergence of a primarily new membership to our Home and School Executive. We have attempted to meet every 6 weeks, with our meeting location moved to the school gymnasium to facilitate physical distancing. Meetings have provided a channel for open communication between the school staff and parents, and are typically attended by West Kent Principal and Vice Principal, Tracy Ellsworth and Emily Waye, along with a collection of additional staff and parents. In addition to our regular meetings, our primary sources of communication with parents include our Facebook page, newsletters, and the school blog.

Please find an overview of our 2020-2021 West Kent Home and School activities to date, below.

September 17th, 2020 – First meeting/welcome. A large portion of this meeting focused on brainstorming for Covid-19 friendly fundraising activities.

October

- Kindness Matters t-shirt campaign run by the Inclusive Playground committee.
- Fall Fun Week activities and fundraising
 - Raffle Baskets (7 basket categories created – one for each cohort). Tickets sent home rather than being sold at our traditional Fall Fair. 13 baskets were created in total.
 - Fall Scavenger Hunt on October 24th, ending at the school with small prizes for those who participated. Well attended and enjoyed by all.
 - Themed Dress-up Days October 26th-30th
- Resumption of Pizza Days – pizza orders collected through Hot Lunches. Order takes place the last Thursday of every month and serves as a fundraiser for West Kent families in need over Christmas holidays.
- October 29th, 2020 – second meeting. We attempted to offer virtual attendance at this meeting but encountered technical difficulties.

November

- West Kent School clothing partnership launched with All Star Cresting. A webstore where orders could be placed directly with All Star was created, and parents had the opportunity to have their orders ready for holiday gifts. The webstore has remained open all year and 15% of the sales proceeds go back to the school. The clothing has been well-received by students and staff.
- Inclusive Playground committee conducted a poinsettia fundraiser through VanKampens – this fundraiser is popular and has sold out the last two years.
- Holiday Shop committee began collecting donations of gifts for annual Holiday Shop fundraiser for West Kent families in need over the holidays. Gifts were collected during parent teacher interviews and

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picked up by the organizing committee. Unfortunately, the Holiday Shop for 2020 had to be cancelled in December due to Covid-19 circuit breaker measures, but will be ready to come back bigger and better than ever in 2021.

- December 10th Home and School meeting – cancelled due to circuit breaker

January

- Home and School executive met with West Kent administration to decide how fundraised monies would be allocated. The following are some highlights of what was purchased for the school:
 - A conveyor belt toaster for the breakfast program
 - Outdoor winter and spring toys
 - New sets of levelled reading books
 - Water bottles (school water fountains are turned off due to Covid-19)
- January 28th – Home and School Meeting – focussed on reviewing the items purchased from fundraiser and planning for cookbook fundraiser. We also had a quick inclusive playground committee meeting.

February

- Staff Appreciation Week (February 15-19) activities included the following:
 - Muffins, sweets and appreciation cards provided to staff
 - A catered staff lunch from Pita Pit (parents provided drinks and dessert)
- To support the cost of catering, a “Loonies for Lunches” drive was conducted for the week prior to Staff Appreciation week
- February 24th – Pink Shirt Day. All Star Cresting created a special pink shirt for West Kent families and staff to order. The proceeds from these sales will go to the guidance office for anti-bullying programming.
- West Kent Family Favourites Cookbook fundraiser launched
 - Staff and families asked to contribute their family’s favourite recipes by March 19th.

March

- March 11th Home and School meeting postponed to March 25th due to Covid-19 circuit breaker.
- March 25th – a “Healthy Me” presentation will be conducted at the March 25th meeting by Charlottetown Police, focusing on safe internet use and children.
- Cookbook recipe collection continues

April-June

The remainder of the year will focus on the following:

- Compiling collected recipes, selling and delivering cookbooks
- Continuing Pizza fundraiser via HotLunches/Papa Johns
- Supporting West Kent families and staff

Thank you for the opportunity to provide an update on our 2020-2021 activities.

Respectfully submitted,
West Kent Home and School Executive

WESTWOOD PRIMARY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Angela Campbell, Chair**

Our goal this year was to continue advocating for school needs and to find innovative ways to fundraise for a new Westwood playground within the constraints imposed by the pandemic. We held several Home and School meetings throughout the year, and our executive met regularly for planning purposes.

