



PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION INC.



***‘Knowledge, Collaboration, &
Success for the Next Generation’***

**70th Annual General Meeting & Convention
Book of Reports
Saturday, April 15, 2023
Rodd Charlottetown Hotel
75 Kent Street Charlottetown P.E.I.**

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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 - 2023

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 (<i>Deceased</i>)
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 - 2022	Heather Mullen
2022 - 2023	Dionne Tuplin

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Tentative Agenda

AM

- 08:00 Registration – Victorian Room
Visit Displays – Provinces Room (downstairs)
- 08:45 Welcome Delegates/Board/Guests – Dionne Tuplin, President
Parliamentarian: Bill Whelan
Business Meeting
1. Adoption of Agenda 2023
 2. Adoption of Minutes 2022
 3. President’s Report
 4. Adoption of Finance Report – Craig Goodick
 5. Other Reports – Accepted as circulated in the Book of Reports
 6. Resolutions - David Schult
 7. Nominations Report/Elections – Matthew McNally
 8. Induction of new board by Parliamentarian
 9. New Business
 10. Adjourn Business Meeting
- 10:00 Nutrition Break / View Displays: Provinces Room (downstairs)
- 10:35 Round Table Topics:
- Table 1 Student Well-being - Elizabeth Kennedy Student Well-Being Team Coordinator
 - Table 2 Student Well-being - Sara Fletcher, Family Support Worker, Bluefield Family Schools
 - Tina Cardiff, Family Support Worker, Montague Family of Schools
 - Table 3 Diversity - Debbie Langston, Diversity Consultant Education and Lifelong Learning
 - Table 4 Diversity - Andrea Garland, Diversity Consultant Education and Lifelong Learning
 - Table 5 Home & School Successes & Challenges
 - Table 6 Home & School Successes & Challenges
- 11:45 Delegates and guests requested to **move downstairs to the Georgian Room** and be seated by 12:00 p.m. for the entrance of The Honourable Antoinette Perry, Lieutenant Governor of P.E.I.
- PM** 12:00 Luncheon | Volunteer Award | Greetings | Speaker
Announce Past Presidents joining us today for the 70th AGM luncheon
Greetings: Lt. Gov., Hon. Antionette Perry
Speaker: Minister of Education and Lifelong Learning
- 1:25 Closing remarks

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.
2022-2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

<u>Name</u>		<u>Term Ends</u>
President	Dionne Tuplin	(AGM 2024)
Past President	Heather Mullen	(AGM 2024)
Vice President	Shannon Bruyneel	(AGM 2024)
Treasurer	Craig Goodick	(AGM 2023)
Secretary	Mary MacDonald-Pickering	(AGM 2023)

REGIONAL DIRECTORS – Families of Schools:

Bluefield	Vacant	(AGM 2023)
Charlottetown Rural	Vacant	(AGM 2024)
Colonel Gray	David Schult	(AGM 2024)
Kensington	Bev Campbell	(AGM 2023)
Kinkora	Vacant	(AGM 2024)
Montague	Vacant	(AGM 2024)
Morell	Matthew McNally	(AGM 2024)
Souris	Krystal Jamieson	(AGM 2023)
Three Oaks	Tammy Norden	(AGM 2023)
Westisle	Katie MacLennan	(AGM 2023)
Executive Director	Shirley Smedley Jay	

**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION INC.
2022-2023 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
Elm Street Elementary
Englewood Consolidated
Georgetown Elementary

PRESIDENT/CO-CHAIR

Tasha Ashley
Mary MacDonald Pickering (contact)
Sally Bernard/Jennafer Lynch-Bernard
Sylvie De Sousa
Kristina Dowling/Linda MacLean
Julie Ramsay/Brandy Rogers
Amanda Doherty-Kirby
Twila Palmer
Rayanne Frizzell
Patricia Callaghan
Heather Mullen
Nancy Power
Andrea Kelly
Kelly MacDonald
Erin Veale
Naomi Harvey
Rachael Cameron
Sarah Sampson

(Cont'd President/Co-Chair)

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
Three Oaks Senior High
Tignish Elementary
Vernon River Consolidated
West Kent Elementary
West Royalty Elementary
Westisle Composite High
Westwood Primary

Heather MacAulay
Sarah Boeker
Marsha LeBlanc
Vanessa Mallett/Michelle Gamble
Donald Mulligan (contact)
Tracey Nichol
Cara Dempsey/Katheryn MacKay
Carrie Ann Dunbar
Erynn Cormier
Paula O'Brien
Erhayat Ozcan (contact)
Robyn MacDonald (contact)
Kelsey MacIntyre
Leanne Feehan
Samantha Shaw-Veniot
Myra Barquilla
Jana Newson
Leslie Dowling
Karma MacCallum
Samantha Coughlin
Sarah Borsos
Jenn Duffy (contact)
Krystal Jamieson (contact)
Krista Sheppard/Gena Miller
Terry MacIsaac (contact)
Michelle Dunlop
RaeAnne Arsenault
Eleanor Wedlock
Tanya Nace
Jacqueline Reeves (contact)
Teena Callaghan
Aleida Tweten
Nancy Costa
Stephanie Chaloner
Katie MacLennan (contact)
Laura Steeves/Jacinta Andrews

Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation Inc.
Minutes (*Draft*) of the 69th Annual General Meeting
Saturday, April 23, 2022
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Call to Order

President Heather Mullen called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. opening with a welcome reading. Heather introduced the head table, Bill Whelan, Parliamentarian, Dionne Tuplin, Treasurer and Mary MacDonald-Pickering, Secretary and welcomed the over 60 delegates and guests in attendance representing 27 Home and School Associations.

1. Adoption of Agenda 2022

MOTION: To adopt the 2022 AGM agenda as circulated.

Moved by Andrea Richard

Seconded by Tracey Lynne Ellsworth

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Adoption of AGM Minutes 2021

MOTION: To adopt the minutes of the 68th Annual General Meeting, May 10, 2021 as circulated.

Moved by Tracy Lynn Ellsworth

Seconded by Dionne Tuplin

MOTION CARRIED.

Comment: Reference page 12 in the Book of Reports, Resolution 2021-1; PEIHSF to ensure the Working Group includes families with lived experience.

3. President's Report

President, Heather Mullen provided highlights from her report in the 2022 Book of Reports (pages 18-21).

4. Financial Report

Dionne Tuplin, Treasurer presented the report on the financial position of the PEIHSF fiscal year 2021 referencing page 26, Statement of Operations in the Book of Reports. The complete financials are on pages 22-31. David Wright, Accountant, was present to answer questions.

MOTION: To adopt the 2021 Fiscal Year Financial Review and report as presented.

Moved by Dionne Tuplin

Seconded by Tracy Lynn Ellsworth

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION: To appoint David Wright, Chartered Accounting services for the next year of operations.

Moved by Dionne Tuplin

Seconded by Tracy Lynn Ellsworth

MOTION CARRIED.

5. Other Reports

Local Association Annual Reports are submitted by Association presidents (pages 32-69). Heather encouraged everyone to review the accounts of projects and activities happening in other school communities across the island. We learn from others. All reports are accepted as circulated.

6. Resolutions

Andrea Richard chaired the resolution portion of the meeting. The following proposed resolution was presented for consideration.

RESOLUTION 2022-1 SCHOOL BUS MONITORS **Submitted by Westwood Home and School Association**

- WHEREAS school buses on Prince Edward Island transporting children in grades K-6 currently have only one adult present on the bus - the bus driver, and
- WHEREAS school bus drivers are responsible for safely operating school buses while providing supervision of up to 70 children under the age of 12 for up to an hour at a time, and
- WHEREAS the Early Learning and Child Care Act Regulations, s. 19. (1) state that the minimum adult to child ratio for school-aged children in after-school care is 15:1, and
- WHEREAS the Province of PEI's distracted driving PSAs advises that "the only thing you should be doing while driving, is driving", and
- WHEREAS a major school bus accident occurred in October 2021 with an adult to child ratio of 25:1 on that school bus, and the accident could have been worse had the lone adult been injured, the accident occurred in a remote area, or if the accident had occurred earlier in the route with a larger ratio of children, and
- WHEREAS school buses on Prince Edward Island travel on narrow roads with little to no shoulder and winter driving conditions, which creates unavoidable safety issues for bus drivers who must pull over to respond to disciplinary, medical, or other issues, and
- WHEREAS incidents involving vehicles ignoring stop signs and flashing lights on school buses continue to occur regularly, and school bus drivers must closely monitor traffic and occasionally act quickly to avoid potentially fatal accidents, and
- WHEREAS the Government of Prince Edward Island recently committed \$6.3 million to purchase 35 new electric school buses, with the health and safety of children as one of the stated benefits of the funding, and
- WHEREAS we can all agree that the health and safety of children on Prince Edward Island is a top priority;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PEI Home and School Federation requests the Minister of Education and Lifelong Learning, Public Schools Branch, and other government departments responsible for transportation and child safety to implement the following regulation to have a

minimum of two adults, including the bus driver, present on school buses transporting children in grades K-6 to improve supervision and safety.

DESTINATIONS: Department Education and Lifelong Learning
Department Transportation and Infrastructure
Public Schools Branch

BACKGROUND:

https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/legislation/e.01g-early_learning_and_child_care_act_regulations.pdf

MOTION: To approve Resolution 2022-1 as presented.

Moved by Angela Campbell.

Seconded by Jacinta Andrews.

Discussion followed before the vote.

Friendly amendments were accepted by mover and seconder, as follows:

1. 5th Whereas: “25:1” changed to “**27:1**”
2. Therefore be it resolved: “K-6” changed to “**K-12**”
3. Therefore be it resolved: “two adults” changed to “**two employed adults**”
4. “Bus Monitors” changed to “**Bus Aides**”
5. Therefore be it resolved: “present on school buses” changed to “**present on all school buses**”

VOTE: All in favour of the motion.

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVED RESOLUTION reads as follows:

RESOLUTION 2022-1 SCHOOL BUS AIDES

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DESTINATIONS: Department Education and Lifelong Learning
Department Transportation and Infrastructure
Public Schools Branch

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7. Nominating Report/Elections:

Mike Stanley, Chair of the Nominations presented the Slate of Officers with a call for nominations to fill vacant positions. A slate of officers was nominated to fill vacant positions as follows:

<u>Executive Position:</u>	Name:	Term expires:
President	Dionne Tuplin	2024
Vice President	Shannon Bruyneel	2024
Treasurer	Craig Goodick	2023
<u>Regional Directors:</u>		
Charlottetown Rural	Vacant	2024
Colonel Gray	Vacant	2024
Kinkora	Vacant	2024
Montague	Vacant	2024
Morell	Matthew McNally	2024

Other vacant positions will be filled by the Federation Board.

MOTION: To approve the PEI Home and School Federation board of directors for 2022-2023 as presented.

Moved by Tracey Lynn Ellsworth.

Seconded by Mary Kendrick.

MOTION CARRIED.

The new PEI Home and School Federation Board was inducted by Bill Whelan, Parliamentarian. Outgoing board members were thanked for their contributions to the Federation during their terms of office.

8. New Business

No new business.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the 69th Annual Business Meeting.

Moved by Tracy Lynn Ellsworth.

Seconded by Andrea Richard.

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary MacDonald-Pickering, Secretary

NOTICE RE: SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

The Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation Inc. 69th Semi-Annual Meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 18, 2022, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Gulf Shore Consolidated School, North Rustico was cancelled due to post-tropical storm Fiona.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION**Dionne Tuplin, President**

As we come together in honor of 70 years, thank you for attending and participating in this historic milestone. Our theme, *"Knowledge, Collaboration & Success for the Next Generation,"* inspires us to continue learning and working together for every student in Prince Edward Island. A special thank you to the Federation's board members *Shannon Bruyneel, Vice President; Craig Goodick, Treasurer; Mary MacDonald-Pickering, Secretary; Families of Schools Directors: David Schult, Colonel Gray; Bev Campbell, Kensington; Matthew McNally, Morell; Krystal Jameson, Souris; Tammy Norden, Three Oaks, and Katie MacLennan, Westisle*, for your dedication in leading the work of the Federation over the past year, including efforts to coordinate, implement and execute this year's annual meeting.

The Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation works with government departments and community education partners who share our ideals to advocate for positive solutions that benefit all students' learning paths on PEI. The Federation's top priorities and activities since the 2022 annual meeting are outlined in this report.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING

The PEI Home and School Federation has a long-standing relationship with the Department of Education and Lifelong Learning, ensuring that we work together, putting the best interests of the students and their education at the core of every decision. Heather Mullen, Past President, and I met with Education Minister Natalie Jameson, Deputy Minister Bethany MacLeod, and John Cummings, Executive Director at the Dept. of Education and Lifelong Learning, on June 14, 2022. This was an introductory meeting for me to foster relationships, keep communication lines open, and discuss the Federation's resolutions, policies, and current issues.

On July 18, 2022, Sherwood Elementary held its official sod-turning ceremony as it began construction of the province's first net zero school. The Federation was invited to participate with government representatives, including Minister Jameson, and Sherwood Elementary school principal Parker Grimmer. My daughter, Alexa, represented students who will learn in this new facility, scheduled to be completed in 2024.

The education department provided school supplies for kindergarten to Grade 9 students for the 2022-2023 school year. As a result, standard supplies were on hand at all K-9 schools by the first day of instruction on September 7, equipping students with notebooks, pens, and pencils.

On October 26, 2022, David Schult, Shirley, and I met with Minister Jameson and John Cummings to share feedback from school communities about the mail-in ballot-only Public Schools Branch 2022 trustee election. The mail-in ballot process could have been more convenient. Some had to reorder ballots more than once, and the ballot package content was hard to follow. Generally, we heard that the public felt constrained by a single voting option. It was important to bring these concerns forward to the

education minister and discuss options for future elections, such as aligning with municipal elections as is done in other jurisdictions.

Provincial Assessments Program: On November 29, 2022, Shannon, Dionne, and Shirley attended a meeting hosted by Tammy Hubley-Little, Director of English Education Programs and Services, who shared updates to the Provincial Assessments Program. Class-based assessments are scheduled for spring 2023. These are administered and marked by teachers. Assessments breakdown: Grades 7-9 - reading; Grade 4 - writing; and Grades 3, 5, 9, 10, 11 - math. The goal is to ensure testing is not stressful on the student; accommodations and exemptions will be in place for students with disabilities and those having Individualized Education Programs. Suggestions will be communicated with parents on how to help prepare students, including ensuring a good night's sleep and a proper breakfast the morning of the assessment. Prince Edward Island has the most comprehensive rollout of the Foundations program, which should directly correlate with how the program will influence literacy scores.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS BRANCH / RETURN TO ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES

The Federation was invited to a Fall Education Update meeting in August 2022 at the Public Schools Branch to be briefed on the progress and updates from the different departments in attendance, including staff hiring, piloting programs, social and economic learning, alternate education programs, and Foundations, just to name a few. CPHO was not in attendance to share information on what returning to school would look like following the lifting of the mask mandate. This meeting was chaired by Bethany MacLeod; Dionne and Shirley attended this meeting.

In the fall of 2022, the province returned to an elected board of trustees after a 14-year pause. The Federation's policies support a democratic process and board to serve PEI's school system. Our efforts for the election process were in a supporting role. The Federation hosted a virtual Town Hall, held August 31, 2022, to discuss the role of a trustee for both candidate and the voting public. Resource experts Tim Garrity and Paul Allen, Elections PEI, Sterling Carruthers and John Cummings, Department of Education and Lifelong Learning, presented the breakdown of a trustee's responsibilities, clarification about school zones, and details about the mail-in (only) ballot. This session was open to anyone considering running for a trustee position and the voting public.

Thirty-one candidates ran for office in PEI's seven school zones. Westisle, Zone 1, was the only acclaimed position. Elections were held in the other six zones: Three Oaks High School - Zone 2; Kinkora Regional High School - Zone 3; Englewood Consolidated School - Zone 4; Charlottetown Rural - Zone 5; Vernon River Consolidated School - Zone 6, and Mt. Stewart Consolidated School - Zone 7. The Federation promoted all candidates by organizing 'Meet the Candidate Nights' and developed a Candidate Profile information webpage.

David Schult, the Federation board representative for Colonel Gray, gave a presentation, "Home and School is the Glue," to the first meeting of the elected board of trustees on January 26, 2023, in Stratford. This was a great way to introduce Home and School to the new trustees, explain our role in PEI's education system, and promote how to work together collaboratively.

Get to know your trustee by attending monthly PSB meetings, which will be held in schools across the province. Find trustees' names, respective zones, and email addresses on the PSB website at: <https://psb.edu.pe.ca/board-of-trustees>.

PRINCIPAL'S MEETING

On December 2, 2022, Shannon Bruyneel, Vice President, and I presented to the Public Schools Branch Principals' meeting, introducing and re-introducing Home and School, what we do, and how we work together with principals and other partners in education. Principals offered positive feedback. These types of presentations help raise the profile of the Federation and should be done more often.

ADVOCACY

Resolutions are about change. Home and School Associations impact positive change using a resolution process to advocate for students about issues affecting children and youth's learning success. These focus on total health and well-being, mental wellness, curriculum needs, and safety, including school bus and walking student safety. Over the years, action has been taken on issues including fines for motorists passing buses when red lights are flashing, class sizes lowered in early grades, and increasing the number of educational assistants, thereby helping with class composition to a new healthy school food program.

During the Federation's 70 years, over 500 resolutions and policies have been discussed and are recorded in our historic "Book of Reports." All of these statements of policy advocate for the best possible educational experience for students, past, present, and future!

COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA

The Federation speaks on behalf of its membership to the media regarding current topics and issues that relate to policy. A monthly column is published on the first Friday of every month in The Guardian from September to June to help inform members, education partners, and the general public about the organization's activities. In addition, Association Presidents are updated on Annual and Semi-annual meetings, workshops, Town Halls, and other Federation activities. Presidents must share these details with their local Home and School communities. Social Media helps to get messages out quickly.

Website / Social Media: The Federation's website (<https://peihsf.ca>) is a resource for our membership and others seeking information about this organization regarding resolutions, policy, by-laws, awards, meetings, training workshops, and events. Local association presidents and treasurers now have e-Transfers as an option when submitting membership fees and registering for Federation meetings.

Facebook and Twitter platforms are posted with pertinent information to further advertise events. Please contact the office immediately if you find any errors on these platforms.

Part-Time Communications Administrative Assistant: The Federation is pleased to announce Kelly Bush has joined the office staff as a part-time Administrative Assistant. Kelly comes to us from Hazel Grove, where she lives with her husband and two daughters who attend Central Queens Elementary. She served on a Parent Organization in Quebec as a member and chair on the governing board for three years and has a wealth of experience in the non-profit sector. Kelly will be in this position for 20 weeks, ending in early June; she has been an asset to the office, and our board, helping to keep the lines of communication open with our local association presidents.

Communications with local Home and School Associations: This is done mostly electronically via email. The September and March e-mailings are followed up with print mailings to presidents and co-chairs. In addition, a school start-up package with membership fee forms is mailed by September 1 and a second in late February or early March announcing the Annual Meeting. Again, we ask presidents to share this information with their school community.

Leadership Workshops: Three fall leadership workshops were held in November to help local Home and School communities (parents and educators) better understand their roles in a local Association and the role of the Federation. Presented by Vicki Bryanton and Stephen Gould, assisted by Shirley and various board members, these workshops were held at Montague Intermediate School, Parkdale Elementary, and Westisle Composite High School. Individual training is available upon request if a local association requires additional assistance.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

On September 24, 2022, Hurricane Fiona landed on Prince Edward Island, causing devastation that lasted for weeks. Island residents suffered various types of destruction, including flooding, downed trees, and structural damage, and every island resident was without power at some point during and after the storm. Due to the severity of the damage, and many without power, the Board held an emergency meeting via Zoom on Sunday, October 2, 2022, to discuss the logistics of the Semi-Annual Meeting scheduled for October 18. After weighing all the options, the Board determined that with many residents without power, delayed mailings to update the local associations about the Meeting, and the emotional trauma resulting from the storm, the best option was to cancel the 2022 Semi-Annual Meeting.

