

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

## **2023 Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes (Draft)**

**Monday, October 23, 2023, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

**Central Queens Elementary School, Hunter River, PEI**

### **1. Call to Order**

President, Dionne Tuplin, called the business meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. We begin by acknowledging that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People. Welcome members and guests to the 68th Semi-Annual Meeting of the PEI Home and School Federation.

### **2. Adoption of Agenda**

MOTION: To approve the Semi-Annual meeting's agenda for October 23/23, as circulated.

Moved by Matthew McNally. Seconded by Patricia Callaghan. Motion carried.

### **3. Approval of Minutes**

MOTION: To approve the Semi-Annual meeting's minutes dated October 21, 2021, as circulated.

Moved by Heather MacLaren. Seconded by Jannett Jones. Motion carried.

### **4. Treasurer's Update**

Craig Goodick, Treasurer, presented the Balance Sheet, Jan. 1 to Sept. 30, 2023

Total liabilities and equity = \$94,778.15

MOTION: To approve the financial update as presented.

Moved by Craig Goodick. Seconded by Mary Kendrick. Motion carried.

### **5. President's Report**

President Dionne presented an update on activities since the Annual Meeting in April. Highlights include:

- Process of Resolutions; deadline is Jan. 31, 2024

- Playground equipment is a huge expense for Locals; in-demand requests from families Need the Department of Education to move on upkeep and updating playgrounds rather than making schools, Home and Schools and ultimately, parents responsible for financing that. The Department of Education, Trustees, Home and Schools do more than playground fundraising. Why is playground fundraising on the shoulders of parents? We need to keep asking these questions. The Public Schools Branch maintains aspects of fields but not playgrounds.

### **6. Motion to adjourn the business meeting at 6:00 p.m.**

“Help My Child” panel presentation followed the business meeting with the following speakers/topics:

1. Dave Schult “What is Home and School?”

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2. Cody Davenport, Project Lead for COMPASS student health survey results, PEI 2022-2023

64% participation rate, grades 7-12; 62% schools

Go to: Livewell PEI website – research and reports; [cjdavenport@ihis.org](mailto:cjdavenport@ihis.org)

3. Dr. Travis Saunders Screens – sedentary behaviours research network; [trsaunders@upei.ca](mailto:trsaunders@upei.ca)  
parents shocked that kids are watching shows during lunch; kids are not eating lunch; not getting F2F social time 63% of school homework is sedentary; use screens at school when they are the best for the job. Go to: [sedentarybehaviour.org](http://sedentarybehaviour.org)

Question/Comments:

- Spring Park = Can passive screentime in classrooms be a resolution topic? Yes. The best way to change policy is from the local level. Home and Schools advocate and advise. It is best when a resolution comes from a Local.
- Points emphasized that for Home and School Associations, education should be a greater and more important focus/goal than simply fundraising (and playgrounds)!
  - Refer to Wellness Grant online application; COMPASS results (online).
  - School COMPASS data can be used to help bridge gaps, solve specific problems, see where students are struggling, etc.;

Matthew thanked attendees and presenters.

Dionne made announcements:

- Membership fees due Nov. 15
- Report it! New online student incident reporting tool is live
- Resolutions due Jan. 31
- Training: Miscouche, Nov. 6; West Royalty School, Nov. 7
- Writing screentime resolution will be coordinated between Spring Park, Athena and Elm Street

Adjournment at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Bruyneel  
Vice President for Board Recording Secretary