Fundraising

To help support activities and equipment that are not normally included in school budgets, we do some fundraising throughout the year. The back playground at Westwood was assessed by Public Schools Branch as being at the end of its lifespan, so the majority of funds raised are being saved for this purpose.

Our fundraisers from previous years involved large crowds gathering at the school, so we set up an online Facebook group called Win with Westy. Westwood Home and School Association obtained lottery licenses to hold weekly virtual live draws for prizes. These have been very successful and we have raised over \$10,000 since mid-November.

We also set up an online store of Westwood Primary apparel through All Star Cresting, where 10% of proceeds go to the Home and School Association. We have continued the Mabel's Labels fundraiser, which is ongoing throughout the school year.

Transportation Safety Issues

Staff and several parents were advising that they did not feel it was safe for children nearby to walk to school. Crossing Meadowbank Road was dangerous, as well as crossing on school property due the lack of painted, clearly-marked crosswalks. Westwood Home and School Association supported the advocacy work of the District Advisory Council and several parents regarding transportation safety. A presentation to the Legislative Standing Committee on Education and Economic Growth by the Bluefield Family DAC included slides and information on this unsafe situation. As a result of this advocacy and support from the Town of Cornwall, several significant safety improvements were made at Westwood. These included painting of the crosswalk on school property, the addition of a crossing guard and flashing lights at the Meadowbank Road crosswalk. There has been a visible increase in active transportation to school since these changes.

Other Activities

- Our association supported Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week in a new way; we arranged for individual orders and delivered a lunch from Taco Boys for teachers and staff.
- We continue to improve parent communication by updating our Westwood Home and School Facebook page.

Westwood Home and School Executive

Angela Campbell, Chair; Melissa Pitre, Treasurer; Laura Steeves, Communications; Jacinta Andrews, Secretary **Contact** westwoodhsa@gmail.com

Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation

Proposed Resolutions 2021

RESOLUTION 2021-1

K-12 E-LEARNING IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Submitted by Colonel Gray Home and School Association

- WHEREAS the COVID 19 pandemic has clarified the need for virtual schooling options for K-12 students in Prince Edward Island, and
- WHEREAS with the exception of Prince Edward Island, all Canadian provinces offer free distance and online public education to K-12 studentsⁱ, and
- WHEREAS the move to online learning during the pandemic has shone a light on both the benefits and challenges of virtual schoolingⁱⁱ and presents a unique learning opportunity to move forward with virtual schooling in this province in a way that is collaborative, informed, and innovative, and
- WHEREAS it is recognized that **most** students learn better in a classroom setting, **some** students, who may otherwise fall through the cracks in our system, will benefit from virtual schooling,
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PEI Home and School Federation requests the Public Schools Branch and the Department of Education and Life Long Learning to form a working group, with PEIHSF representation, to review public K-12 virtual education in Prince Edward Island and how to better serve PEI students.

DESTINATION: Public Schools Branch
 Department Education and Lifelong Learning

BACKGROUND:

- ⁱ. State of the Nation: K-12 Learning in Canada, <https://k12sotn.ca/>
- ⁱⁱ. Virtual Schooling in Canada <https://sites.google.com/site/virtualschoolscanada/>
- ⁱⁱⁱ. Prince Edward Island Department Education and Lifelong Learning Flexible Learning 2020-2021 https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/publications/eelc_flex_learning.pdf

**RESOLUTION 2021-2 REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE TO REVIEW FUNDING OF REPLACING
EXPIRED OR UNSAFE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT**

Submitted by Greenfield Home and School Association

- WHEREAS playground equipment is a valuable tool for developing school age children's physical strength and co-ordination, social skills such as sharing, teamwork and competition and mentally preparing them for classroom expectations.
- WHEREAS playground equipment located on school property benefits not only the students of that school but the surrounding community as well. Many school yards house the only playground structure for their particular communities.
- WHEREAS playground equipment, even when properly maintained, due to age, normal wear and tear, changes to CSA standards or vandalism may be deemed by the PSB to be unsafe or unfit for use and be removed or ordered to be removed from site.
- WHEREAS PSB operational procedure 202.1, subsections 4.4 and 4.5 state: "4.4 A school, Home and School Association or other school affiliate will be fully responsible for all costs related to site preparation, purchasing and installing playground equipment and protective surfaces, to CSA standards; 4.5 The Public Schools Branch will assume ownership, upon final inspection, of the playground equipment that has met CSA and Public Schools Branch standards and will take responsibility for all ongoing costs related to inspection, maintenance, warranty and insurance related concerns."
- WHEREAS schools and Home and School Associations have very limited means to fund replacing removed playground equipment.
- WHEREAS the PSB owns, inspects, maintains, warrants and insures playground equipment purchased by schools and Home and School Associations, as per PSB operational procedure 202.1, the PSB should share with schools and Home and School Associations some of the responsibility for replacing removed playground equipment.