ATLANTIC CAUCUS

The Atlantic Home and School Caucus comprises Home and School and School Council representatives from NB, NL, NS, and PEI. Unfortunately, a meeting could not occur in 2022, and PEI is scheduled to host the next in-person Meeting in May/June 2023.

TEACHER/STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

Home and Schools across the province took time to recognize and show appreciation to all staff members during Teacher/Staff Appreciation week, February 13-17, 2023. In addition, local associations found many ways to acknowledge their teachers and staff for their contributions. Our island teachers and

school staff members are the backbone of children's education and growth into their futures. Thank you for all you do.

PARENT LEADERSHIP GRANTS

The Federation's Parent Leadership Grant Program, sponsored by the Department of Education and Lifelong Learning, helps local Home and Schools access grants up to \$1,000. Project activities are to be designed to train and educate parents about the school system so they, in turn, can help their children with navigating their learning paths, K to 12. Students perform better when parents are involved in their education. In addition, parents can advocate for positive changes in PEI's school system to benefit all students through the PEI Home and School Federation.

P.E.I. SCHOOL FOOD PROGRAM

P.E.I.'s School Food Program was back in session for the 2022-2023 school year. "BON APPETIT" is the provincial school lunch program that offers all island students K-12 a daily healthy and affordable lunch option. Meal ordering began on September 13 and runs on a 2-week ordering schedule. Updates and reminders are sent via email and/or text to parents who signed up on their website, <https://peischoolfood.ca>. The website provides information for parents to see the menu, how to order food, and more. The "pay what you can" program is still the only one of its kind in Canada. Show your support by purchasing meals for your students or donating to the P.E.I. School Food Program.

HERITAGE FAIR

The P.E.I. Provincial Heritage Fair was implemented in 1997 to allow Grades 5-9 students across the province to display and present their research on any form of Canadian heritage. After a 3 year hiatus, the Heritage Fair will be returning and held at the Confederation Centre of the Arts on Friday, May 12. In 2020, the Federation sponsored up to \$50 in prizes for student projects, and we are happy to report these prizes have been carried over to be used at this year's fair.

RECOGNIZING SPECIAL PEOPLE/AWARDS

Retiring Board Members: Special thanks to the outgoing board members who have made strides during their tenure. Thank you, Mary Macdonald-Pickering, Bev Campbell, Krystal Jameson, Tammy Norden, and Katie MacLennan, for your dedication, input, and overall service to the Federation. Getting to know, working with, and being in your presence this term was an honor and pleasure. Your contribution this past year helped make the decision-making process run smoothly.

Extra Mile Award: This award recognizes teachers and/or school staff who exemplify going the extra mile - over and above the call of duty.

In May and June 2022, the Federation awarded 4 Extra Mile Awards. The recipients were:

1. Pam MacLeod, Resource Teacher, Cardigan Elementary
2. Krista Bryson, Music Teacher, Three Oaks High School
3. Randy Reardon, Principal, Englewood Consolidated

4. Bertha Hogan, Education Assistant, West Kent Elementary

This year, the Federation awarded 4 individuals the 2023 Extra Mile Award. Congratulations to:

1. Angie Taylor, Resource Teacher, Belfast Consolidated School
2. Sharon Anderson, Classroom Teacher, Somerset Consolidated School
3. Stephanie Wallace, Administrative Assistant, Ellerslie Elementary
4. Tracy Thomson, Administrative Assistant, Kinkora Regional High School

School Bus Driver Award: This award recognizes school bus drivers on Prince Edward Island for their service in keeping our students safe as they travel on the school buses daily. On June 14, 2022, Sheila Lee was recognized by the students, parents, teachers, and staff at Sherwood Elementary. I sat next to Sheila during the ceremony, and she honestly had no idea she was being honored. We chatted, and she raved about the students on her bus, but it wasn't until her name was announced that she realized she was the person of honor that day. It was a wonderful sight to behold, and she was truly honored, surprised, and "loves" her job. Congratulations once again, Sheila, for an honor well deserved. If you know of a deserving school bus driver who keeps your children safe and goes above and beyond his or her duty, consider putting in a nomination for the School Bus Driver Award by May 5, 2023.

School Crossing Guard Award: This award recognizes a school crossing guard on Prince Edward Island for his or her service in keeping our students safe as they travel to and from school each day. On December 19, 2022, the Federation honored Mary Morrison of Colonel Gray Senior High School. She has been a crossing guard at the Queen and Pond Streets intersection for 15 years. If you know of a deserving school crossing guard who keeps your children safe and goes above and beyond his or her duty, consider putting in a nomination for the School Crossing Guard Award by Oct. 30, 2023.

The Volunteer of the Year Award and Life Membership Awards are presented during our Annual General Meeting. Last year, Donna MacLeod was awarded the Volunteer of the Year, and Heather Mullen received the Life Membership Award.

On behalf of our Board, local associations, educators, staff, school bus drivers, and all in attendance and residents across the island, I want to send a special THANK YOU to Shirley Smedley Jay, our Executive Director. Shirley is certainly the glue that holds us together. If you've ever had the pleasure of speaking with her, you know that she loves her job and is one of the biggest advocates for our students and local home and schools across the province. Shirley has been my saving grace this past year during my first term as president. We have a standing morning call every Monday to Friday and are available on evenings, weekends, and even during her vacation to assist when needed and without complaint. The Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation is very fortunate to have you in our corner, and thank you once again for being you. You, indeed, are amazing.

In closing, I want to share some words of wisdom from Marion Murphy, Past President. "To know where your children come helps you know how to teach." With regard to stepping up and taking on a leadership role: "Please say 'yes' to the opportunity to make a difference in the life of a child; in the life of a parent. Jump at the chance. You will never be sorry."

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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, 2022, and the statements of operations, changes in net fund balances 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, 2021 and 2022, and net assets as a January 1 and December 31 for both the 2021 and 2022 year ends. My conclusion on the financial statements as at and for the year ended December 31, 2022 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, 2022, 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.

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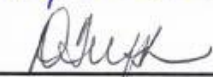
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PEI HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION INC.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2022

Statement 1

	2022		2021	
ASSETS				
	Operating Fund	Project Fund	Total	
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash and deposits	\$ 62,358	\$ 2,038	\$ 64,396	\$ 224,231
Accounts receivable, trade	2,920		2,920	1,500
Administration fee receivable	1,485		1,485	554
Harmonized sales tax receivable	861	13,581	14,442	4,702
Prepaid expense	1,295		1,295	1,142
	<u>\$ 68,919</u>	<u>\$ 15,619</u>	<u>\$ 84,538</u>	<u>\$ 232,129</u>
LIABILITIES				
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 2,886	\$	2,886	\$ 2,247
PEI School Food Program Inc loan payable (Note 4)		15,619	15,619	
Deferred revenue (Note 5)	19,250		19,250	190,968
	<u>22,136</u>	<u>15,619</u>	<u>37,755</u>	<u>193,215</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Unrestricted	46,783		46,783	38,914
	<u>\$ 68,919</u>	<u>\$ 15,619</u>	<u>\$ 84,538</u>	<u>\$ 232,129</u>

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

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PEI HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION INC.
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND EXCESS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

Statement 2

	2022		2021	
	Operating Fund	Project Fund	Total	
REVENUES				
School Food Program	\$	\$ 221,388	\$ 221,388	\$ 118,056
Covid Relief for Families				80,750
Grants	77,398		77,398	75,724
Membership dues	7,100		7,100	6,300
Donations and fund raising	4,274	75	4,349	11,970
Administration fee	931		931	554
Investment income	216		216	304
	89,919	221,463	311,382	293,668
EXPENSES				
School Food Program		221,463	221,463	128,056
Covid Relief for Families				80,750
Advertising, donations and awards	3,414		3,414	3,580
Consulting fees				
Insurance	1,219		1,219	68
Meetings	7,683		7,683	2,558
Parental Engagement	3,424		3,424	2,039
Postage	542		542	407
Professional fees	3,107		3,107	2,834
Rent				744
Supplies	4,194		4,194	4,170
Telephone	1,680		1,680	1,357
Training and education	1,090		1,090	964
Travel and conference	2,800		2,800	2,172
Wages and benefits	52,897		52,897	52,677
Website				9,476
	82,050	221,463	303,513	291,852
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	\$ 7,869	\$	\$ 7,869	\$ 1,806

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PEI HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION INC.
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

Statement 3

	2022	2021
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 38,914	\$ 37,108
Excess of revenues over expenses - Operating fund	7,869	1,806
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	\$ 46,783	\$ 38,914

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PEI HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION INC.
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

Statement 4

	2022	2021
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash receipts	\$ 127,573	\$ 461,120
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	(287,408)	(295,188)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND DEPOSITS	(159,835)	165,932
CASH AND DEPOSITS, beginning of year	224,231	58,299
CASH AND DEPOSITS, end of year	\$ 64,396	\$ 224,231
AS REPRESENTED BY:		
TD Canada Trust investor account	\$ 1,012	\$ 1,007
TD Canada Trust operating account	27,520	162,538
TD Canada Trust term investment account	35,864	60,686
	\$ 64,396	\$ 224,231

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PEI HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2022

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) Administration fee is recognized on an accrual basis.
 - (iv) 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 restricted and 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.
- f) Fund accounting
- Revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities related to the School Food Program are reported in the Project Fund. Revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities related to the PEI Home and School Federation activities and administration are reported in the Operating Fund.
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PEI HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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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 be 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 Federation's 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 Federation's risk exposures from the previous year.

4. PEI SCHOOL FOOD PROGRAM INC LOAN PAYABLE

	2022	2021
PEI School Food Program Inc loan payable, non-interest bearing, due March 31, 2023	\$ 15,619	\$

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PEI HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2022

5. DEFERRED REVENUE

	2022	2021
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.		
School Food Program	\$	\$ 172,050
Provincial government core funding	19,250	17,875
Department of Education training grant		733
Registration fees		120
Display fees		190
	\$ 19,250	\$ 190,968

6. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE

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The PEI Home and School Federation Inc received \$77,398 of its operating fund revenue through a Province of PEI core funding grant.

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ATHENA CONSOLIDATED HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Sally Bernard, Co-President

Co-Presidents: Sally Bernard & Jennafer Lynch-Bernard

Treasurer: Melissa Woodacre

Secretary: Vacant

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 March, April, May and June. In addition to these meetings, Home and School members are active with special events and other initiatives throughout the year. We have had a consistent turn out this year at most meetings which is encouraging.

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 & School blog and also on the Home & School Facebook page for the public.
- As required, like during Staff Appreciation Week, paper hand-outs do go out to encourage strong participation.
- 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 & Fundraising:

- At the end of last year, in June, we provided snacks for the school field day, as well as a contribution to the Grade 9 ice cream sundae party, to thank them for their help throughout the year.
- For the second year, we had a customized Athena school calendar made with sponsors for each month. It was a very effective fundraiser, although we hope to sell more calendars next year.
- Thanks for provincial funding, we purchased and installed three disc golf baskets around the playground areas. We also purchased a number of discs for students to use. Having funding to cover some of the costs made it possible.
- We again sold tickets for our Holiday Gift Card Raffle which raised a lot of money and had great response. It's a worthwhile, easy fundraiser.
- For the second year, we purchased Year of 2023 hoodies for the grade 9s who will be leaving Athena this year. We were able to give them in time for Christmas break.
- Early December, we purchased freshly baked treats from Willow Bakery for the staff room as a little pick me up.
- We did the Christmas Gift Mart this year which was a huge hit again. We received more donations of items than ever and the kids had a great time shopping. This year we had a great commitment from volunteers which made a huge difference. We ensured that all children were able to shop, whether they had a loonie or not.

- In the week before holiday break, we did a big pancake breakfast for all students, including fresh fruit, whip cream and syrup. We accommodated all food sensitivities and received really great feedback from staff about the event.
- Many parents helped out in February, as they do every year, with Teacher/Staff. Again, 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. Our theme this year was tied in with the Canada Games and featured “Team Athena” decorations and “gold medals” for staff filled out by students. Highlights were the Samuel’s Coffee Bar in the staff room and the Water Street Bakery casserole lunch, among all the treats from parents and students.
- Managing the volunteers for the Breakfast Program has been ok this year. It is nice to return to the old format of kids coming to the cafeteria to pick out their breakfast. We are able to run a full Breakfast Program four days a week and a more continental style one day a week.
- Going forward, we hope to be able to construct a Gaga Ball Pit, build on Breakfast Program volunteers to expand the program even further, grow our volunteer base, secure a full H&S executive and sell more calendars.

BELFAST CONSOLIDATED HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Sylvie De Sousa, President

Executive:

Maddy Fortune, Vice President

Debbie Beck, Treasurer

Melanie Harris, Secretary

Lisa Edward, DAC Representative

Our Home & School Association meets every second month during the school year. We have seen an increase in our student population over the last few years and have welcomed new parents to our Home & School meetings. With this student population increase (156 students were welcomed back to school in September), we have been able to offer more in-school activities and have seen more parent involvement. We were able to build and finance a Gaga Ball pit last spring which was received with lots of excitement from the students and we will be putting in a second one in the months to come.

MID-YEAR ROUNDUP

We started the year off with a different type of fundraiser. We ran a pancake raffle from September to December and raised approximately \$2000, by auctioning off 4 different gift certificates (Home Depot gift card, Lululemon gift card, Amazon gift card and a Mill River Resort weekend getaway). This money will be used to fund several projects and activities throughout the year. We also continued with our FlipGive account so families can shop their favorite merchants online, while the school receives a percentage of the sales. It took a little while before the idea caught on, but the school was able to raise approximately \$400 last year.

On November 18th, we ran a very successful Bingo Night for families to attend. Staff, Home & School and parents alike approached businesses for donations to offer as door prizes. Businesses were extremely generous and the support was overwhelming. We are considering running another Bingo Night in the spring. Money raised from Bingo Night will go towards our annual Spring Fling as well as to help cover the cost of other school activities.

A number of school wide initiatives were also held throughout the year: Orange Shirt Day, Truth and Reconciliation week, Pink Shirt Day, ski trip to Brookevale, Winter Games day, etc.

In November 2022, Belfast Consolidated held a Remembrance Day Ceremony which was also live-streamed.

In December 2022, Belfast Consolidated held their Christmas Concert, which families were able to attend in person. It was nice to be able to see our children perform live again.

Students also got a chance to go ice-skating on the last day of school and enjoy some holiday activities, always very popular with students of all ages.

A number of presentations for the older grades were also held at the school this year by organizations such as MADD and the Roots for Empathy program.

In January 2023, we submitted a nomination for the Extra Mile Award and were very excited to learn that one of our staff was selected to be the recipient of the reward. We are very excited for the presentation ceremony to be held in March. We will be submitting a nomination for Bus Driver of the Year in May, as well.

In February 2023, we held a very successful Staff Appreciation week with hot meals and desserts delivered daily during the week. This included a catered meal and a bouquet of tulips on Valentine's Day. Staff was very appreciative and parent donations were very generous.

Also, in February, students and staff commemorated Pink Shirt Day.

Toonies for Trayton was also held in February. This has become a yearly tradition and helps raise funds for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Belfast Consolidated raised approximately \$1000 for the Heart & Stroke Foundation this year.

As we look ahead to the remainder of the year, we plan to have a movie night for families some time in the spring, hold our annual spring fling in June, and organize other activities to get families involved.

We 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 & School maintains a FaceBook page where it keeps everyone in the loop of what is going on at the school.

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

President, Sylvie De Sousa

BIRCHWOOD INTERMEDIATE PARENT COUNCIL
Linda MacLean and Kristina Dowling, Co-Chairs

Birchwood Parent Council has had 2 meetings so far this year (October 27th and February 16th), with another meeting to be scheduled before the end of the school year. These first two meetings have had a core group of parents at each meeting and some first time attendees at each of our meetings. School administration was in attendance at both meetings, represented by school principal Luanne Inman.

Meeting Topics for Discussion:

Key areas that were brought up include the idea of having signage at the road for the school (welcoming message or promoting upcoming events as examples), financial assistance for families who are unable to pay school / sports fees, and the need for gravel or pavement along the west side of the school where students walk to avoid foot traffic in the parking lot to access the main doors of the school (the unofficial path alternates between a mud area that tracks in dirt to the school or an uneven icy area that can be treacherous to walk).

Highlights to Date:

Birchwood Parent Council volunteered to assist the school in organizing student fundraiser orders of “recipe in a jar” by homeroom. Also, Birchwood Parent Council organized a successful staff appreciation week from Feb 13-17, with a potluck lunch provided by school families, and a pizza meal that will be hosted after school on March 23rd, when staff are staying onsite for that evening’s teacher parent interviews. These initiatives were very much appreciated by the staff.



The Birchwood Home and School Facebook page continues to be a popular medium to interact with parents who may not be able to attend meetings in person. As well, information about initiatives at the school are communicated through this page.

Our Parent Council is very proud of our school and of the efforts and achievements of our students and staff. This pride is the basis of our motivation to support Birchwood in whatever ways we can.

Linda MacLean and Kristina Dowling, Co-Chairs of Birchwood Parent Council

BLOOMFIELD ELEMENTARY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Julie Ramsay and Brandy Rogers, Co-Chairs**

Did your Home and School meet during the 2022-2023 school year? If so, how many in-person and/or virtual meetings were held since September 1, 2022?

- Yes, we met in person five times, and presently are planning our sixth meeting Tuesday, March 21st.

What did parents and educators discuss at Home and School meetings? Tell us about the health and well-being of students, online and safe in-person classes (if applicable), curriculum, school food programs, bus/walking student safety, COVID impacts on your school community.

- We mainly discuss what is happening in and around the school. We plan and participate in many activities around the halls of Bloomfield Elementary.
- One big discussion is often our school Breakfast program. We offer breakfast items daily for our students Monday - Thursday it is usually a grab and go type format, and Fridays we try to do a bigger breakfast which could include pancakes, smoothies, and muffins.
- This past Christmas we had quite a bit of discussion around planning our first Bloomfield family Christmas Dinner. On December 12th, with the help of many dedicated volunteers, we prepared and served a hot turkey dinner for all students and staff. We ended this festivity with a Christmas cookie the students had the opportunity to decorate. It was such a successful, magical day for everyone involved.
- We help find volunteers to work at the Scholastic Book Fair which comes to our school two times a year during Parent Teacher Interviews. COVID protocols, and how the virus was affecting our students and families, seemed to hold a pretty big discussion during the past couple of years. This year we were very thankful when we could go back to normal routines throughout the school.
- We are small but we are mighty. We strive to stay connected with our school staff, and help make Bloomfield Elementary as fun and welcoming as possible.

Resolutions are written to address a gap in the education system. Did your Home and School Association submit a resolution to the Federation by the January 31st deadline? Tell us about the topic.

- No resolutions were submitted.

Did your Association apply for funds to host a Parent Leadership event?

- Yes, we applied for funds.

If you received Parent Leadership grant funds, tell us about your project including how you engaged with families.

- We are hopeful to be able to put on a workshop for our families on Bullying

How do you communicate with members? School?

- Social Media
- School Newsletter

Did you hold fundraising initiatives and what were the funds raised for?

- We plan fundraising activities, and one that we find extremely easy, and the students always love, is PJ and/or Hat Day. All that is involved is a little bit of advertising, students bring \$2, and they get to wear their favourite jammies, or a crazy hat. This is always one of our more popular activities because who doesn't love wearing their day time jammies?
- Now that COVID seems to have settled down, we are really looking forward to planning our first dance, post COVID, for the students. We offer two dances at approximately 1 hour in length, the first one is for grades K-3, and almost immediately following will be the grades 4-6. To attend students pay \$5 and will receive a juice and a bag of popcorn.
- During these dances we are planning to invite parents to attend an information session on bullying, and the importance of being kind.
- We fundraise to help host fun activities in and around the school for staff and students. We also participate in Teacher Appreciation Week, and because we love our staff at Bloomfield Elementary we enjoy spoiling them each year.

Did you nominate anyone for PEI Home and School Federation Awards, and if so, which awards(s)? (e.g., Extra Mile Award (School Staff), Crossing Guard, School Bus Driver, Home and School Volunteer of the Year, Life Member)

- No, we did not nominate anyone this year.

Will you hold an activity to thank school staff during Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week (February 13th-17th)? Briefly describe your activity plans.

- Yes, we always try to participate in Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week each year. This year we had little treats each day. Monday we had coffee and muffins delivered for morning break, Tuesday we did meat, fruit and veggie trays, Wednesday we hosted our big pot luck lunch. We had parents make various hot & cold meal dishes, desserts, and beverages for lunchtime. Some of our very dedicated volunteers spent much of the morning getting the staff room all set up for lunch, and cleaned up when it was finished. We also had volunteers come in and cover lunch duty so all staff could enjoy this meal as one Bulldog family.

Did parents attend the Federation's Fall Volunteer Training Workshops? Briefly describe learnings.

- We did have a couple of participants attend one last fall, and it was really enjoyed.
- Here is one parent's thoughts on this training: "It was nice to hear about the right way to give things the attention they need. I learned about a new way to have those who don't attend the Home and School meetings to still have a voice by posting poles. Ask for ideas, then create a pole and have the families vote. I wasn't aware of the many different positions made up of the "committee". It was nice to hear how some of the other schools handle situations".

Did you know that the provincial Federation board and staff members will attend local Home and School Association meetings to offer help with organizing your organization?

- No, I was not aware.

(Cont'd Bloomfield Elementary)

Does your local Home and School Association need help or guidance? If so, in what areas?

- Our Home and School Association is pretty strong, and we get wonderful support and direction from our Principal, Andrew Stewart. However, it is reassuring to know the support is there outside our school family.

Additional information and/or comments.

- Our school may be small but we are mighty, and we strive to work together to help ensure a safe and fun school environment for all our students.

BLUEFIELD HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Amanda Doherty-Kirby, President**

Vice-President: Janice Corney

Did your Home and School meet during the 2022-2023 school year? If so, how many in-person and/or virtual meetings were held since September 1, 2022?

Bluefield Home and School met three times in person (October, December, and February) and has plans to meet again in April.

What did parents and educators discuss at Home and School meetings? Tell us about the health and well-being of students, online and safe in-person classes (if applicable), curriculum, school food programs, bus/walking student safety, COVID impacts on your school community.

We discussed school and class size, changes to classes and staff, upcoming activities (e.g. concerts, exams, graduation, food drives, etc), school concerns, staff development, school upgrades, ways to encourage students to get outside more, fundraisers (school and Home and School initiated), provincial Home and School Federation updates, staff appreciation plans, etc.

Resolutions are written to address a gap in the education system. Did your Home and School Association submit a resolution to the Federation by the January 31st deadline? Tell us about the topic.

N/A

Did your Association apply for funds to host a Parent Leadership event?

N/A

Communication: How do you communicate with your members? School?

Bluefield Home and School communicates with the larger school community through E-mails via the principal and have just started to post on the Bluefield Facebook group. If there is ongoing discussion among active members outside of in person meetings, E-mail is used.

Did you hold fundraising initiatives and what were the funds raised for?

Current Home and School fundraising is solely the COSPEI Gold Rush fundraiser. Funds are to be divided between outdoor projects to encourage students to gather outside and to groups/initiatives within the school (e.g. bands, sports, arts, other clubs, etc). We are having discussions about future fundraisers.

Did you nominate anyone for PEI Home and School Federation Awards, and if so, which awards(s)? No

(Cont'd Bluefield)

Did you hold an activity to thank school staff during Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week (February 13th-17th)? Briefly describe your activity plans.

Bluefield Home and School planned treats for staff for each day from February 13th-16th with a SignUpGenius being sent out for members of the school community to support this initiative either through providing treats or monetary donations. Treats included yogurt, fruit and veggie trays (Monday), sweet treats for Valentine's Day (Tuesday), muffins, cinnamon rolls, and donuts (Wednesday), and cheese and crackers, chips and salsa, and chips and dip (Thursday). Planning accounted for dietary needs such as allergies. Several small gift cards were purchased and two were donated by businesses in the community for an end of week gift card draw for staff.

In addition to Teacher & Staff appreciation week, Bluefield Home and School provided a luncheon for staff during parent teacher interviews in the fall and will do so again. Parents/guardians supported this through monetary donations and we received support from a community business as well.

Did parents attend the Federation's Fall Volunteer Training Workshops? Briefly describe learnings. No parents attended the Federation's Fall Volunteer Training Workshops.

CHARLOTTETOWN RURAL HIGH SCHOOL HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Patricia Callaghan - Chair****Tracey Willoughby - Co-Chair****Wanda Daoust - Secretary**

Our meetings continue to be small, with a few joining us virtually. We have a great team and share much important information when we get together.

As a home and school executive we attended the Meet the Teacher's evening to welcome all new and returning families. We took the opportunity to speak about what our chapters does, how often we meet, and to invite everyone to attend, either in person, or virtually,

Staff appreciation was a huge success in 2023. Parents showed great support to all school staff in the way of monetary donations. We were able to provide all staff with a full meal, including drink and dessert, as well as a pizza luncheon. We will host a couple of coffee breaks later in the year with the remainder of the funds.

The school community is thankful to be moving away from Covid 19 restrictions and are in the beginning stages of planning the 2023 prom.

The Creating Opportunities for Students goldrush continues to grow and provide funds to our home and schools so we can help support the students in our buildings.

We awarded 20 graduation bursaries to some very deserving students in June of 2022. We will continue with this tradition in 2023.

COLONEL GRAY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Heather Mullen, President**

Did your Home and School meet during the 2022-2023 school year? If so, how many in-person and/or virtual meetings were held since September 1, 2022?

- Yes, one meeting to date.

What did parents and educators discuss at Home and School meetings? Tell us about the health and well-being of students, online and safe in-person classes (if applicable), curriculum, school food programs, bus/walking student safety, COVID impacts on your school community.

- The role of the home and school
- Moving back to in person events for students, staff and parents
- The importance of transition for High School students as they prepare to move out of school and steps taken by staff to support students
- Nomination of Crossing Guard - Mary Morrison for her dedication to students
- Ideas for parent leadership grant

Resolutions are written to address a gap in the education system. Did your Home and School Association submit a resolution to the Federation by the January 31st deadline? Tell us about the topic.

- No, our Home and School Association did not submit a resolution.

Did your Association apply for funds to host a Parent Leadership event?

- No, our Home and School Association did not host a Parent Leadership event.

If you received Parent Leadership grant funds, tell us about your project including how you engaged with families.

- No, we did not receive Parent Leadership grant funds

How do you communicate with members? School?

- PowerSchool

Did you hold fundraising initiatives and what were the funds raised for?

- No, we did not hold fundraising initiatives.

Did you nominate anyone for PEI Home and School Federation Awards, and if so, which awards(s)? (e.g., Extra Mile Award (School Staff), Crossing Guard, School Bus Driver, Home and School Volunteer of the Year, Life Member)

- Yes, we nominated Mary Morrison for Crossing Guard of the Year.

Did parents attend the Federation's Fall Volunteer Training Workshops? Briefly describe learnings.

- No, parent's did not attend the Federation's Fall Volunteer Training Workshop.

Did you know that the provincial Federation board and staff members will attend local Home and School Association meetings to offer help with organizing your organization?

- Yes, I was aware.

DONAGH REGIONAL HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Grace Havenga, Vice-President

Did your Home and School meet during the 2022-2023 school year? If so, how many in-person and/or virtual meetings were held since September 1, 2022?

- Yes we have met monthly, save December for Christmas activities. They have all been in person.

What did parents and educators discuss at Home and School meetings? Tell us about the health and well-being of students, online and safe in-person classes (if applicable), curriculum, school food programs, bus/walking student safety, COVID impacts on your school community.

- Donagh Regional is a well and thriving school. We continue to grow in (small but mighty) numbers. In our monthly meetings we discuss such things as fundraisers, school business, and ways Home and School can contribute to the growth of the school. We continue to offer support to the school in ways such as helping organize hot lunches, school dances and activities for the kids to participate in. We had tremendous success with our Halloween dance! We will plan on offering a winter skate again this year too.

Resolutions are written to address a gap in the education system. Did your Home and School Association submit a resolution to the Federation by the January 31st deadline? Tell us about the topic.

- No, we did not submit a resolution to the Federation.

Did your Association apply for funds to host a Parent Leadership event?

- Yes, we applied for funds to host a Parent Leadership event.

If you received Parent Leadership grant funds, tell us about your project including how you engaged with families.

- We have had to postpone our parent engagement night related to sickness, we hope to reschedule when the precentor has time.

How do you communicate with members? School?

- Social Media
- School Newsletter

Did you hold fundraising initiatives and what were the funds raised for?

- We held our first Christmas craft fair this school year to contribute to our playground fundraiser. We asked local vendors to buy a table to sell their products at. Home and School also fundraised by selling hot chocolate, fudge and snacks. We also offered a 50/50 draw at our Christmas concert.

Did you nominate anyone for PEI Home and School Federation Awards, and if so, which awards(s)? (e.g., Extra Mile Award (School Staff), Crossing Guard, School Bus Driver, Home and School Volunteer of the Year, Life Member)

- Unfortunately, we have not been able to nominate anyone at this time.

Will you hold an activity to thank school staff during Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week (February 13th-17th)? Briefly describe your activity plans.

- Yes, we will. We plan on asking parents to drop off prearranged food throughout the week.

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Did parents attend the Federation's Fall Volunteer Training Workshops? Briefly describe learnings.

- No, parents did not attend the Federation's Fall Volunteer Training Workshops

Did you know that the provincial Federation board and staff members will attend local Home and School Association meetings to offer help with organizing your organization?

- Yes, I was aware.

Does your local Home and School Association need help or guidance? If so, in what areas?

- Not at this time.

EAST WILTSHIRE HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Andrea Kelly, President**

Did your Home and School meet during the 2022-2023 school year? If so, how many in-person and/or virtual meetings were held since September 1, 2022?

- We have held two meetings this school year.

What did parents and educators discuss at Home and School meetings? Tell us about the health and well-being of students, online and safe in-person classes (if applicable), curriculum, school food programs, bus/walking student safety, COVID impacts on your school community.

- We discussed upcoming activities that were placed on hold due to COVID. We also discussed the easement of COVID protocols in school.

Resolutions are written to address a gap in the education system. Did your Home and School Association submit a resolution to the Federation by the January 31st deadline? Tell us about the topic. No resolution submitted.

Did your Association apply for funds to host a Parent Leadership event? No, we did not apply.

If you received Parent Leadership grant funds, tell us about your project including how you engaged with families. N/A

How do you communicate with members? School?

- Email
- Social Media
- PowerSchool

Did you hold fundraising initiatives and what were the funds raised for?

- Raising funds for new outdoor equipment

Did you nominate anyone for PEI Home and School Federation Awards, and if so, which awards(s)? (e.g., Extra Mile Award (School Staff), Crossing Guard, School Bus Driver, Home and School Volunteer of the Year, Life Member) No, we did not nominate anyone.

Will you hold an activity to thank school staff during Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week (February 13th-17th)? Briefly describe your activity plans. No activity held.

Did parents attend the Federation's Fall Volunteer Training Workshops? Briefly describe learnings. No, we did not attend

Did you know that the provincial Federation board and staff members will attend local Home and School Association meetings to offer help with organizing your organization?

- No, I was not aware.

Does your local Home and School Association need help or guidance? If so, in what areas?

- Yes, direction on how to lead independently with help from school staff and address their needs.

ELIOT RIVER ELEMENTARY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Kelly MacDonald, President**

Did your Home and School meet during the 2022-2023 school year? If so, how many in-person and/or virtual meetings were held since September 1, 2022?

- Eliot River Elementary School has held two in person meetings to date- October 2022 and February 2023. Plans are to hold an additional meeting in April 2023.

What did parents and educators discuss at Home and School meetings? Tell us about the health and well-being of students, online and safe in-person classes (if applicable), curriculum, school food programs, bus/walking student safety, COVID impacts on your school community.

- The administration does an excellent job of providing updates with regards to all school events to those in attendance. In addition, monthly newsletters go out to the school community.
- The current discussion topics are the ongoing renovations to the school - the progress, the effect on the students, staff and learning.
- Other topics to continue to discuss in the future is how to increase the attendance and parent involvement in the Home and School meetings.

Resolutions are written to address a gap in the education system. Did your Home and School Association submit a resolution to the Federation by the January 31st deadline? Tell us about the topic.

- No resolutions were submitted this year

Did your Association apply for funds to host a Parent Leadership event?

- No, we did not apply for funds to host a Parent Leadership event.

If you received Parent Leadership grant funds, tell us about your project including how you engaged with families.

- N/A

How do you communicate with members? School?

- Email
- Social Media
- School Newsletter
- Other: Eliot River Elementary School's Home and School has their own facebook page that has increasing followers. In addition, school administration is helpful to put any Home and School updates and pertinent information on their social media sites as well as via email and the monthly school newsletter

Did you hold fundraising initiatives and what were the funds raised for?

- No, Home and School specific fundraising initiatives were held to date. The Home and School typically assists the school with the Annual Scream Park (held for Halloween) as well as a fundraising initiative surrounding the Christmas concerts. Unfortunately, both events were unable to be held this year due to the current addition/renovations at the school that are affecting access to parking lots and gymnasium. We look forward to hopefully starting these events up again in the 2023/24 school year.
- The school community is heavily involved in Easter Seals fundraising through the months of February-March as 2 of their own students are the 2023 Easter Seals Ambassadors for this year!!

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Did you nominate anyone for PEI Home and School Federation Awards, and if so, which awards(s)? (e.g., Extra Mile Award (School Staff), Crossing Guard, School Bus Driver, Home and School Volunteer of the Year, Life Member)

- No nominations were submitted this year

Will you hold an activity to thank school staff during Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week (February 13th-17th)? Briefly describe your activity plans.

- Teacher and Staff Appreciation will be celebrated with daily themed treat days. A sign up goes out to the school community via Sign Up Genius and parents can then sign up for their day of choice! In addition, a few gift cards are purchased and staff names are drawn to receive.

Did parents attend the Federation's Fall Volunteer Training Workshops? Briefly describe learnings.

- N/A

Did you know that the provincial Federation board and staff members will attend local Home and School Association meetings to offer help with organizing your organization?

- No, I was not aware.

Does your local Home and School Association need help or guidance? If so, in what areas?

- Possibly in the future.

ELLERSLIE ELEMENTARY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Erin Veale, President**

Did your Home and School meet during the 2022-2023 school year? If so, how many in-person and/or virtual meetings were held since September 1, 2022?

- Yes we have met in person 5 times so far. October, November, December, January and February. We hope to continue each month through the end of the year.

What did parents and educators discuss at Home and School meetings? Tell us about the health and well-being of students, online and safe in-person classes (if applicable), curriculum, school food programs, bus/walking student safety, COVID impacts on your school community.

Each of our meetings begins with Principal Jason sharing what is happening in the school as well as updates from the PSB which always creates great open discussions for our committee.

Some additional topics of conversation at our meetings include:

- We begin by discussing all of our Home & School Committee members/Volunteers completing a Criminal Record Check w/ Vulnerable Sector check right away so if volunteer opportunities arise our members are ready!
- The changing diversity of our schools.
- We discussed the need for a District Advisory Council Rep from our school for the Westisle family of schools and what the position entails.
- Student and Parent's mental health and support. We hosted the 2 part presentation Big Emotions, Big Worries by the Student Well-Being Team.
- We also identified student safety online being an area of concern, especially information for how parents can keep their children safe. We hosted a presentation by the RCMP and Youth Intervention Worker.
- We also discussed the presentation that would be given to grade 4-6's in school and what would be discussed.
- The Committee is very excited about the election of the PEI school board Trustees and their representation of our concerns, we look forward to having Beverly Boulter to a meeting soon.
- Our Committee also reached out to local Seniors Homes and Manors asking if we could have the students make cards and deliver them. We also gather information to hopefully have a Seniors Angels type of project in the future.
- We have discussed the Government Playground Equipment Grant several times and hope to have a plan soon.
- There were discussions around the healthy lunch program and what we felt worked well and what didn't.
- We discussed and made a submission for the Doug MacDougal Award as he was a pillar in our community and the principal at our school at one point as well. Doug was not only an inspiration to many as a leader but also a mentor and we miss him dearly.
- We also discussed and made a submission for the Extra Mile Award and recently found out our absolutely amazing Stephanie Wallace is the recipient!
- We hope to also submit a nomination for the upcoming Volunteer of the Year Award.
- At a recent meeting we discussed the need to have more sizes of team uniforms available so that students aren't feeling uncomfortable wearing something that doesn't fit well.
- While our school does hold several different fundraisers throughout the year. We discussed the importance of not overwhelming families or having them feel pressure to buy or give. We are also acutely aware of other fundraisers going on at the same time, and what time of year it is. Our committee makes an effort to engage the communities instead of just our school families.

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- While our Home & School Committee does not run the weekly Breakfast Program we have an absolutely amazing group of caring and dedicated volunteers providing our students healthy breakfast every week! Our students recently were able to try Crepes!

Resolutions are written to address a gap in the education system. Did your Home and School Association submit a resolution to the Federation by the January 31st deadline? Tell us about the topic.

- No resolutions were submitted.

Did your Association apply for funds to host a Parent Leadership event?

- Yes, we applied for funds.

If you received Parent Leadership grant funds, tell us about your project including how you engaged with families.

- Family Art Night. Several Classrooms are set up as stations with different step by step drawing videos. Each family member is able to participate in drawing various pictures and color using a variety of mediums on both paper and canvas. Families can take their beautiful artwork home to display. In between stations there are food and drinks in the common area to mingle, meet others and enjoy conversation. Each family that attends is entered into a draw for books and board games, we end the night with these draws. We believe hosting a fun evening in the school helps both students and their families feel connected to the school as a community, improves the feelings of parents towards the school environment and builds relationships. It also allows families to meet our Home & School volunteers and allows us an opportunity to share in who we are and what we do.

How do you communicate with members? School?

- Social Media
- PowerSchool
- School Newsletter
- Other: Info sheets sent home from the committee

Did you hold fundraising initiatives and what were the funds raised for?

We have had several different fundraisers this past year:

- We have raised funds for an outdoor Gaga ball pit for our Grades 4-6 side of the playground to give the older students another opportunity to learn a new sport and stay active, and they love it!
- Our committee was once again able to offer each teacher \$50 to buy needed classroom items at the beginning of the school year.
- In Celebration of our school's 50th Anniversary we raised money and had business sponsors for T-shirts for all staff, Cinch bags and water bottles for every student. All students also planted 200 tulips in the front of the school.
- Staff Snack Days every second month.
- Several of our fundraisers went specifically towards raising money for families in our school who were in need at Christmas.
- We were also able to help purchase Ukuleles to complete a set for our Music program.
- Our committee pays for Elf on the Shelf books for the Month of December where 2 students are given a book each day! Our Principal started this many years ago and our committee increased it from 1 book a day to 2! We love promoting literacy.