BE IT RESOLVED that the PEI Home and School Federation requests the Public Schools Branch and Department Education and Lifelong Learning to form a committee, with Federation of Municipalities, PEIHSF representation, to review school community supports for the provision of safe school playgrounds across the province.

DESTINATION: Department of Education and Lifelong Learning
Public Schools Branch

RESOLUTION 2021-3 WEEKLY UPSTREAM MENTAL HEALTH AND OUTDOOR CURRICULUM
Submitted by Hernewood Home and School Association

- WHEREAS the first and second pillars (priorities) of the P.E.I. Public Schools Branch Strategic Action Plan^{i.} are Student Success and Wellness, and
- WHEREAS a study on Canadian Children by the Canadian Index for Child and Youth Well-being^{ii.} revealed only 46.9% of children feel positive about school, 26.8% have more school work than they can handle, 35.2% experience discrimination, 1/4 experience fighting, regular bullying, and/or violence at home, 59.8% go to school feeling tired, 34.2% have weekly mental distress, and 1 in 4 live in poverty, and
- WHEREAS numerous peer-reviewed studies including ones from Berkley and the University of California^{iii.} highlighted the direct correlation between student success and time spent connected to nature; academic gains and attitudes improved in language arts, math, social studies and science when outdoor lesson time was incorporated into weekly learning; scores in science improved an impressive 26%; teachers in the same study reported improved connections with all types of learners and an increase in their own job satisfaction, and
- WHEREAS numerous peer-reviewed studies including one from Harvard,^{iv.} show a link between reduced anxiety, hostility, stress and depression with time spent outdoors; a study conducted by the American Institute for Research^{v.} published that 75-93% of the children studied, reported that an outdoor setting calms them down when angry; a study published in the Journal for Attention Disorders^{vi.} shows children with ADHD behave better and have less severe symptoms when they are outdoors and rate their experiences with outdoors education more positively compared to traditional classroom settings, and
- WHEREAS numerous peer-reviewed studies, including one published in the Oxford Journal of Medicine,^{vii.} showed outdoor learning activities help combat childhood obesity and may help reduce the risk of nearsightedness, and
- WHEREAS children and teens are spending less and less time outdoors due to changes in technology and societal norms resulting in nature deficit disorder^{viii.}, and
- WHEREAS half of all mental health conditions start by 14, but the majority remain undetected and untreated with only 1 out of every 5 youth who need mental health services receiving them; whereas suicide is the leading cause of death in 15-24 year-old Canadians, second only to accidents, and ranked as the second-highest hospital care expenditure in Canada^{ix.}, and
- WHEREAS the current cost to our economy due to mental health illness^{x.} is at a minimum 50 billion dollars per year and growing; with 1 in 5 Canadians suffering each year and 3.2 million youth aged 12-19 at risk for developing depression; 1 out of 2 Canadians will have or have experienced a mental illness by the age of 40 - which are notably pre-COVID19 statistics, and
- WHEREAS there are continuous shortages of qualified workers in PEI leading to vacancies within the social work, guidance and psychology fields and there are many students who will not receive help or

not know they need help because of a lack of weekly upstream mental activities, and

WHEREAS daily mental health activities and/or interaction with nature are integral to student's mental and physical health; and strong pillars of Student Success and Wellness cannot be achieved without upstream mental health and outdoor education,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the P.E.I. Home and School Federation requests the Department of Education and Lifelong Learning to implement weekly upstream mental health and outdoor curriculum time into the education stream to coincide with its commitment to Student Success and Well-being.