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- We also helped in covering some costs of bussing for choir, skating and going to the movies as well as a portion of the cost of the movie, pizza lunch and the cost of the rink for skating in December.
- Our committee also fundraises to gift each Grade 6 student a farewell t-shirt signed by all Grade 6 students that year.
- For Literacy day we offer to pay for two board games to be given away every day of the week which was started by our Principal several years ago. We are so happy to help in this way of bringing families together.
- In April we are also hosting both a Spring Craft Fair at our school & a school dance with canteen.
- We also hope to be able to once again offer each student a \$5 Gift Certificate for the yearly Scholastic Book Fair. We want to ensure every student has an opportunity to purchase something.
- We have recently started having Frozen treat Fridays several times a month to raise money for end of year activities such as a BBQ at Shining Waters for all students and staff retirements.

Did you nominate anyone for PEI Home and School Federation Awards, and if so, which awards(s)? (e.g., Extra Mile Award (School Staff), Crossing Guard, School Bus Driver, Home and School Volunteer of the Year, Life Member)

- We submitted a nomination for the Extra Mile Award.

Will you hold an activity to thank school staff during Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week (February 13th-17th)? Briefly describe your activity plans.

Several years ago our Committee decided that we wanted to recognize our staff more than just for one week. We decided to spread the 5 days of the week throughout the school year. Every other month Oct, Dec, Feb, April And June we provide a snack or meal for our entire staff. February (for Staff appreciation) and June (end of year) we provide a meal from local restaurants.

We also send home an information sheet about staff appreciation as well as posted on our parent/family Facebook group. We thank the staff, and post quotes from the Minister of Education as well as the President of the Home and School Federation.

Did parents attend the Federation's Fall Volunteer Training Workshops? Briefly describe learnings.

- No, parents did not attend.

Did you know that the provincial Federation board and staff members will attend local Home and School Association meetings to offer help with organizing your organization?

- Yes, I was aware.

Does your local Home and School Association need help or guidance? If so, in what areas?

- I am certain the new Co-Chairs would welcome an association member to their meeting for guidance next September.

Additional information and/or comments.

- I loved using this form.

ELM STREET ELEMENTARY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Naomi Harvey, President**

Executive:

Holly MacLeod, Secretary

Rylea Kember, Treasurer

So far during the 2022-23 school year, we've met as an association three times. For the first time in many years, we had parents aside from the Executive and Administration which was amazing! In early Fall, we applied for the Provincial Gaga Pit funding and were approved for two pits. We were able to get the supplies and do the necessary groundwork to install one pit before the frost. We will look at installing the second pit this Spring.

We celebrated National Child's Day in November with each child having a homemade chocolate chip cookie and a free ADL chocolate milk.

This year, we decided to sell 5 lbs. red potatoes as our Home and School fundraiser. It was a successful fundraiser where we had the top sellers in K-3 and 4-6 get to have a lunch of their choice with the Principal and Vice Principal, the top class enjoyed a pizza party and the Principal had to kiss a chicken! Our custodian, Chad, was also a good sport and shaved his head as we surpassed the number of bags, he challenged the school to sell.

The Home and School purchased a new book for each classroom for Christmas. The new book was delivered by Elmer the Elf and teachers incorporated the new book into their lessons.

We recently participated in Winter Wellness and Staff Appreciation week during February. On Monday we had coffee and homemade muffins for staff. On Wednesday, we cooked pancakes for the entire school so everyone started their day with a hot breakfast! We helped cover some of the cost for the students to go to the movies as part of their Winter Wellness activities. We will be doing a treat trolley for the staff after the March break as school was cancelled the last day of Staff Appreciation week.

We continue to partner with the school Administration to ensure important Home and School initiatives are announced in the weekly school emails sent out by the Principal and shared on the school Facebook page. This streamlining of communication makes it easier for parents to find all information in one location.

We look forward to meeting in March to discuss the remaining part of the school year and plan activities for the students.

ENGLEWOOD HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Rachael Cameron, President****Executive:**

Treasurer: Krista Millar-Smith

Secretary: Krystal Rice

Technology Support: Kyle Ferguson

Introduction

Englewood Home & School hit the ground running in September with our new executive and we haven't looked back since! We are thrilled to welcome our new secretary to our executive, after going a year without one. We have a small and dedicated group of parents who regularly attend meetings and volunteer for events.

Meetings

Meetings occur the second Tuesday of every month, from 6:30-8:00pm. We offer a virtual option for attendance through Microsoft Teams. Attendance at the meetings ranges from 5-9 people per meeting. We skipped December & February's meetings due to a busy school schedule, and we have had four meetings this year to date.

Communication

We post regularly on our Home & School Facebook group about school and community events and help keep the school website Google calendar up to date. We're also cognizant of families who don't check those resources regularly and who would benefit from a paper newsletter, so we sent out our first newsletter in February and are planning to send out more in the coming months.

Breakfast Program

Englewood has a breakfast program that runs every morning. Our Vice Principal Michaela Richards organized our volunteers and had the program up and running by the end of September this year. Volunteers (which consist of parents, grandparents and junior high students) meet in our kitchen and assemble the rotating menu of toast, yogurt tubes, and fruit. The students look forward to this and we are grateful for our volunteers and Mrs. Richards!

Milk Program Website Administration

Our technology expert Kyle runs our milk website. We raised our price of chocolate milk by a few cents starting in 2023 to offset the cost of administrative fees. Our milk program has steady customers with an average of 28% of our student body ordering milk every day.

Fundraisers

One of our beloved teachers, Pam Kelly, passed away from cancer this past July. Her wish was to have a playground addition for our grades 4-6, so we have taken on the challenge of fundraising for a playground upgrade. Our Treasurer Krista has put an extraordinary amount of time in this project thus far and we are so

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grateful for her! Our goal is to raise \$150,000, which is no small feat in a small school (180 students) and small community like Englewood. We decided to put all the proceeds from all our fundraisers this year towards Pam's Playground and we held several fall fundraisers to get the ball rolling.

Our teachers came together to host our fall Spooktacular carnival, which was our first major fundraising event post-COVID. It was a huge success and raised \$2100! Our junior high students sold Boo bags (treat bags) in the month of October at our school canteen and raised \$500. Our annual Christmas coupon book fundraiser (run by dedicated parent Stacey MacKean Hardy) raised just under \$1k. We held an ADL Cheese & Island Preserve Co. jam fundraiser that was wildly successful, raising over \$5k. We also held a well received Christmas Flea Market for the students (with community donated items) that included gift wrapping by volunteers. We had so many items that we sold almost everything for \$1 each, and the children loved shopping for their family and friends. We learned a lot from this process and are hoping to do it again next year!

We are now focusing on corporate sponsorships and have been fortunate to receive generous donations from local businesses including \$1k from the Blue Goose and a whopping \$5k from the South Shore Pharmacy. We have been successful so far in our fundraising efforts, raising around \$28k as of the end of February.

Our school band raised money at our Christmas concert by selling fudge, as well as a spaghetti supper fundraiser in early February. Our grade 9 class is fundraising for their class trip by doing a series of Facebook draws for packages consisting of donated gift cards & services.

We have joined a few ongoing fundraisers including COSPEI draws, and the FlipGive app. We love these fundraisers because they are low effort on our part: they require regular social media posting and promoting, but don't have any large events to coordinate. We are not earning huge amounts from these yet but are hopeful they will continue to earn steady funds and slowly increase for our Home & School group going forward.

Staff Appreciation

We held our annual Staff Appreciation week from February 13-18, and we were completely overwhelmed with the generosity of our school community: we asked our school families for gift card donations and received enough donations for every single staff member (teachers, admin, EAs, custodians, and bus drivers!) to win a gift card in our daily draws! We also hosted a potluck by parent volunteers on Wednesday at lunchtime for the staff that was well received.

Summary

We have had a busy year at Englewood and it's not over yet! We are hopeful to raise our playground fundraising goal as soon as possible with the help of corporate sponsors and government grants and look forward to the installation of our new playground structure!

GEORGETOWN HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Sarah Sampson and Charlene Hebert, Co-Chairs**

Did your Home and School meet during the 2022-2023 school year? If so, how many in-person and/or virtual meetings were held since September 1, 2022? 2 meetings have been held.

What did parents and educators discuss at Home and School meetings? Tell us about the health and well-being of students, online and safe in-person classes (if applicable), curriculum, school food programs, bus/walking student safety, COVID impacts on your school community.

- Principal's report
- Fundraising plans
- Overall school/students well being

Resolutions are written to address a gap in the education system. Did your Home and School Association submit a resolution to the Federation by the January 31st deadline? Tell us about the topic. No resolutions were submitted.

Did your Association apply for funds to host a Parent Leadership event?

- No, we did not apply for funds to host a Parent Leadership event.

If you received Parent Leadership grant funds, tell us about your project including how you engaged with families. N/A

How do you communicate with members? School? Email / Social Media / School Newsletter

Did you hold fundraising initiatives and what were the funds raised for?

- Yes, we held fundraising initiatives to raise funds for school needs, bussing fees and field trips.

Did you nominate anyone for PEI Home and School Federation Awards, and if so, which awards(s)? (e.g., Extra Mile Award (School Staff), Crossing Guard, School Bus Driver, Home and School Volunteer of the Year, Life Member)

- No, we did not nominate anyone for the PEI Home and School Federation Awards.

Will you hold an activity to thank school staff during Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week (February 13th-17th)? Briefly describe your activity plans.

- Yes. We plan a treat every day of the week. Purchase tulips for each student and post a visual thank you board for the staff that students can post notes on

Did parents attend the Federation's Fall Volunteer Training Workshops? Briefly describe learnings. No, parents did not attend the Federation's Fall Volunteer Training Workshops.

Did you know that the provincial Federation board and staff members will attend local Home and School Association meetings to offer help with organizing your organization? Yes, I was aware.

Does your local Home and School Association need help or guidance? If so, in what areas?

- Not at this time.

GREENFIELD ELEMENTARY HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Sarah Boeker and Heather Sheen, Co-Presidents**

Did your Home and School meet during the 2022-2023 school year? If so, how many in-person and/or virtual meetings were held since September 1, 2022?

- Yes, we have met once a month since the start of the school year. All meetings have been in person at the school on Wednesday evenings, usually the first Wednesday of the month.

What did parents and educators discuss at Home and School meetings? Tell us about the health and well-being of students, online and safe in-person classes (if applicable), curriculum, school food programs, bus/walking student safety, COVID impacts on your school community.

- The administration attends all of our meetings, and lets us know how things are going in the school. We have a new playground on the K-3 side of the school yard, after many years of fundraising. We had our first Welcome back BBQ in years this past fall, and celebrated the official unveiling of the playground at the same time. This event was a great success and was a lot of fun to put on for the families after 2 years of covid restrictions and limited events.
- Greenfield recently hosted Flag Day, and both co-presidents of the Home & School attended as official guests and handed out an award to students for the drawing contest. It was a great honour to be included with the other community representatives. Our breakfast program is thriving, and we speak about it monthly to make sure there are enough funds and volunteers to help keep it going strong. We began offering special breakfasts around holidays or special occasions, which have included smoothies and crepes. These have proven to be a great success, so it's great to support these initiatives alongside the school and breakfast program.
- In the fall we reached out to City Council to ask about the crossing guard that is no longer placed on South Drive, and while they decided there is not enough foot traffic to warrant a crossing guard at this time, new crossing lights were put in, as well as a new sidewalk on a street close by to help make the neighbourhood safer for walkers. We will continue to work with the school and City to ensure a safe walk for students.
- Another item discussed in the past few months was the possibility to fundraise a bit more for some equipment on the 4-6 side of the school yard. We have some funds still available in our playground fund, so we began fundraising and searching for grants to aid in this initiative.

Resolutions are written to address a gap in the education system. Did your Home and School Association submit a resolution to the Federation by the January 31st deadline? Tell us about the topic.

- No, we did not.

Did your Association apply for funds to host a Parent Leadership event?

- No, we did not.

If you received Parent Leadership grant funds, tell us about your project including how you engaged with families.

- n/a

How do you communicate with members? School?

- Social Media
- School Newsletter

Did you hold fundraising initiatives and what were the funds raised for?

- We have held several fundraising initiatives, including bake sales, selling candy grams, raising money for the Christmas Hampers, online draws, and we most recently got involved with the Gold Rush to support Home & School initiatives across PEI. We are fundraising for new playground equipment for the 4-6 side, for various community charities including Christmas Hampers, as well as raising money for our internal Home & School fund which we use to support the breakfast program, help pay a portion of school trips (movies, end of year trip etc.) and for classroom supplies.

Did you nominate anyone for PEI Home and School Federation Awards, and if so, which awards(s)? (e.g., Extra Mile Award (School Staff), Crossing Guard, School Bus Driver, Home and School Volunteer of the Year, Life Member)

- No nominations were submitted this year.

Will you hold an activity to thank school staff during Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week (February 13th-17th)? Briefly describe your activity plans.

- We held a brunch day at the school, where parents brought in snacks and lunch foods for the teachers to eat throughout the day. We set up a table with spring tulips and a thank you from the Home & School and parents in appreciation for all they do!

Did parents attend the Federation's Fall Volunteer Training Workshops? Briefly describe learnings.

- I do not think so.

Did you know that the provincial Federation board and staff members will attend local Home and School Association meetings to offer help with organizing your organization?

- No, I was not aware.

Does your local Home and School Association need help or guidance? If so, in what areas?

- No, we are doing very well this year and have a strong group of interested parents who are very involved, as well as a wonderful and caring school administration who loves to support us whenever needed.

Additional information and/or comments.

- We are a new group of parents this year in the Home & School committee, so we're eager and interested to get involved as we learn our way through!

GULF SHORE CONSOLIDATED HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Marsha LeBlanc, President

School Year Kick off

The Gulf Shore Home & School kicks off the school year with the Terry Fox run. We were able to proceed with our annual tradition of having our Terry Fox BBQ for the students on October 14, 2023, the day of the Terry Fox run. The North Rustico Food Market generously donated all the hotdogs and buns for this year's BBQ.

Food Programs

Our school continues to run a mild and pizza program in addition to the PEI School Food Program. Milk is available for purchase each school day, with pizza reserved for Fridays only. The online platform and ordering are handled by a single volunteer. The Food for Thought cupboard is also stocked by our Home & School association. The cupboard is used by students that may not have access to enough food from home or those that may have forgotten their lunch on a specific day. Again, the North Rustico Food Market has been a great support with the supplies for the cupboard. The stocking of the cupboard is maintained by volunteers, while the food is distributed by staff members. We also started a small breakfast program this year containing some grab and go items prepared by a small group of volunteers.

Christmas Tree and Poinsettia fundraiser

We also launched our annual Christmas Tree fundraiser in November thanks to the continued generosity of Smith's Tree Farm. Students were able to sell tree tickets to their family and friends virtually and the appropriate number of tickets sent home to be distributed. This year starting in November until mid-December we sold Poinsettias from Van Kampen's Greenhouse. Worth a portion of sales going towards our playground committee fund.

Potluck/Memorial 'Soup for Shirley'

Our Home & School association organized a potluck for the teachers during the student lead conference days. This allowed the teachers to grab a quick, hot meal in between their meetings on Thursday evening and the leftovers were enjoyed throughout the next day. We are fortunate to have enough volunteers to keep our teachers fed. In past years we held an event in memory of a previous Gulf Shore parent that has passed away. In the past, this has been in the form of "Soup for Shirley" as Shirley was a strong advocate for all children to have a warm meal in their stomach. This event is usually in the month of February but with the extra-long break this year, the date has been put off until the students return to school.

STEAM Night

Once again, we have applied for the Parent Leadership Grant, in hopes to put on another STEAM Night, which has been successful in past years. The goal is to provide students with the opportunity to engage with their parents/caregivers on science, technology, engineering, art, and math in a fun and hands-on way.

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Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week

Home & School organized a sign-up roster, and the staff was provided with baking and treats on each day of the week. The staff is always thankful and appreciative of the efforts put into the week.

Did you apply and host a Parent Leadership even? If so, explain how you engaged families.

We once again applied for a STEAM night. This has proven to be successful in the past with students and guardians alike.

Communication: How do you communicate with your members? School? Email, social media, PowerSchool, etc.

Our primary form of communication is the Gulf Shore Home & School Facebook page. Our monthly updates are also included in the school newsletter that is emailed out to all registered families. Important announcements are sent out via PowerSchool as required.

Did you hold fundraising initiatives and what were the funds raised for?

We held our annual Christmas Tree sale thanks to the generous support of Smith's Christmas Tree Farm. This year we also sold Poinsettia with the generous support of VanKampen's greenhouse. Funds are for the playground committee.

HERNEWOOD INTERMEDIATE HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Vanessa Mallett and Michelle Gamble, Co-Presidents**

Vice President: Christine Phillips, Treasurer: Lindsay Lidstone

The Hernewood Home and school try to meet every 6 weeks. Our first meeting in October was centered around activities, projects, and adding new people to the board. We like to thank Lindsay Lidstone(Treasurer) for staying on the association from the previous year. No new members have joined, but hopeful that we will have new members joining soon.

At the beginning of the year our committee was brainstorming new ideas for fundraising to gain some monies for school functions, the breakfast program, Teacher Appreciation week, and for other items that Hernewood could use for the different groups that are organized within the student body. So far we have brainstormed and collected ideas for fundraising money, and been successful in bringing in funds to the school.

The Home and school association prepared a hot meal for the Staff of Hernewood during Christmas, and also made a week of meals, snacks and prizes for Teacher's appreciation week with the support and help of parents. Home and School contributed to the students by supplying snacks for winter carnival week, along with a 12 day Christmas Give-Away to the student body.

Hernewood Student's approached home and School with the Idea of Ga-Ga ball pits. We were able to find the right resources for funding, and we will be covering any extra costs if needed. We are currently looking into costs for new gym equipment ; Floor hockey supplies, and Omnikon balls.

We organized seminars for the students on internet safety, and a Vaping awareness day. We offered The Vaping Awareness session to the Westisle family of schools after school hours, providing light refreshments for attendance. Both sessions were successful and we thank everyone that put time into these events.

Breakfast program started up in December. We have recruited a small number of volunteers for a grab and go setting, and are working on recruiting more volunteers to make this program successful. The Breakfast program is offered to the students, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Our goal is to have a hot breakfast once a month, starting soon.

The end of the year we hope to do a school BBQ for all the students sponsored by the Parent Council Association and we hope to be able to contribute to the grade 9 graduation.

The Principal, and vice principal are very helpful, in providing information on what is happening at hernewood and what they would like to see coming forward in terms of presentations, and seminars. We would like to thank them for the many hours they put into our students and the school and we will also like to thank all the teachers and students for their support.

KENSINGTON INTERMEDIATE SENIOR HIGH HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Tammy Campbell, President**

Did your Home and School meet during the 2022-2023 school year? If so, how many in-person and/or virtual meetings were held since September 1, 2022? Yes, we met once.

What did parents and educators discuss at Home and School meetings? Tell us about the health and well-being of students, online and safe in-person classes (if applicable), curriculum, school food programs, bus/walking student safety, COVID impacts on your school community.

- We discussed fundraising options.

Resolutions are written to address a gap in the education system. Did your Home and School Association submit a resolution to the Federation by the January 31st deadline? Tell us about the topic. No resolutions were submitted.

Did your Association apply for funds to host a Parent Leadership event?

- No, we did not apply for funds

If you received Parent Leadership grant funds, tell us about your project including how you engaged with families. N/A

How do you communicate with members? School?

- The Principal communicates through PowerSchool and the school newsletter.

Did you hold fundraising initiatives and what were the funds raised for?

- We held a Causable Gold Rush fundraiser.

Did you nominate anyone for PEI Home and School Federation Awards, and if so, which awards(s)? (e.g., Extra Mile Award (School Staff), Crossing Guard, School Bus Driver, Home and School Volunteer of the Year, Life Member) No, we did not nominate anyone this year.

Will you hold an activity to thank school staff during Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week (February 13th-17th)? Briefly describe your activity plans.

- No, we did not hold any activities for Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week.

Did parents attend the Federation's Fall Volunteer Training Workshops? Briefly describe learnings.

- Yes. I learned about some of the uses of school boards.

Did you know that the provincial Federation board and staff members will attend local Home and School Association meetings to offer help with organizing your organization?

- Yes, I was aware.

Does your local Home and School Association need help or guidance? If so, in what areas?

- Yes, our Home & School Association needs help or guidance.

Additional information and/or comments.

- We don't currently have a Home & School Association at KISH.

Tracey Nichol, PRESIDENT

Executive: Matthew Killeen (1st Semester) Ryan McAleer (2nd Semester)
Parent Council Rep.: Tracey Nichol Teacher Advisor: Kevin Stewart
(Grades 9-12)

- Meet the Teacher: Sept. 13th
- Parent Council Meetings: Oct. 4th (canceled) and Nov. 22nd
- Pie Fundraiser: Sept. 26th - Oct. 11th - 2282 pies sold!
- Blazer Blitz: Sept. 20th
- Terry Fox Run: Sept. 21st
- Beef Blazer Supper: Oct. 15th
- Meet the Candidate Night for the 2022 first PSB Trustee Elections held in 14 years - Oct. 26th
- Senior 'A' Women's Soccer Champions: KISHORA Nov. 5th
- Drive Away Hunger Food Drive: Dec.13th
- Christmas Concert: Dec. 13th
- Annual free student & staff Turkey Dinner: Dec. 16th
- Toys For Tots Campaign: Dec. 19th
- Exam Snacks: Jan. 30th
- Celebrated Pink Shirt Day on Feb. 22nd
- Staff Appreciation Week,
February 13-17, 2023: Grade 9 Parents – Feb. 10th (Snacks provided)
Grade 10 Parents – Feb. 14th (Snacks provided)
Grade 11 Parents – Feb. 16th (Snacks provided)
Grade 12 Parents – Mar. 8th (Meal provided)
- Our Music Teacher, Kirk White was nominated for the Long & McQuade Educator of the Year!
- Kinkora Blazers Unified Bocce Ball team competed and won GOLD in the P.E.I.S.A.A. Provincial Championships on Dec. 16th
- KRHS Relay for Life raised \$10,381.16 in June 2022. Way to go Blazers!
- On Jan. 6, Senator Brian Francis spoke to staff and students.
- Annual Cupcake Sale for PEI Humane Society Fundraiser Mar. 21st & 22nd
- Former Blazer, Quianna Harvey, KRHS student wins the 2022 Tim Cup Challenge in Las Vegas.
- Blazer, Oliver Murphy, Grade 10 student, competed in Snowboarding representing Team PEI for the 2023 Canada Winter Games.
- Communication is done using email, PowerSchool & School FB Page

On March 23, 2023, Tracy Thomson, much-loved administrative assistant was recognized with the PEI Home and School Federation's Extra Mile Award for her many years of work and tireless volunteer hours to support the students, parents & school staff.

Submitted by Tracey Nichol

LUCY MAUD MONTGOMERY ELEMENTARY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Cara Dempsey & Katheryn MacKay, Co-Chairs

Did your Home and School meet during the 2022-2023 school year? If so, how many in-person and/or virtual meetings were held since September 1, 2022?

- We met 3 times this school year. October, November and January. All in person. A 4th meeting is set for March 28th and our AGM is in May.

What did parents and educators discuss at Home and School meetings? Tell us about the health and well-being of students, online and safe in-person classes (if applicable), curriculum, school food programs, bus/walking student safety, COVID impacts on your school community.

- Many topics were discussed. Playgrounds purchases we'd like to make (creating a small committee to make some final decisions), new school photography company, ever increasing enrollment at LM, offering babysitting and first aid courses to students in grades 5 and 6. We will be moving ahead and hosting a parent engagement session March 28th, and have invited parents from Sherwood and Parkdale to join. It will be about Social Media, Gaming and Mental Health for our children.

Resolutions are written to address a gap in the education system. Did your Home and School Association submit a resolution to the Federation by the January 31st deadline? Tell us about the topic.

- No resolutions were submitted.

Did your Association apply for funds to host a Parent Leadership event?

- No, we did not apply for funds.

If you received Parent Leadership grant funds, tell us about your project including how you engaged with families.

- N/A

How do you communicate with members? School?

- Social Media
- PowerSchool

Did you hold fundraising initiatives and what were the funds raised for?

- We took part in the Fall/Winter Coupon book sale and held a few draws. Funds went towards supporting some staff initiatives, Christmas Families, PT interview meal for teachers, staff appreciation week and the playground fund.

Did you nominate anyone for PEI Home and School Federation Awards, and if so, which awards(s)? (e.g., Extra Mile Award (School Staff), Crossing Guard, School Bus Driver, Home and School Volunteer of the Year, Life Member)

- No, we did not nominate anyone this year.

Will you hold an activity to thank school staff during Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week (February 13th-17th)? Briefly describe your activity plans.

- We had parents sign up to bring healthy food items in for an "appreciation wagon" our leadership students took around to staff. Parents also supported a coffee break one day and the H&S paid for a coffee break from Timothy's on the Thursday of that week. We received enough donations from parents and one of our draws, to purchase gift cards and items for draws throughout the week. Treat bags were also put together for everyone, including custodians and bus drivers.

Did parents attend the Federation's Fall Volunteer Training Workshops? Briefly describe learnings.

- No parents attended the workshops.

Did you know that the provincial Federation board and staff members will attend local Home and School Association meetings to offer help with organizing your organization?

- Yes, I was aware.

Does your local Home and School Association need help or guidance? If so, in what areas?

- No, we do not need help or guidance at this time.

M.E. CALLAGHAN INTERMEDIATE HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Carrie-Ann Dunbar, President**

We were happy to welcome a few new board members to our team:

Carrie-Ann Dunbar (President); Christina Blanchard (Vice President); Carrie-Ann Dunbar (Treasurer) & Abby Peters (Secretary).

We communicate to parents primarily through our Home and School Facebook page for parents, as well as general emails which are sent out by the school.

We had a summer tutor program in 2022 which was well received, and we hope to continue that again this coming summer.

The school has provided opportunities for the Student-Well-Being Team to present workshops and information sessions on several topics such as vaping & online safety to students.

We have discussed the needs of the school in regards to play equipment, and we will look at getting new basketball nets and backboards in the spring for outside, and some other items that were brought up for recess (bouncy balls, chalk, etc). The industrial arts class will make a new gaga pit for the playground as well. This will be installed in spring of 2023.

We have a breakfast program operating 3 times per week, by which we offer breakfasts such as: smoothies, bagels, toast, yogurt, etc. We are very thankful to our dedicated volunteers who make this happen week after week!

The students have access to the school cafeteria. The PEI Healthy Lunch program is also available, however, the uptake on it is not great, and only about 12 students per day access this.

Our teacher appreciation was well received, and we were able to celebrate our staff with sweets, coffee, lunches, etc.

In conclusion, we as the Home & School Committee feel that we've been successful in providing positive, meaningful support to the staff and students of M.E. Callaghan and we hope to continue this in the days and weeks ahead.

Respectfully submitted by:

Christina Blanchard

On behalf of the M.E. Callaghan Home and School Association.

MISCOUCHE CONSOLIDATED HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Erynn Cormier -President****Tracy Jones - Vice President, Chantelle O'Brien - Treasurer, Lorri-Ann MacLean - Secretary**

Did your Home and School meet during the 2022-2023 school year? If so, how many in-person and/or virtual meetings were held since September 1, 2022?

- We held meetings monthly.

What did parents and educators discuss at Home and School meetings? Tell us about the health and well-being of students, online and safe in-person classes (if applicable), curriculum, school food programs, bus/walking student safety, COVID impacts on your school community.

- We unfortunately do not have many that attend the meeting other than our members. The students seem to be happy to be back to our normal school setting and attending field trips and dances again. The breakfast program has restarted and is run by teachers and administrators. They are having students involved with shopping and organizing.

Resolutions are written to address a gap in the education system. Did your Home and School Association submit a resolution to the Federation by the January 31st deadline? Tell us about the topic.

- Yes, one of our grandmother's put forward a resolution on Literacy changes.

Did your Association apply for funds to host a Parent Leadership event?

- No, we did not apply for funds.

If you received Parent Leadership grant funds, tell us about your project including how you engaged with families.

- N/A

How do you communicate with members? School?

- Email
- Social Media
- School Newsletter

Did you hold fundraising initiatives and what were the funds raised for?

- We held a couple of fundraisers. We did a cookie dough fundraiser and a Children's Christmas shopping day. They absolutely love the shopping day each year.

Did you nominate anyone for PEI Home and School Federation Awards, and if so, which awards(s)? (e.g., Extra Mile Award (School Staff), Crossing Guard, School Bus Driver, Home and School Volunteer of the Year, Life Member)

- No, we didn't this year.

Will you hold an activity to thank school staff during Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week (February 13th-17th)? Briefly describe your activity plans.

- We held a pot luck for the teachers and it went well. Parents brought in donations.

Did parents attend the Federation's Fall Volunteer Training Workshops? Briefly describe learnings.

- No parents attended the workshops.

Did you know that the provincial Federation board and staff members will attend local Home and School Association meetings to offer help with organizing your organization?

- Yes, I was aware.

Does your local Home and School Association need help or guidance? If so, in what areas?

- We do not need help or guidance at this time as we have recently spoken.

Additional information and/or comments.

- Looking forward to the Provincial meeting coming up.

MONTAGUE INTERMEDIATE HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Erhayat Ozcan, Principal

Montague Intermediate School (MIS) has worked this year to create a vibrant School Council. At the Meet the Staff evening on September 15th, 2022, joining School Council was promoted and all the benefits of being a member were promoted. Furthermore, calls for parents to join the School Council were made in multiple weekly emails to all parents. Four parents came forward and asked for further information.

In order to bolster the parent involvement for our School Council, MIS worked collaboratively with Montague Regional High School (MRHS) to provide learning opportunities for parents. MRHS provided a session on how to assist students with anxiety on October 25th. On December 1st, the Student Well-being Team provided a session to help parents keep their children safe online and how to prepare their children to deal with possible bullying situations. Unfortunately, these sessions didn't create interest in the School Council from any additional parents.

The first informal meeting for the group was November 14th at MIS and the PEI Home and School Federation provided a training session for parents on how to execute every function of a School Council. The attendees were provided with an electronic and bound book on the details from the presentation. The first formal meeting of parents was on February 15th, 2023. Parents indicated that they appreciated the opportunities for monthly meetings but were not interested in holding an executive position. The group agreed to meet in the upcoming months for the dissemination of school-based information and provide ideas for improving school-based initiatives without becoming an official School Council.

MORELL CONSOLIDATED HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Kelsey MacIntyre, President**

Did your Home and School meet during the 2022-2023 school year? If so, how many in-person and/or virtual meetings were held since September 1, 2022?

- Yes - we held 2 in person meetings so far.

What did parents and educators discuss at Home and School meetings? Tell us about the health and well-being of students, online and safe in-person classes (if applicable), curriculum, school food programs, bus/walking student safety, COVID impacts on your school community.

- We discussed the new cross walk and drop off/pick up location, which has made crossing the road much safer for students. There is now a light up well lit crosswalk and the drop off zone was redirected to not interfere with the crosswalk. The Principal also informed the present parents of the breakfast program, we went over how much money is left in the Home and School account and discussed fundraising ideas. Our school is very fortunate to receive donations from the community, and this has purchased new soccer nets as well as pays for school skates.

Resolutions are written to address a gap in the education system. Did your Home and School Association submit a resolution to the Federation by the January 31st deadline? Tell us about the topic.

- No resolutions were submitted to the Federation.

Did your Association apply for funds to host a Parent Leadership event?

- No, we did not apply for funds.

If you received Parent Leadership grant funds, tell us about your project including how you engaged with families.

- N/A

How do you communicate with members? School?

- Social Media
- School Newsletter

Did you hold fundraising initiatives and what were the funds raised for?

- We have not currently held any fundraising this year but plan to have one before the end of the school year.

Did you nominate anyone for PEI Home and School Federation Awards, and if so, which awards(s)? (e.g., Extra Mile Award (School Staff), Crossing Guard, School Bus Driver, Home and School Volunteer of the Year, Life Member)

- No, we did not nominate anyone for the PEI Home and School Federation Awards.

Will you hold an activity to thank school staff during Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week (February 13th-17th)? Briefly describe your activity plans.

- During Teacher Appreciation week the Home and School dropped off coffee, cinnamon rolls and cookies for a morning snack as well as provided a chili lunch for all the staff.

Did parents attend the Federation's Fall Volunteer Training Workshops? Briefly describe learnings.

- As a new member and President, I attended the Training Workshop held at Montague Intermediate. I was able to learn what the purpose of Home and School is and how it works with the school system.

Did you know that the provincial Federation board and staff members will attend local Home and School Association meetings to offer help with organizing your organization?

- No, I was not aware.

Does your local Home and School Association need help or guidance? If so, in what areas?

- No, our Home and School Association does not need help or guidance at this time.

Additional information and/or comments.

- Morell Home and School is a small group with a new President this year. We hope to recruit more members and get more parents involved over the rest of this year and next year.

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

Executive: Vice-President: Katie McNally

Treasurer: Jennifer Handrahan

Secretary: Crystal Jay

Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month, with usually 10 + people in attendance. Topics discussed at every meeting include occupational health and safety concerns, parent engagement and our breakfast & lunch programs. We also discuss things like report cards, parent questions and/or concerns, fundraising, special events and other things happening around our school and community.

Staff Appreciation Week....We served a hot lunch (homemade soups, chillies with rolls and biscuits) one day and did a coffee/tea, sweets and treats on another day (there's always lots of leftovers, so the food provided by home and school actual kept the staff fed for a couple of days). We also did a random draw every day, all week for GCs to random stores/restaurants. With money donated specifically to staff appreciation week (from parents, families and community council), we were able to purchase a small gift for the staff room (a heated massage chair pad). This was very much appreciated.

Our fundraisers this year have been BOGO Fall coupon books and we will be participating in our annual Summer Saver BOGO Coupon books, as well. We also held a Christmas Shopping Party Fundraiser....all items are donated by school families and then the children get an opportunity to shop for their families. This event is loved by all and most of the money raised goes towards the school's Christmas families program. We are also holding a "Pot of Gold" 50/50 draw on St.Patrick's Day (squares are sold by students for the 2 weeks leading up to St. Patrick's day). We have also discussed holding a dance later in the spring.

Parent Engagement Event...Our home and school partnered with the school staff to hold a "Winter Family Fun Night". The evening consisted of outdoor winter activities for the whole family (snow shoeing, skiing, sledding, ball hockey and a bonfire). The purpose was to try to engage as many families within our school to come together for an evening of well being (physical, emotional and mental). Our new Mental Health Support Worker was on site to meet and greet families and also provided some handouts. Our engagement grant money went towards food and refreshments (hot chocolate and smores) as well as door prizes.

We continue to run a Facebook group, where 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/lunch 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 are very supportive of our association and vice versa.

O'LEARY ELEMENTARY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Sam Shaw-Veniot, President**

Executive: Sam Shaw-Veniot President, Katelyn Good, vice-president 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.. During the meetings we receive updates from our Principal and Vice-Principal regarding things that are happening in the school. We continue to post on our Home & School webpage with any upcoming dates, or anything we would like to communicate to the parents/guardians. We continue to host our 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 are also actively recruiting new members for our home and school team.

September, we held our back to school BBQ, and our first home and school meeting. We discussed our fundraiser for October.

October, we ran a fundraiser to sell things such as Wrapping paper etc. which was a huge success... We began our breakfast program, and offer a hot breakfast once a week on Thursday morning, and 3 other days a cold breakfast such as granola bars etc.

November, we held another home and school meeting. We discussed some upcoming activities for December, such as our flea market, meals for students and a few activities that will be held leading up to Christmas Break.

December, we held our annual Christmas concert.. We held our annual flea market, and a few other activities leading up to Christmas break. We also continue with our hot breakfast every Thursday morning.

January we held another home and school meeting and discussed staff appreciation week, and activities around Canada games.

February, we held staff appreciation week, staff were treated to a meal from Backwoods burger,, and had different sweets, coffee, juices brought in throughout the week. We can't thank our wonderful staff enough for all that they do. We also continued with our hot breakfast.

March, we will hold our winter carnival week,-end will continue with the breakfast program.

April/May/June we plan to hold another home and school meeting and discuss our upcoming spring fundraisers, covid permitting. We will also begin to discuss some steps for the upcoming school year next year. We will also be discussing grade 6 graduation and year end activities. We will continue our breakfast program, and hope that covid will allow us to enjoy some activities as well within the school.

PARKDALE ELEMENTARY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Myra Barquilla, President**

Did your Home and School meet during the 2022-2023 school year? If so, how many in-person and/or virtual meetings were held since September 1, 2022?

- Yes, we have held 3 Home and School meetings so far during the school year.

What did parents and educators discuss at Home and School meetings? Tell us about the health and well-being of students, online and safe in-person classes (if applicable), curriculum, school food programs, bus/walking student safety, COVID impacts on your school community.

- The topics of more parent involvement, food security, student wellness and student literacy were consistently brought up in the meetings. Our principal has been very good in communicating with the H&S team on the projects of the school and the school's goals. Our breakfast program runs on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. We are trying to add Wednesday on the rotation but we are struggling to find more volunteers. We are in talks with another H&S association with regards to attending a Parent Workshop that focuses on kids' mental health and social media usage. We also talked about Staff Appreciation Week and we have carried out a few surprises for the staff given the short notice and in the midst of the transition in the executive team of Parkdale H&S. We are also talking about how to get the parents more involved in teaching kids how to read at home. As for more parent engagement in the meetings, we are talking about how to facilitate meetings in person as well as online.

Resolutions are written to address a gap in the education system. Did your Home and School Association submit a resolution to the Federation by the January 31st deadline? Tell us about the topic.

- No resolutions were submitted.

Did your Association apply for funds to host a Parent Leadership event?

- No, we did not apply for funds.

If you received Parent Leadership grant funds, tell us about your project including how you engaged with families.

- N/A

How do you communicate with members? School?

- Email
- Social Media
- School Newsletter

Did you hold fundraising initiatives and what were the funds raised for?

- No fundraisers were held this year.

Did you nominate anyone for PEI Home and School Federation Awards, and if so, which awards(s)? (e.g., Extra Mile Award (School Staff), Crossing Guard, School Bus Driver, Home and School Volunteer of the Year, Life Member)

- No nominations were made this year.

Will you hold an activity to thank school staff during Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week (February 13th-17th)? Briefly describe your activity plans.

- Staff appreciation week was held. A spotlight wall with the names of the staff written on hearts. Staff of the hour featured on the Parkdale Elementary H&S Facebook page. Parents and guardians were encouraged to send in little notes to the staff to show our appreciation. Staff were also treated to lunch, and each staff received a treat bag made by a local baker.

Did parents attend the Federation's Fall Volunteer Training Workshops? Briefly describe learnings.

- Yes, unfortunately I did not have enough time to find out the details as it was before my time as President.

Did you know that the provincial Federation board and staff members will attend local Home and School Association meetings to offer help with organizing your organization?

- Yes, I was aware

Does your local Home and School Association need help or guidance? If so, in what areas?

- Yes, we need guidance in all aspects of the association because of the change in the executive team but we are already in contact with Shirley with any questions that we have.

Additional information and/or comments.