DESTINATION: Department of Education and Lifelong Learning

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**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION
2021 NOMINATION REPORT**

Submitted by: Cory Thomas, Committee Chair

EXECUTIVE:

Positions:	Nominees:	Two Year Term Expires:
Treasurer	Dionne Tuplin	2023
Secretary	Mary MacDonald-Pickering	2023

REGIONAL DIRECTORS:

Positions:	Nominees:	Two Year Term Expires:
Bluefield	Melissa Rommens	2023
Kensington	-	2023
Souris	Krystal Jamieson	2023
Three Oaks	-	2023
Westisle	Katie MacLennan	2023

Responses to 2020 Resolutions



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January 25, 2021

Ms. Heather Mullen
President
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Dear Ms. Mullen:

Thank you for forwarding along resolutions that your organization approved at your September meeting. I appreciated the opportunity to meet with you, Andrea Richard and Shirley Smedley Jay on December 2, 2020 to discuss the resolutions that relate to the Department of Education and Lifelong Learning.

Resolution 2020-1 School Principals/Vice Principal Administration Allotment

As you are aware, the allocation of staff to education authorities is provided for through the Minister's Directive on Education Authority Staffing and Funding Program. It is very challenging to meet all of the staffing challenges facing the two education authorities in the province. Each year the department works with the two education authorities to prioritize their needs for the upcoming school year so these requests can be incorporated in the province's budget process. Future enhancements to the principal allotment will be contingent on budget allocations and prioritizing the staffing needs of the education authorities.

We recognize the key role the principal plays in our schools. I am pleased that as part of additional COVID-19 staffing provided to education authorities in the 2020-21 school year there were additional allocations to enable principals in all 62 schools be released from teaching duties to focus on providing support to their students, staff and parents.

Resolution 2020-3 Comparative Analysis of Report Cards

The Department of Education and Lifelong Learning is in the process of working toward a common report card for grades 1-9 in the PSB. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, this work has been temporarily put on hold.

The department and education authorities will reengage with parents, school communities and the PEI Home and School Federation as this work progresses.

Ms. Heather Mullen
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Resolution 2020-4 Request School Websites to be Hosted on PEI Government Server

I am happy to report that an initiative is underway to transition school websites in the PSB and CSLF to government servers. An intern has been hired by IT Shared Services to complete this work. The sites will have a standard look and feel and will be developed in Drupal using a conventional URL naming convention. There are currently 22 schools who have either launched or are in the process of migrating their school website to the government template.

This should help to ensure parents see consistent school websites as their children move from school to school throughout the province. IT Shared Services will provide support to schools during the transition and on an ongoing basis.

The following link would provide a listing of the schools and you can click an individual school to go to their site. Sherwood would be an example of one site that has been updated.

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-lifelong-learning/public-schools>

I hope this provides an accurate summary of our discussions on these resolutions. As always, please contact my office if you would like to discuss these or other matters in more detail.

Sincerely,



Brad Trivers
Minister



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Ms. Heather Mullen, President
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Dear Ms. Mullen,

Thank you for your letter regarding resolutions passed at your 67th Annual General Meeting. I am pleased to provide the following response to the resolutions pertaining to the Public Schools Branch (PSB):

Resolution 2020-1 - School Principals/Vice Principals Administration Allotment

Currently for the 2020-21 school year, staffing allocation has been updated to ensure each school in the province has staffing that is sufficient to have one administrator free from teaching duties at all times throughout the school day. For example, when the principal at Cardigan Consolidated School teaches, the Vice Principal is available for administrative duties. This was not the situation in previous years. Therefore, the PSB would be in favor of keeping the 2020-21 model in place with the support of the Department of Education and Lifelong Learning (DELL).

Resolution 2020-3 - Comparative Analysis of Report Cards

The PSB is willing to collaborate with the PEIHSF and DELL under the direction of Dr. Tamara Hubley-Little regarding progress and updates from the Report Card Committee. Moreover, an update can be provided regarding the implementation of the Power School project (Student Information System Renewal).

Resolution 2020-4 – Request School Websites to be hosted on PEI Government Server

The PSB recognizes the need to improve school websites by making them more user friendly, accessible, secure and current. The PSB information services personnel have been working with the DELL on Drupal Site Upgrades. IT Shared Services (ITSS) Web Development team is currently supporting the transition of school websites to its Drupal Web Management platform. Examples of current school websites utilizing this platform include Sherwood Elementary, Athena Consolidated, and Colonel Gray Senior High. ITSS is currently assisting schools in identifying content to migrate along with creating the new site for the school's approval, then providing training and then launching the new site. Schools can contact jgmatheson@edu.pe.ca for further information.

We appreciate the efforts of the Home and School Federation dealing with these important matters and will continue working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Bethany MacLeod
Board Chair

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