- This was a year of transition for Parkdale Elementary Home and School. Pam Van Horn is no longer the President of Parkdale Home and School and was replaced by Myra Barquilla. We also have a newly elected Treasurer, Rania Ismail. Kelly Thornley remains as the secretary of H&S. With the change in executives this school year, H&S was not able to focus on projects and fundraising events but instead focused on establishing communication within the team and are working towards more engagement from parents. We are hopeful to come out stronger in the coming months and be ready to collaborate on projects for this spring and the coming school years.

PARKSIDE ELEMENTARY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Jana Newsome, President**

Vice President - Angela Waite

Past President - Krista Ward

Principal - Nick Martin

The following is a summary of the activities of the Parkside Home and School Association for 2022-2023 (thus far):

- We ran two very successful Raffle fundraisers. One in the spring of 2022 and another one in the fall of 2023. The spring fundraiser allowed us to pay the admission fee for each student to go to Shining Waters / SandSpit for the end of the year fun trip. This is our main Home and School fundraiser which allows us to do our work in the school. We also used a portion of this money to help towards the students going to the Cineplex at Christmas time this year.
- We funded the costs of all the replacement items that were needed in the classroom outdoor activity baskets.
- The annual Christmas Bake sale was able to happen this year at our Christmas Concert and did very well. We also sold Jingle Grams which parents and students loved. Loved ones can write a note that is then attached to a small candy cane and delivered to the student before Christmas.
- 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 provided treats in mailboxes, Lunch from Dino's Pizza and a Candy bar was set up in the staff room.

PRINCE STREET HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Leslie Dowling, President

Did your Home and School meet during the 2022-2023 school year? If so, how many in-person and/or virtual meetings were held since September 1, 2022?

- Two meetings: October 18th, 2022 and January 19th, 2023

What did parents and educators discuss at Home and School meetings? Tell us about the health and well-being of students, online and safe in-person classes (if applicable), curriculum, school food programs, bus/walking student safety, COVID impacts on your school community.

- The parents discuss ways for fundraising, activities and events in the school, financial updates, volunteering for breakfast and the support for families in the community.

Resolutions are written to address a gap in the education system. Did your Home and School Association submit a resolution to the Federation by the January 31st deadline? Tell us about the topic.

- No resolutions were submitted to the Federation.

Did your Association apply for funds to host a Parent Leadership event?

- No, we did not apply for funds.

If you received Parent Leadership grant funds, tell us about your project including how you engaged with families.

- N/A

How do you communicate with members? School?

- Email
- School Newsletter

Did you hold fundraising initiatives and what were the funds raised for?

- No, we did not hold fundraising initiatives.

Did you nominate anyone for PEI Home and School Federation Awards, and if so, which awards(s)? (e.g., Extra Mile Award (School Staff), Crossing Guard, School Bus Driver, Home and School Volunteer of the Year, Life Member)

- No, we did not nominate anyone for the PEI Home and School Federation Awards.

Will you hold an activity to thank school staff during Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week (February 13th-17th)? Briefly describe your activity plans.

- Monday (Feb.13th)—Coffee & Sweets
- Tuesday (Feb. 14th)—Thank You card campaign (Cards made by students to celebrate the staff)
- Wednesday (Feb. 15th)—Snack Cart
- Thursday (Feb. 16th)—Domino's
- Friday (Feb. 17th) (Canceled for Weather)

(Cont'd Prince Street)

Did parents attend the Federation's Fall Volunteer Training Workshops? Briefly describe learnings.

- Yes, Milva Luritta (Secretary) participated in the training session - November 29th, 2022

Did you know that the provincial Federation board and staff members will attend local Home and School Association meetings to offer help with organizing your organization?

- Yes, I was aware

Does your local Home and School Association need help or guidance? If so, in what areas?

- No, our local Home and School Association does not need help or guidance at this time.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE INTERMEDIATE HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Karma McCallum, President

Did your Home and School meet during the 2022-2023 school year? If so, how many in-person and/or virtual meetings were held since September 1, 2022?

- Three meetings were held.

What did parents and educators discuss at Home and School meetings? Tell us about the health and well-being of students, online and safe in-person classes (if applicable), curriculum, school food programs, bus/walking student safety, COVID impacts on your school community.

- Fiona affected everyone on the island. However Q.C. was one of the schools that sustained damage that continues to affect staff and students. The repair timelines and disruptions created were and are still under discussion. Also school size and continuing overcapacity at the school were also topics concerning parents.

Resolutions are written to address a gap in the education system. Did your Home and School Association submit a resolution to the Federation by the January 31st deadline? Tell us about the topic.

- No resolutions were submitted.

Did your Association apply for funds to host a Parent Leadership event?

- No, we did not apply for funds.

If you received Parent Leadership grant funds, tell us about your project including how you engaged with families.

- N/A

How do you communicate with members? School?

- PowerSchool
- School Newsletter

Did you hold fundraising initiatives and what were the funds raised for?

- We participate in Creating Opportunities for Students PEI Gold Rush Draw. We are currently fundraising for the library and sports uniforms.

Did you nominate anyone for PEI Home and School Federation Awards, and if so, which awards(s)? (e.g., Extra Mile Award (School Staff), Crossing Guard, School Bus Driver, Home and School Volunteer of the Year, Life Member)

- No, we did not nominate anyone this year.

Will you hold an activity to thank school staff during Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week (February 13th-17th)? Briefly describe your activity plans.

- We provided snacks and gift draws for the Staff Appreciation week. We are also hoping to provide lunch at parent teacher interviews late in March.

(Cont'd Queen Charlotte Intermediate)

Did parents attend the Federation's Fall Volunteer Training Workshops? Briefly describe learnings.

- No parents attended the workshops.

Did you know that the provincial Federation board and staff members will attend local Home and School Association meetings to offer help with organizing your organization?

- No, we were not aware.

Does your local Home and School Association need help or guidance? If so, in what areas?

- Help recruiting more members.

Additional information and/or comments.

- Looking forward to the return of normalcy and new challenges.

SHERWOOD ELEMENTARY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Sarah Borsos (President), Amy Bysterveldt (Vice President) and Jennifer Spencer (Secretary)

Did your Home and School meet during the 2022-2023 school year? If so, how many in-person and/or virtual meetings were held since September 1, 2022?

- We have met monthly during the school year with the exception of December. Some members have met more often to organize fundraising events as well as develop a timeline for the 2022-2023 school year.

What did parents and educators discuss at Home and School meetings? Tell us about the health and well-being of students, online and safe in-person classes (if applicable), curriculum, school food programs, bus/walking student safety, COVID impacts on your school community.

- Some "hot topics" for this year's Home and School meetings have included the New School Playground development and its fundraising goals. We have also focused on bridging the gap for outdoor physical activity while we are transitioning between schools with limited physical space.

Resolutions are written to address a gap in the education system. Did your Home and School Association submit a resolution to the Federation by the January 31st deadline? Tell us about the topic.

- No, we did not.

Did your Association apply for funds to host a Parent Leadership event?

- Yes, we applied for funds to host a Parent Leadership event.

If you received Parent Leadership grant funds, tell us about your project including how you engaged with families.

- We hosted a large outdoor BBQ event including live music, the Cavendish fry truck and ADL ice cream. All students and families were invited. This BBQ was then followed by the traditional meet the teacher session in the classroom setting. The event was very well attended with hundreds of people gathering on the school property, socializing, eating and the children playing. The event was completely free for all who attended.

How do you communicate with members? School?

- Email
- Social Media
- PowerSchool
- School Newsletter

Did you hold fundraising initiatives and what were the funds raised for?

- Yes we had some fundraising events thus far as well as at least one more planned. We raised money to host a family skate night, a drive in movie night in the spring as well as funds for our new playground.

Did you nominate anyone for PEI Home and School Federation Awards, and if so, which awards(s)? (e.g., Extra Mile Award (School Staff), Crossing Guard, School Bus Driver, Home and School Volunteer of the Year, Life Member)

- We did not nominate anyone.

Will you hold an activity to thank school staff during Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week (February 13th-17th)? Briefly describe your activity plans.

- We are planning a "travel" themed week for our teachers and school staff. We will transform the staff lunch room into a first class lounge. We will have parents and families sign up to bring in food and treats for staff. We will order lunch on the last day of the week to show the staff how much we appreciate them. We are in the process of developing something more individualized for our staff members that don't have access to the staff room ie; bus drivers, and crossing guards.

Did you know that the provincial Federation board and staff members will attend local Home and School Association meetings to offer help with organizing your organization?

- No, I was not aware.

Does your local Home and School Association need help or guidance? If so, in what areas?

- I have been in regular contact with the Home and School Association as questions arise.

Additional information and/or comments.

- Participating in the Home and School executive has allowed me to learn and engage at the school level. I am grateful for the opportunity and look forward to the continued involvement in the years to come.

SOMERSET CONSOLIDATED HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Tracey Nichol, Home and School Parent
Anita Conohan & Angela Griffiths , Executive

Grades K-8

Meet the Teacher: Sept. 14th

Home & School Meetings: Oct. 6th, Nov. 9th, Jan. 11th, Mar. 8th

Superstar Assembly happens monthly to recognize students' achievements and qualities.

Welcome back assembly to recognize our Leadership Students: Sept. 7th

Battery Blitz Contest: Oct. 2022: In Honour of Waste Reduction Week. Somerset collected 53 boxes of batteries, 878.86kg! We came in 3rd place in the Call2Recycle.

Terry Fox Run: Oct. 6th

Cross Country Meet at Cabot Park: Oct. 11th

Truth and Reconciliation Celebration and Walk for Wenjack: Oct. 20th

Provincial Cross Country Meet in Mill River: Oct. 22nd

Ice Cream Fundraiser: Oct. 26th organized by Home & School

Spooktacular event: Oct. 27th & 28th

Pumpkin Carving Contest: Oct. 28th

Costume Parade & Sock Hop: Oct. 31st

Kinkora Fire Department visited Somerset to share with us how to be safe in a fire and explain the role of a firefighter. Nov. 10th

Fill The Shelves from Dec. 1st – 16th.

We dropped off our donations to South Shore Food Share.

Christmas Concert: Dec. 8th Home & School organized a Bake Sale and sold tickets for Best Seats in the House.

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Christmas Bazaar: Dec. 12th

Minister Jamie Fox read books to Grade 3: Dec. 19th

Christmas Dance: Dec. 19th

Pancake Breakfast & Skating at Bedeque Rink: Dec. 20th

January Wellness activities took place for students and staff.

Canada Games Pep Rally: Jan. 10th

New School Clothing Website: Jan. 18th

RCMP Dog Training Presentation from Officer Power and Service Dog Noah: Jan. 27th

Somerset Games: Jan. 27th

Zone 2 Gymnastics Meet: Jan. 31st

Staff Appreciation Week was organized by Home & School Parents on Feb. 2nd, 8th & 16th.

Winter Wellness Week: Feb. 13th – 17th. Students and staff enjoyed activities such as a Winter Carnival Day, outdoor stations, Photo Op Wall and built a Frozen Milk Carton Ice Sculpture.

Pink Shirt Day: Feb. 14th

Somerset Soulmates: February Community Fundraiser: Somerset donated 10 bags of gently used footwear to The Free Store in Summerside.

Gymnastic Provincials: Feb. 11th

Somerset had their 1st Boys Intermediate A Basketball Team. Thanks to Heidi Lawless and Jessica Shea Duffy for volunteering to coach the team.

Thanks to Mr. Nicholson for volunteering to coach the Boys Intermediate A Soccer Team.

SOURIS REGIONAL HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Krystal Jamieson, Chair**

Treasurer: Liz Chaisson **Members at Large:** Susan Haley, Rachel Dunphy, Jessica Townshend, Heidi Cahill, Crystal Greencorn, Chelsey Gregory

We started the 2022/2023 school year with everyone in the committee maintaining the same positions as last year. As with every year, our goals have consisted of focusing on the needs of all students from grades K-12. Our principal, vice-principals, teacher representatives and parents discussed a variety of issues/topics. Some of these include teacher/classroom needs, playground development, fundraising opportunities, grant applications, school/education enrichment, and our school goals. We are looking forward to being able to resume some of our usual fundraising/school activities.

This year, we continued to focus on the topic of volunteer recruitment. Although our committee has enjoyed many dedicated members in the past, many have begun to phase out as their children advance on in school or as schedules become busier. Therefore, we really feel the need to expand our group and hopefully gain fresh ideas and perspectives. We've consistently found it difficult to attract new members. Therefore, one of our goals was to continue our efforts using different strategies. As a result, we gained a couple of new members over the last couple of years and have increased interest from others. Due to the busy schedules of our current members we decided to offer the option to either attend meetings via zoom or in person. This idea has been well received but technology and internet connections don't always cooperate.

There is still some work to be completed to the exterior grounds namely to our "back playground". Even though we installed a new set of swings in the summer of 2017, we recognize the need for additional equipment. We gladly were able to fund the installation of a gaga ball court that students of all ages have been enjoying. We currently have some funds that were raised during our last fundraisers but will need more. We are looking into some possible grants and partnerships from within our community. We are looking into purchasing more equipment that will be suitable for children of all abilities.

We are happy to say that this year we resumed our usual Staff Appreciation Week activities. We provided many treats to the staff throughout the week and wrapped up the festivities with a soup and salad lunch for the entire staff. In addition, a local potato farming family donated a bag of potatoes to every staff member of the school for a second year which was met with excitement and appreciation. We truly enjoy this week every year and take full advantage of the opportunity to show our teachers, support staff and bus drivers how much we really do appreciate all that they do for our children.

The Souris Regional Home and School Council has a wonderful group of educators and parents on our committee. This group continues to work hard so that our children and teachers have a positive environment for learning. This group of individuals have allowed us to form a strong Home and School connection. We look forward to continuing our efforts and achieving our goals in 2023/2024.

SOUTHERN KINGS CONSOLIDATED HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Krista Sheppard, President

Gena Miller, Vice President

Ashley Higginbotham, Treasurer

Emily Norton, Secretary

This year started off as a normal year with no COVID restrictions in place. It was so nice to see the kids all ready to come back for what would be their first normal school year.

Our Home and School is a group of parents and volunteers that meet once a month to go over school related items such as: fundraising, breakfast program, lunch program, our students and staff needs and anything else that is school related.

In September our breakfast program starts and it runs 5 days a week. This is an exceptional program that serves anywhere from 150-180 students each morning with nice healthy breakfast items such as: toast, English muffins, pancakes, french toast, smoothies and much more. This program would not be possible without our wonderful volunteers.

We also have an in school Lunch Program that runs 5 days a week alongside the Government Healthy Lunch Program. The in school Lunch Program serves Pizza, Tacos, Subs, and sandwiches. There are also a number of students that do not bring a lunch to school and the in school program purchases and pays for the food for these students.

We do three major fundraisers each year. This year we did our annual wrapping paper fundraiser and raised over \$2,400. All proceeds from this fundraiser went to purchase more chrome books and other items for our classrooms. Our second fundraiser was held in late November and it was an online Facebook bake sale auction and it raised \$3,000. All proceeds from this fundraiser went to our music program and the music teacher was able to purchase new guitars for the music room. Finally, our third fundraiser is another online Facebook auction that will run at the end of March this year. All money for this fundraiser will go towards purchasing more playground equipment for our school. Last year we were able to get a new shelter built for our grade 7 and 8 students so they have a hang out spot and also purchased 4 new picnic tables. There was also a Gaga ball pit added as well and the kids love to play.

In December we held our annual Christmas Dinner for all students and staff. It was a major success and could not have been done without all the wonderful volunteers.

Staff Appreciation week is February 13-17th this year and we had lots of treats and lunch items dropped off to our wonderful staff so they could enjoy. We also had many gift cards and other items donated so we could award the staff with prizes. We are so lucky to have such wonderful staff at our school.

This year has been a busy one! It is so nice to get back to our normal and cannot wait to see what the rest of the year brings.

Thank you,
Southern Kings Consolidated Home and School

ST. JEAN ELEMENTARY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Michelle Dunlop-Arnold, President**

Did your Home and School meet during the 2022-2023 school year? If so, how many in-person and/or virtual meetings were held since September 1, 2022?

- We held 5 Home and School meetings so far this school year.

What did parents and educators discuss at Home and School meetings? Tell us about the health and well-being of students, online and safe in-person classes (if applicable), curriculum, school food programs, bus/walking student safety, COVID impacts on your school community.

- We discussed all school topics from curriculum eg school writing celebration, reading materials supplied by DELL, etc. H&S provides feedback on school menu orders in meetings or via email with administration. Fundraising is always a big topic since it is challenging for a smaller school. This year H&S supported a school Bingo. We are moving on from the covid restrictions and working hard. Health and well-being is important for all of us at St. Jean for both staff and students. This year, the school initiated a physical activity monthly for each class to promote more physical activity for students. When we were all learning online and not able to have much physical activity...it became important to encourage physical activity to promote well-being.

Resolutions are written to address a gap in the education system. Did your Home and School Association submit a resolution to the Federation by the January 31st deadline? Tell us about the topic.

- No resolutions were submitted to the Federation.

Did your Association apply for funds to host a Parent Leadership event?

- No, we did not apply for funds to host a Parent Leadership event.

If you received Parent Leadership grant funds, tell us about your project including how you engaged with families.

- N/A

How do you communicate with members? School?

- Social Media
- School Newsletter

Did you hold fundraising initiatives and what were the funds raised for?

- Yes, we had a few small fundraising activities. All funds raised went towards student events like Confederation Centre plays, field trips, and various other school activities supported by the St. Jean Home and School.

Did you nominate anyone for PEI Home and School Federation Awards, and if so, which awards(s)? (e.g., Extra Mile Award (School Staff), Crossing Guard, School Bus Driver, Home and School Volunteer of the Year, Life Member)

- No, we did not nominate anyone for the PEI Home and School Federation Awards.

Will you hold an activity to thank school staff during Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week (February 13th-17th)? Briefly describe your activity plans.

- Yes, we planned 4 different things for staff. Monday - bagels and snacks to start the day, Tuesday - Valentine's Day note from students supported by administration, Wednesday - Pizza for lunch and Thursday - note and treat in mailboxes from Home and School.

Did parents attend the Federation's Fall Volunteer Training Workshops? Briefly describe learnings.

- No, parents did not attend the Federation's Fall Volunteer Training Workshop.

Did you know that the provincial Federation board and staff members will attend local Home and School Association meetings to offer help with organizing your organization?

- Yes, I was aware.

Does your local Home and School Association need help or guidance? If so, in what areas?

- We will reach out if support is needed.

Additional information and/or comments.

- Thanks for everything. I (Maureen - Principal) am filling this form out with Michelle our school President.

ST. LOUIS HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

RaeAnne Arsenault, President

We are happy to inform you that our Home and School Group has been quite active this year.

Our board has remained the same with 4 active members:

RaeAnne Arsenault (President); Erin Doucette (Vice President); Lacey Gaudet (Treasurer) & Christina Blanchard (Secretary).

Christina remained as our DAC representative until the switch happened to the elected school board in the fall of 2022.

We continue to communicate through our Home and School Facebook page for parents, and the board through Facebook Messenger & telephone.

We continued to discuss the needs of playground equipment and other needs for the school.

We have purchased disc golf and another gaga pit for the school grounds. This will be installed in spring of 2023.

We continue to offer our breakfast program daily by offering snack boxes, and once a week we offer a 'prepared' breakfast such as: smoothies, bagels, toast, etc.

We have contributed treats &/or lunches where we have been able to for the entire school (ie: Hot chocolate, cookies, pizza parties).

Our teacher appreciation was well received and took place over a 2 week period, where we were able to celebrate our staff with sweets, coffee, lunches, etc.

With the easing of COVID restrictions this year, we were able to offer our students the opportunity of a 'Christmas bazaar' where items were donated, and students could find a gift for a loved one for \$1 per item. Gift wrapping and bags were provided by the Home & School. The positive feedback on this event from teachers, students & parents was tremendous!

In conclusion, we as the Home & School Committee feel that we've been successful in providing positive, meaningful support to the staff and students of St Louis Elementary and we hope to continue this in the days and weeks ahead.

Respectfully submitted by:

Christina Blanchard

On behalf of the St Louis Elementary Home and School Association.

STONEPARK INTERMEDIATE HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Eleanor Kielly-Wedlake, President and Chris Huggan, Vice-President

Did your Home and School meet during the 2022-2023 school year? If so, how many in-person and/or virtual meetings were held since September 1, 2022?

- We held 5 meetings during the 2022-2023 school year.

What did parents and educators discuss at Home and School meetings? Tell us about the health and well-being of students, online and safe in-person classes (if applicable), curriculum, school food programs, bus/walking student safety, COVID impacts on your school community.

- There has been a lot of discussion regarding our quickly growing student numbers and how we can encourage inclusivity. We discussed and applied for 3 gaga pits which were approved. We have been focusing on our Gold Rush fundraising which has been steadily growing. We are happy to see this grow every month. We have touched on health issues such as vaping and drug use in and around the schools. Also working with the police and Community to try and discourage students from walking across people's yards.

Resolutions are written to address a gap in the education system. Did your Home and School Association submit a resolution to the Federation by the January 31st deadline? Tell us about the topic. No resolutions were submitted.

Did your Association apply for funds to host a Parent Leadership event?

- No, we did not apply for funds.

If you received Parent Leadership grant funds, tell us about your project including how you engaged with families. N/A

How do you communicate with members? School? Email / School Newsletter

Did you hold fundraising initiatives and what were the funds raised for?

- We held a poinsettia fundraiser for teacher appreciation week and the year-end ceremonies.

Did you nominate anyone for PEI Home and School Federation Awards, and if so, which awards(s)? (e.g., Extra Mile Award (School Staff), Crossing Guard, School Bus Driver, Home and School Volunteer of the Year, Life Member)

- No, we did not nominate anyone this year.

Will you hold an activity to thank school staff during Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week (February 13th-17th)? Briefly describe your activity plans.

- Yes, we held activities to thank school staff.

Did parents attend the Federation's Fall Volunteer Training Workshops? Briefly describe learnings. No parents attended the training workshops.

Did you know that the provincial Federation board and staff members will attend local Home and School Association meetings to offer help with organizing your organization? No, I was not aware.

Does your local Home and School Association need help or guidance? If so, in what areas? N/A

STRATFORD ELEMENTARY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Tanya Nace, President and Patrick Ross, Vice-President**

Did your Home and School meet during the 2022-2023 school year? If so, how many in-person and/or virtual meetings were held since September 1, 2022?

- We had trouble getting Home & School back up and running this year as there was pushback from the administration when a small parent group requested to meet and collaborate to find a way to ask for new nominations to fill the empty executive seats. We did finally decide to request nominations on our own through the Facebook page and eventually the school, although hesitant, sent out the nominations request to the parent's email list and we were able to fill up our executive for this school year. We have had 4 meetings so far this school year.

What did parents and educators discuss at Home and School meetings? Tell us about the health and well-being of students, online and safe in-person classes (if applicable), curriculum, school food programs, bus/walking student safety, COVID impacts on your school community.

- We discovered quickly that the Home & School vision and mission was not a priority for the school administration. In line with Home & School's mission, we focused heavily on the health and well-being of students coming out of the pandemic along with COVID impacts on our school community with broad feedback from parents. The administration refused to help us get parent feedback, forcing us to resort to the Facebook page. We focused on the following themes at our 4 meetings, yet these conversations were one-sided from the parents and there was little to no interaction with the administration:
 - i. Communication to parents from the school (Oct meeting)
 - ii. Parent Survey responses - open discussion (Nov meeting)
 - iii. Watching TV at lunch research & presentation (Dec meeting)
 - iv. Green Slip Disciplinary and Communication Process Feedback from Parents (Jan meeting)

Resolutions are written to address a gap in the education system. Did your Home and School Association submit a resolution to the Federation by the January 31st deadline? Tell us about the topic.

- No, we did not.

Did your Association apply for funds to host a Parent Leadership event?

- Yes, we applied for funds.

If you received Parent Leadership grant funds, tell us about your project including how you engaged with families.

- N/A

How do you communicate with members? School?

- Email
- Social Media

Did you hold fundraising initiatives and what were the funds raised for?

- We tried to set up some simple and fun initiatives but were told by the administration that we could not do them during school hours and on school days.

Did you nominate anyone for PEI Home and School Federation Awards, and if so, which awards(s)? (e.g., Extra Mile Award (School Staff), Crossing Guard, School Bus Driver, Home and School Volunteer of the Year, Life Member)

- No, we did not nominate anyone for the PEI Home and School Federation Awards.

Will you hold an activity to thank school staff during Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week (February 13th-17th)? Briefly describe your activity plans.

- No, the principal did not want a Teacher & Staff Appreciation week to take place this year.

Did parents attend the Federation's Fall Volunteer Training Workshops? Briefly describe learnings.

- Yes. We learned that it would be a good idea to ask the administration for teachers who could be a grade representative. We also learned about the importance of being the voice of all parents when possible. Unfortunately, the administration was not interested in asking teachers to represent their grades and attend the meetings.

Did you know that the provincial Federation board and staff members will attend local Home and School Association meetings to offer help with organizing your organization?

- Yes, I was aware.

Does your local Home and School Association need help or guidance? If so, in what areas?

- All of our Home & School association executives will be/have resigned/ing throughout the Spring as the administration has made it clear they are not open to collaboration or working together for the health and wellbeing of the students. We hope next year's leaders will have better success and wish them good luck.

THREE OAKS SENIOR HIGH HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Tammy Norden (PEIHSF Board Rep) and Jacqueline Reeves (principal contact)

Did your Home and School meet during the 2022-2023 school year? If so, how many in-person and/or virtual meetings were held since September 1, 2022?

- Three Oaks Senior High (TOSH) Parent Council meetings were held on the first Tuesday of the month. The parent council met in person starting in October of 2022. TOSH Parent Council has held four meetings involving parents, students, and teachers.

What did parents and educators discuss at Home and School meetings? Tell us about the health and well-being of students, online and safe in-person classes (if applicable), curriculum, school food programs, bus/walking student safety, COVID impacts on your school community.

- TOSH Parent Council discussed many topics such as mental health of students, information sessions for students and parents, and how school is going for the students. There has been a focus on how we can connect with the community and become more involved. Encouraging students to volunteer their time so that the hours go towards the government bursary.

Resolutions are written to address a gap in the education system. Did your Home and School Association submit a resolution to the Federation by the January 31st deadline? Tell us about the topic.

- No resolutions were submitted to the Federation.

Did your Association apply for funds to host a Parent Leadership event?

- No, we did not apply for funds.

If you received Parent Leadership grant funds, tell us about your project including how you engaged with families.

- Not applicable.

How do you communicate with members? School?

- Email
- Social Media

Did you hold fundraising initiatives and what were the funds raised for?

- The TOSH Parent Council did not hold any fundraisers.

Did you nominate anyone for PEI Home and School Federation Awards, and if so, which awards(s)? (e.g., Extra Mile Award (School Staff), Crossing Guard, School Bus Driver, Home and School Volunteer of the Year, Life Member)

- No, we did not nominate anyone for the PEI Home and School Federation Awards.

Will you hold an activity to thank school staff during Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week (February 13th-17th)? Briefly describe your activity plans.

- TOSH Parent Council is showing its appreciation to teachers and staff after the March Break. We are collecting donations for the culinary teacher to go shopping for supplies so that the students can make snacks and treats for the teachers and staff. The social committee at TOSH has agreed to collect the donations.

(Cont'd Three Oaks Senior High)

Did parents attend the Federation's Fall Volunteer Training Workshops? Briefly describe learnings.

- No parents attended the Federation's Fall Volunteer Training Workshops.

Did you know that the provincial Federation board and staff members will attend local Home and School Association meetings to offer help with organizing your organization?

- Yes, I was aware.

Does your local Home and School Association need help or guidance? If so, in what areas?

- No, we do not need help or guidance.

Additional information and/or comments.

- TOSH Parent Council held a successful card making night in December. There were several students, parents, teachers, and staff involved in completing our creations. We delivered our cards to several manor's in the Summerside area.

TIGNISH ELEMENTARY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Teena Callaghan, President/Stephanie Gaudet, Treasurer**

Did your Home and School meet during the 2022-2023 school year? If so, how many in-person and/or virtual meetings were held since September 1, 2022?

- The Tignish Home and School committee has met on numerous occasions this school year. We have had 5 in person meetings.

What did parents and educators discuss at Home and School meetings? Tell us about the health and well-being of students, online and safe in-person classes (if applicable), curriculum, school food programs, bus/walking student safety, COVID impacts on your school community.

- Many things: student nutrition, summer reading program, how to grow our volunteer list, staff appreciation week, wellness day activities, gaga ball pits, school playground equipment etc

Resolutions are written to address a gap in the education system. Did your Home and School Association submit a resolution to the Federation by the January 31st deadline? Tell us about the topic.

- No, we did not submit a resolution to the Federation.

Did your Association apply for funds to host a Parent Leadership event?

- No, our association did not apply for funds.

If you received Parent Leadership grant funds, tell us about your project including how you engaged with families.

- N/A

How do you communicate with members? School?

- Tignish Home and School uses email and FB messenger to keep in touch with parents. We have a Home and School Group which we use to update parents about upcoming events.

Did you hold fundraising initiatives and what were the funds raised for?

- We participated in the Dieleman online catalog fundraiser. It was a huge success. We gave prizes to our top 10 sellers.
- Once again at our local co-op foodland store, paper apples were sold for \$2 each and all money went back to the Tignish Elementary Home and School. Community support was overwhelming. The store also hosted a grocery Bingo on our behalf.
- We developed a Crowdfunding Facebook Group called “Weak Good Deals” last year. We get lottery licenses and do prize draws. We have been very successful. All funds raised go back into the school.
 - We have developed a Healthy Options program. We are excited to announce that our Home and School will begin a Healthy Options program. A food box consisting of healthy food choices will be available in each classroom and accessible to all students. Items will rotate and students will have the opportunity to experience new foods as needed. A great day starts with a healthy breakfast at home. This program is to ensure students have healthy options when a little extra is needed throughout the day. We have numerous parent volunteers who are dedicated to this program. Volunteers meet at our local foodland grocery store, Friday at 6pm to do the shopping for the next week.

- Volunteers then meet at the school to fill the food boxes for the following week.
- Monies raised in our fundraisers go towards the healthy food 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. We are lucky to have dedicated volunteers for our snack program.
- We donated money to help with the purchase of new books, soccer balls or other supplies the school needs. We donate to have Morice, a local artist come into the school and work on a mural with our grade 6 classes. It has become a right of passage for students in their last year at our school. Summer reading program, funding is provided. This past summer we had 3 university students hired as our number of summer students was higher than previous years.
- In December Tignish Home and School asked staff/students what class gift they would like for Christmas. We purchased a \$60 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. Families were so grateful to once again be welcomed into the school to watch the production in person.
- Our school is very lucky to have custodians who take much pride in our school. There is not an occasion that our school is not decorated for Christmas, valentine's day, St. Patrick's Day, etc. School pride is strong at Tignish Elementary.

Did you nominate anyone for PEI Home and School Federation Awards, and if so, which awards(s)? (e.g., Extra Mile Award (School Staff), Crossing Guard, School Bus Driver, Home and School Volunteer of the Year, Life Member)

- No, we did not nominate anyone for the PEI Home and School Federation Awards.

Will you hold an activity to thank school staff during Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week (February 13th-17th)? Briefly describe your activity plans.

- Staff Appreciation week this year was successful. Monday we delivered coffee, tea and muffins from our local coffee shop. Tuesday we delivered a fruit tray, veggie tray and we had volunteers make carrot cakes, one was gluten free. Wednesday we had teachers pre order sandwiches from our local bakery, we placed the order and delivered them by lunch time along with chips. Thursday we had our local bakery make meatballs, hashbrown casserole, caesar salad and chili. This was served with fresh rolls and nacho chips. We also had mini strawberry and chocolate trifles available. Friday everyone had the day off due to inclement weather. The staff was very appreciative.

Did parents attend the Federation's Fall Volunteer Training Workshops? Briefly describe learnings.

- No, parents did not attend the Federation's Fall Volunteer Training Workshops.

Did you know that the provincial Federation board and staff members will attend local Home and School Association meetings to offer help with organizing your organization?

- Yes, I was aware.

Does your local Home and School Association need help or guidance? If so, in what areas?

- No, our Home and School Association does not need help or guidance at this time.

Additional information and/or comments.

- 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 community environment to live and learn in.

VERNON RIVER CONSOLIDATED HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Aleida Tweten, President**Executive

President: Aleida Tweten

Secretary: Vicky Edgar

Treasurers: Ellen Brown

District Advisory Council Member: Joelene MacLeod

Home and School Meetings

We have been able to meet four times since the beginning of the school year, all of the meetings have been in person. We have been able to discuss the following topics:

- Lunch program
- Fundraising ideas
- Requests for monies for jerseys and gym equipment
- Ga Ga Ball pit application/ installation
- Options for RCMP coming to engage with parents to do a talk on online safety for teens/ children
- Student well-being team and guidance counsellor availability

Hosted School Board Election Candidates Forum

We were able to host 3 out of 4 candidates one evening for parents, teachers, and interested members of the public to attend and listen to the candidate's who were running in that district for the school board elections. Although not as well attended as we had hoped, post Fiona, it was good to hear all candidates, ask questions, and have an open discussion on their ideas, views, and interest in running.

Fundraisers

- Poinsettia fundraiser -We were able to have a very successful poinsettia fundraiser in November/ December in partnership with Van Kampen's Greenhouses. Students' took their pre-purchased vouchers home to parents who could then stop off at Van Kampen's and pick out their plant. Monies raised for this went directly to the purchase of athlete's jerseys for the school.
- Sport-for-play and Futsol Fundraiser- We have a parent who is a volunteer coach and has offered to run Monday night programs in 6-week blocks. Starting in January, sport-for-play was offered and registration was through our physical education teacher (Mrs. Sarah Adams). Registration was by donation, and the monies used are going to home and school to use towards new sports equipment for all students of Vernon River Consolidated School. The second block of futsal is currently being offered.
- Heart health and Family Wellness fundraiser- Fitness instructor and MLA Gord McNeilly volunteered his time to do a fun family fitness fundraiser. All were invited one evening to enjoy a fitness class led by him for a suggested donation of \$5 that went to home and school

Teacher Appreciation Week

We were able to have various parents volunteer their time to prepare a special thank you gift or treat for each day of the week (February 13-17). Our staff is so special and we love to do this! Each staff member had a daily reminder of how valued they are.

Upcoming Items

- Parent and community engagement with RCMP doing a presentation for parents about online safety for children and teens. This will take place this spring, and enables parents to learn about how they can better help their children navigate the online world safely.
- GaGa pit installation- we received funds to install a gaga pit, and will install it in May or June when the weather permits.
- Plans for painting the pavement adjacent to the playground with outdoor games, art, and bike lanes so that children can interactively use the space during the spring and fall.
- Plans and discussion around having a bike club after school where (rural) VRC children can safely learn how to ride a bike.

Overall it has been a great year for VRC School. We have some wonderful staff, parents, and kids. We are promoting physical activity and breaking down barriers to ensure VRC school children have access to quality indoor and outdoor play equipment, and programs that promote physical activity and inclusion.

WEST KENT ELEMENTARY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Nancy Costa (President), Rebecca Deacon (Co-Vice), Amy Boswall (Co-Vice) and
Ashley Macdonald (Treasurer)

Did your Home and School meet during the 2022-2023 school year? If so, how many in-person and/or virtual meetings were held since September 1, 2022?

- So far we have held 3 meetings this school year.

What did parents and educators discuss at Home and School meetings? Tell us about the health and well-being of students, online and safe in-person classes (if applicable), curriculum, school food programs, bus/walking student safety, COVID impacts on your school community.

- We had regular updates from the school admin, discussed fundraisers and school events. Home and School resumed hosting the West Kent Fall Fair fundraiser this year, which was a big success thanks to our hard working planning committee and volunteers!

Resolutions are written to address a gap in the education system. Did your Home and School Association submit a resolution to the Federation by the January 31st deadline? Tell us about the topic.

- Yes - a parent brought forward a resolution proposing a provincially run after-care program. The resolution received endorsement at our first meeting of the school year and will be presented at the AGM.

Did your Association apply for funds to host a Parent Leadership event?

- No, we did not apply for funds.

If you received Parent Leadership grant funds, tell us about your project including how you engaged with families.

- N/A

How do you communicate with members? School?

- Social Media
- PowerSchool

Did you hold fundraising initiatives and what were the funds raised for?

- The school submits a wish list to the home and school which we do our best to fulfill! We also have regular fundraisers which go to support families within our school community who are in need (holiday shop and monthly pizza orders).

Did you nominate anyone for PEI Home and School Federation Awards, and if so, which awards(s)? (e.g., Extra Mile Award (School Staff), Crossing Guard, School Bus Driver, Home and School Volunteer of the Year, Life Member)

- No, we did not nominate anyone for the PEI Home and School Federation Awards

Will you hold an activity to thank school staff during Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week (February 13th-17th)? Briefly describe your activity plans.

- Yes - we did several events for staff throughout the week. Cookies, muffins, other snacks, love notes and a catered lunch.

(Cont'd West Kent Elementary)

Did parents attend the Federation's Fall Volunteer Training Workshops? Briefly describe learnings.

- No, parents did not attend the Federation's Fall Volunteer Training Workshop.

Did you know that the provincial Federation board and staff members will attend local Home and School Association meetings to offer help with organizing your organization?

- Yes, I was aware.

Does your local Home and School Association need help or guidance? If so, in what areas?

- No, our local Home and School Association does not need help or guidance.

Additional information and/or comments.

- Thank you.

WEST ROYALTY ELEMENTARY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Vanessa Ford, Co-Chair, Stephanie Chaloner, Co-Chair**

Did your Home and School meet during the 2022-2023 school year? If so, how many in-person and/or virtual meetings were held since September 1, 2022?

- We held 3 in person meetings so far this school year.

What did parents and educators discuss at Home and School meetings? Tell us about the health and well-being of students, online and safe in-person classes (if applicable), curriculum, school food programs, bus/walking student safety, COVID impacts on your school community.

- Implementation of Breakfast Program, School Playground Equipment, COVID impacts, School Spirit days, fundraisers

Resolutions are written to address a gap in the education system. Did your Home and School Association submit a resolution to the Federation by the January 31st deadline? Tell us about the topic.

- No resolutions were submitted to the Federation.

Did your Association apply for funds to host a Parent Leadership event?

- No, we did not apply for funds.

If you received Parent Leadership grant funds, tell us about your project including how you engaged with families.

- N/A

How do you communicate with members? School?

- Email
- Social Media
- PowerSchool

Did you hold fundraising initiatives and what were the funds raised for?

- Yes, raffle draws (gift cards, money) to raise funds for the Playground. We also sold Cookie Dough, Christmas Wrap and Poinsettias.

Did you nominate anyone for PEI Home and School Federation Awards, and if so, which awards(s)? (e.g., Extra Mile Award (School Staff), Crossing Guard, School Bus Driver, Home and School Volunteer of the Year, Life Member)

- No, we did not nominate anyone for the PEI Home and School Federation Awards.

Will you hold an activity to thank school staff during Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week (February 13th-17th)? Briefly describe your activity plans.

- Staff Appreciation week was daily snacks (themed), cold drinks, expresso, coffee, Potato Bar lunch, Bus driver gift bags, daily prize draws.

(Cont'd West Royalty Elementary)

Did parents attend the Federation's Fall Volunteer Training Workshops? Briefly describe learnings.

- No parents attended the Federation's Fall Volunteer Training Workshops.

Did you know that the provincial Federation board and staff members will attend local Home and School Association meetings to offer help with organizing your organization?

- No, I was not aware.

Does your local Home and School Association need help or guidance? If so, in what areas?

- Yes, our local Home and School Association does need help and guidance. Help with communication between members, how to start with a new executive.

Additional information and/or comments.

- Sorry for the late response. Our Home and School Executive is currently rebuilding and not active at this moment.

WESTWOOD HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Jacinta Andrews and Laura Steeves, Co-Chairs**

Did your Home and School meet during the 2022-2023 school year? If so, how many in-person and/or virtual meetings were held since September 1, 2022?

- Yes, we have had 3 meetings to date all held in person

What did parents and educators discuss at Home and School meetings? Tell us about the health and well-being of students, online and safe in-person classes (if applicable), curriculum, school food programs, bus/walking student safety, COVID impacts on your school community.

- Discussions have primarily surrounded the new playground equipment being purchased. Our Home and School Association had been running an ongoing crowdfunding group on Facebook to begin raising funds for the playground. We discussed resuming these draws after a short break that was used to brainstorm ideas regarding the formation of a playground committee to take over other aspects of the playground build.
- We discussed the issuing of funds to fulfill purchase requests from the school staff.
- We brainstormed ideas of how to engage parents more in our meetings, and some barriers that could be holding parents back and possible solutions.

Resolutions are written to address a gap in the education system. Did your Home and School Association submit a resolution to the Federation by the January 31st deadline? Tell us about the topic.

- No resolutions were submitted.

Did your Association apply for funds to host a Parent Leadership event?

- No, we did not apply for funds.

If you received Parent Leadership grant funds, tell us about your project including how you engaged with families.

- N/A

How do you communicate with members? School?

- Email
- Social Media
- PowerSchool
- School Newsletter

Did you hold fundraising initiatives and what were the funds raised for?

- We have had an ongoing online crowdfunding raffle called "Win with Westy". The funds are primarily being used to replace a large piece of playground equipment that will be removed this Spring.
- We have also used some of the funds to fulfill requests from the school's resource team for the purchase of additional materials to support the "Foundations program".

Did you nominate anyone for PEI Home and School Federation Awards, and if so, which awards(s)? (e.g., Extra Mile Award (School Staff), Crossing Guard, School Bus Driver, Home and School Volunteer of the Year, Life Member)

- No, we did not nominate anyone this year.

Will you hold an activity to thank school staff during Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week (February 13th-17th)? Briefly describe your activity plans.

- We raised funds through donations from parents to have a "Taco Tuesday" lunch catered by a local restaurant.

Did parents attend the Federation's Fall Volunteer Training Workshops? Briefly describe learnings.

- No parents attended.

Did you know that the provincial Federation board and staff members will attend local Home and School Association meetings to offer help with organizing your organization?

- No, I was not aware.

Does your local Home and School Association need help or guidance? If so, in what areas?

- Guidance on parent engagement (moving forward as two of our executive will be leaving the association at the end of the school year)

Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation

Proposed Resolutions 2023

RESOLUTION: 2023-1 ACCESSIBLE AND UNIVERSAL AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMMING FOR ALL PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND STUDENTS IN GRADES K-6

Submitted by West Kent Home and School Association

- WHEREAS Prince Edward Island is receiving a historic investment from the federal government of approximately \$121 million dollars from 2021-2026 to expand access to child care services for children ages 0-5, this calls attention to an opportunity for the PEI Provincial Government to address the gap in after-school child care for children ages 6-12 (1), and
- WHEREAS there are currently 8,361 school-age children ages 5-9 living on PEI, and in 2018 there were 56 licensed school age centres providing 2000 spaces for families needing after school child care, and even when the 10-12 year old children are not accounted for, at full capacity these spaces do not meet the national average of children seeking after-school care (2, 3, 8), and
- WHEREAS evidence reveals that in Quebec the 1998 universal after-school care policy increased the use of after-school care by 6–10 percent, replacing self-care and care provided by a sibling, achieving the policy’s primary goal of combating child safety concerns and the phenomenon of latchkey children (4), and
- WHEREAS children with disabilities face significant challenges in access to health, social, and educational services and continuity of care for children who require additional human resources in-school, currently do not follow through to support the child at an after-school program (5, 6), and
- WHEREAS ensuring that before and after-school care is affordable, accessible and culturally sensitive is critical to meeting the child care needs of Island families (7), and
- WHEREAS evidence supports that accessible after-school care is a preventative care service for children living in a high-risk environment (8), and
- WHEREAS those in the visible-minority status, immigrant status and Indigenous identity are all associated with lower odds of participation in any form of before or after-school child care (7), and

- WHEREAS families in rural areas face barriers to accessing childcare, as low population density means that children must travel longer distances to after-school care facilities (7), and
- WHEREAS current research suggests that school-based after-school programs are better equipped for effective programing versus off site or tenant run programs (9), and
- WHEREAS current research states after-school programs improve healthy eating and physical activity among school-aged children (11), and
- WHEREAS PEI employment targets are at risk as the availability of after-school care is associated with labour force participation among mothers of school-aged children (10, 12), and
- WHEREAS supporting women in the workforce is supporting maternal mental health, a primary indicator for childhood mental health and healthy development (13, 14), and
- WHEREAS high quality after-school care is associated with positive outcomes for children and communities, including improvements in social adjustment, academic achievement, workforce participation, and economic goals (15);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the P.E.I. Home and School Federation requests the Ministers of Education and Lifelong Learning, Status of Women, and Social Development and Housing, to work collaboratively to streamline resources to create accessible and universal afterschool programs for all PEI students in grades K -6, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the P.E.I. Home and School Federation requests the Ministers of the Department of Education and Lifelong Learning, Department of Social Development and Housing, and Department of Health and Wellness, and Minister responsible for the Status of Women, to work collaboratively to create accessible and universal after-school programs for all PEI students in grades K-6, where inclusivity with disabled, neuro diverse, immigrant, visible minorities and Indigenous children are at the forefront of program planning and implementation.

DESTINATION: Minister of Education and Lifelong Learning
Minister Responsible for the Status of Women
Minister of Social Development and Housing
Public Schools Branch / Board of Trustees

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RESOLUTION 2023-2 READING LITERACY

Submitted by: Miscouche Consolidated Home and School Association

- WHEREAS the definition of reading "Reading Comprehension is the product of Decoding and Language Comprehension ($RC = D \times LC$);" Decoding is the ability to use the Knowledge of letter-sound correspondences to "sound out" written words; language comprehension is the ability to understand spoken and written language; only when students are proficient in both can they accurately and effectively recognize written words and then attach meaning to achieve reading comprehension (Stephen Parker, Reading Instruction and Phonics, 2nd edition 2019), and
- WHEREAS there are two approaches to teaching reading: Balanced Literacy and Structured Literacy - Balanced Literacy involves using a combination of whole language strategies (i.e., three-cueing, memorizing high-frequency words, etc.) and phonics (i.e., letter-sound correspondences) across multiple environments with the goal of fostering a love of reading and writing, and Structured Literacy involves explicit, systematic, and sequential instruction in phonics and phonemic awareness; evidence shows that while Balanced Literacy works for many students, Structured Literacy works for ALL (Fountas & Pinnell, 1996), and
- WHEREAS the link between low reading comprehension and high poverty rates, high unemployment levels, and high crime activity established through numerous national and international research sources, and
- WHEREAS data supports that a one percent increase in adult literacy would create an economic benefit of approximately \$67 billion in Growth Domestic Product for Canada per year (Canadian Children's Literacy Foundation, 2022), and
- WHEREAS data supports that 45 percent of Islanders between the ages of 16 and 65 do not have the necessary literacy skills to succeed in the current social and economic structure, and
- WHEREAS literacy of today's children is directly related to adult literacy skills, and
- WHEREAS children in low socioeconomic communities are almost two times as likely to be behind in early development skills as their high-socio-economic status peers, and
- WHEREAS research has shown that children who have developed strong literacy skills are more likely to be employed as adults and experience fewer periods of joblessness throughout their life (Deloitte, 2020), and
- WHEREAS Island resource teachers refer close to 1,100 Island children in grades K to 6 to the PEI Literacy Alliance tutoring program because they struggle with reading, writing, or math

(PEI Literacy Alliance, 2018); not all students can be accepted in the summer program due to available space, and

- WHEREAS the 2019 PEI Literacy Assessment of 1,408 Island Grade 3 students recorded that 26 percent were almost or having difficulty reading at grade level and of the Grade 6 students assessed, the percentage increased to 33 percent, nearing expected reading levels but still experiencing difficulties (PEI Provincial Government, 2019), and
- WHEREAS when the results of students tested in Grade 3 compare to those of Grade 6 students tested, the percentages show that the struggle to read and comprehend is worsening for Island students as they move through the PEI reading literacy program, and
- WHEREAS the most current PEI literacy assessment results (2019) strongly indicate that the current curriculum methods used for teaching reading and writing to Island students are proving ineffective and flawed for a large portion of the student population who, under such methods, are failing to reach a level of proficiency that has been thus undermining a successful educational career, which is the foundation for moving out into successful life careers, and
- WHEREAS Balanced Literacy is the current primary method being employed across Island schools, despite the evidence showing that while Balanced Literacy works for many students, Structured Literacy works for all, and
- WHEREAS extensive data shows that the public education system has failed generations of Islanders in achieving proficient reading literacy and there must be a call for immediate steps to be taken to alter reading literacy outcomes and no child should be left behind due to the ineffectiveness of the educational system to which they are entrusted and no adult should be left behind because the education system failed in its mandate, and
- WHEREAS in today's world, ALL students legally have the human right to a meaningful, evidence and science-based opportunity to learn to read (Baskin, Tiffany; May 2020); other Canadian provinces such as B.C., Alberta, Ontario, and N.B. are revising their current Early Learning, Literacy, and Language Arts to adopt Structured Literacy, and
- WHEREAS the responsibility of the education authority of the Public Schools Branch for the English language in PEI is to provide and deliver such programs and courses in schools that meet ALL the needs of students (Government of Prince Edward Island, 2016), and
- WHEREAS Structured Literacy programs have proven when all students receive explicit, systematic, and sequential instruction in phonemic awareness and phonics, are scientifically proven to be effective in teaching all students to become proficient readers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PEI Home and School Federation requests that the Prince Edward Island government and Prince Edward Island Department of Education and Lifelong Learning, and Prince Edward Island Public Schools Branch take immediate action to invest and implement

Island-wide evidence and science-based Structured Literacy programs, thus giving all children the right to succeed in reading literacy, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that investment in educating teachers and support staff in engagingly teaching Structured Literacy is essential; no doubt, those in the school system can be accommodated within the current ongoing instructional days; however, a strong emphasis should be placed on working with universities teaching degree programs to prepare their students to have the skills to teach Structured Literacy, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by investing in and implementing Structured Literacy, the Island government, Department of Education and Lifelong Learning, and Public Schools Branch will strengthen the social and economic future of the province and its people; Implementing Structured Literacy is not an issue that needs years of study and Structured Literacy is proven to work for ALL, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if the Prince Edward Island government, Department of Education and Lifelong Learning, and Public Schools Branch determine to hold on to Balance Literacy, then we call on them to justify to students, parents, taxpayers, and the general public the thinking behind letting Islanders unnecessarily fail at a great cost to the individual and our province.

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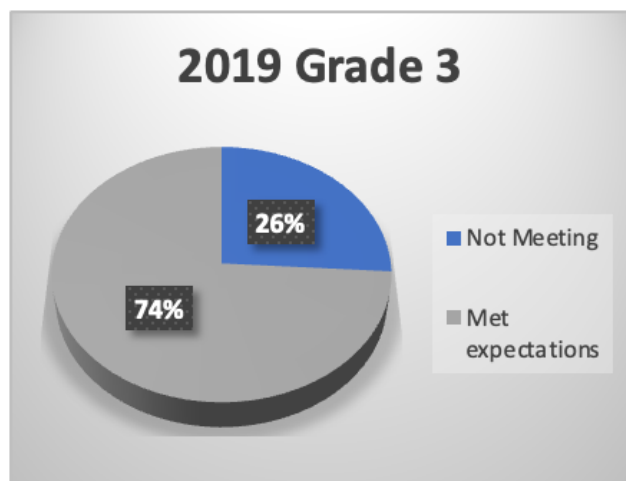
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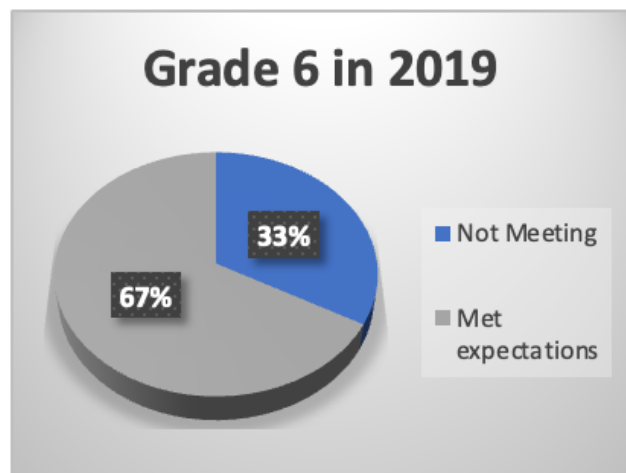
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Table 1.1 Grade 3 Results



(PEI Provincial Government, 2019)

Table 1:2 Grade 6 Results



(PEI Provincial Government, 2019)

Reading Literacy Resolution

Miscouche Consolidated Home and School – 2023

Opening/Background

A parent within our school asked us back in the winter of 2022 to put forth a resolution calling on the PEI education system to replace the Balanced Literacy approach of teaching reading with a system-wide Structured Literacy approach.

We were surprised by the request and uncertain if there was justification for proceeding. However, extensive research and dialogue with parents and educators over the past ten months have brought to light why so many Island and Canadian students are failing to become proficient readers. When the conversation was begun, numerous parents whose children are in the system, and those whose children came through the system, shared their stories. Some spoke of how their children struggled to learn to read and how this impacted every other aspect of their schooling. Others shared that while their child struggled with reading, it was not considered serious enough to garner them extra assistance or a different approach. Others believed the problem was their child rather than the manner in which their child was being taught. Many felt helpless and experienced shame. Others expressed concern for those children not learning to read in school but without the necessary support systems at home to help them achieve in becoming good readers.

Our research also showed how our whole society and economy are being impacted in numerous ways by low literacy rates. Therefore we bring forth this resolution in anticipation of motivating the necessary change that will enable reading success for all Island students.

So we bring this resolution forward, looking for changes to support success for all students.

RESOLUTION: 2023-3 STREAMLINING SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS AND MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Submitted by PEI Home and School Federation

WHEREAS only approximately 3.5% of eligible voters on Prince Edward Island registered for mail-in ballots for the 2022 School Board Trustee Election¹, and

WHEREAS voter turnout was low across all zones² for which elections were held³

WHEREAS the process of requiring eligible voters to register for a mail-in ballot, and having mail-in ballots as the only voting option, may have generated voter confusion and contributed to low voter turnout in the 2022 School Board Trustee Election,

WHEREAS the timing of the 2022 School Board Election, in November 2022, immediately following the October 2022 Municipal Elections, could have contributed to voter confusion and fatigue, and

WHEREAS a review of practices across Canada indicates that in those provinces where school board trustees are elected, school board elections take place concurrently with municipal elections⁴, and

WHEREAS the province of Saskatchewan has enacted new legislation to streamline its election processes to hold school board trustee and municipal elections concurrently⁵, and

WHEREAS in the province of New Brunswick, which uses a District Education Council (DEC) model in place of school board trustees⁶, DEC representatives are elected in conjunction with municipal elections in the province⁷;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PEI Home and School Federation requests the Minister of Education and Lifelong Learning to work collaboratively with the Public Schools Branch and Elections PEI to hold School Board Trustee elections concurrently with Municipal Elections on Prince Edward Island, reflecting the practices of other jurisdictions with elected school boards across Canada, which include holding municipal and school board trustee elections concurrently and in-person.

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1. <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/prince-edward-island/school-board-vote-1.6642869>
2. Elections PEI reports 193 votes cast in Zone 2; 102 votes cast in Zone 3; 470 votes in Zone 4; 1315 votes in Zone 5 (encompassing Charlottetown and Stratford); 206 votes in Zone 6; and 228 votes in Zone 7, for a total of 2514 votes across PEI <https://www.electionspei.ca/psb-official-results>
3. The Candidate in Zone 1 won by acclamation
4. British Columbia, Manitoba, and Ontario all held school board elections in conjunction with municipal elections in 2022 (see <https://elections.bc.ca/local-elections/2022-general-local-elections/>; <https://www.gov.mb.ca/mr/mfas/election.html>; <https://elections.ontarioschooltrustees.org/>); Alberta held its most recent school board elections in conjunction with the municipal election in 2021 (<https://www.alberta.ca/school-board-elections-guide.aspx>).
5. <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2022/november/17/>
6. Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador also use the model of Provincial or District Advisory Councils in place of elected school boards
7. <https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/education/k12/content/dec/election.html>

**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION
2023 NOMINATION REPORT**

Submitted by: Matthew McNally, Chair

EXECUTIVE

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominees</u>	<u>TWO Year Term Expires</u>
Treasurer	Craig Goodick	AGM 2025
Secretary	Bev Campbell	AGM 2025

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<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominees</u>	<u>TWO Year Term Expires</u>
Bluefield	<i>Vacant</i>	AGM 2025
Kensington	Mikayla Paynter	AGM 2025
Souris	<i>Vacant</i>	AGM 2025
Three Oaks	Janette Jones	AGM 2025
Westisle	Erin Veale	AGM 2025

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PEI Home and School Federation
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Dear Ms. Tuplin:

School bus safety is a topic that is vitally important to the Department of Education and Lifelong Learning, as well as our school authorities on Prince Edward Island. We appreciate the resolution put forward by the Home and School Federation, and we are committed to taking a deeper dive into this matter and working together for the betterment of Island students.

We have recently established a School Bus Safety Taskforce, which will be examining various aspects of school bus safety. It is an integrated taskforce, bringing together stakeholders from multiple government departments, both school authorities, and various education partners. The PEI Home and School Federation has been invited to have an active seat on the Taskforce team, and we look forward to working with your membership to strengthen school bus safety across the province.

The proposed model put forward in Resolution 2022-1: SCHOOL BUS AIDES is certainly one we will examine further. Before establishing a new model, it is our responsibility as government to do our due diligence. School bus safety is a topic of great concern across the country; as such a jurisdictional scan of best practices and examples of school bus aide policies in other provinces will be beneficial. To ensure good policy, government will also explore alternative models with the same intent.


Through the School Bus Safety Taskforce, we are already planning to bring forward meaningful changes in the coming year. Everyone has a role to play in school bus safety. We are examining how school bus learning can be better integrated into classrooms/curriculum, to help students better understand the rules and responsibilities while on and around a bus. The transportation leads will be working with bus drivers to establish a more standardized system for signaling students. A marketing campaign will be launched to strengthen public education on the responsibilities of drivers and the general public. The Department hopes to bring these messages to the floor of the Legislature this fall and call for the establishment of a "School Bus Safety Week" for the province of PEI.

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Our bus drivers to do a tremendous job! They are a vital part of our school communities, and their hard work helps ensure students travel safely on their journey, starting and ending the school day exactly where they need to be.

We all share a common goal, to provide effective, safe, efficient and reliable transportation services for our students and schools. These conversations have been ongoing and will continue between the Department and the school authorities. We appreciate the support from the Home and School as we work to make meaningful change for the safety of our students.

Sincerely,



Natalie Jameson
Minister

- c. Norbert Carpenter, Director, PSB
Bethany MacLeod, Chair, PSB Board of Directors

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