



P.E.I. Home and School Federation 71st Annual General Meeting & Convention Feedback Summary April 13, 2024

Please take a few minutes to respond to the following questions. Your views are very important and will help us to improve future events.

Overall, my satisfaction with the event was...	Unsatisfactory	Satisfactory	Very Satisfactory
The opportunity for me to give input was...	2	13	11
Overall, the time given to all agenda items was...	9	10	7
Overall, was the buffet luncheon...	-	7	16
Overall, was the nutrition break...	-	6	20
The location of the event was...	-	5	21
The usefulness of the round table...	3	11	12
*Comments: Round Tables need more time allotment; rushed; lack of time to discuss. (x20)			
Is this your first PEI Home and School Federation meeting? Yes <u>16</u> No <u>10</u>			

What was most helpful for you at this meeting?

- As a first-timer, it was an opportunity to meet others and understand topics affecting more than just us.
- Engaging with different H&S members which includes many areas of the school system.
- Roundtable discussions, short highlights at tables, speakers, learning & topics. (x2)
- How to engage our organization in the youth well-being topic.
- Discussion on the role of an EA.
- Meaning and full nomination process of PEIHSF.
- Great setting and safe environment/culture for sharing/building capacity.
- Resolution discussions were great/well presented. (x2)
- "This was a wonderful first experience as a school administrator. I was able to view roundtable topics from the eyes of parents and also connect with the parents from my own H&S executive, as well as other school administrators."
- Booklet including reports from other associations.
- Getting to meet and network with other associations. (x2)
- Youth Sports (Nutrition) was fantastic!
- Chatting and discussion with those at my table.
- All of it was a learning experience; glad to have attended.
- Excellent information and sharing of ideas.

What was least helpful for you?

- It would have made more sense for it to have been presented to the group as a whole, seeing as there was no time for input or questions regardless.
- Round tables were too fast, rushed, repetitious, short, restrained etc. (x20)
- Hard to hear small groups in a loud room.
- Listening to the same person get up to add amendments or comments.
- The time of course was too short to be able to allow feedback or questions. It was just informational.
- Should have less printing of materials and phone voting instead of cards.
- I feel more time is needed to ask questions, maybe less topics, with others addressed through internet links or pamphlets.
- I suggest each table guest give overview of topic to group so they do not have to repeat it; also breakout to tables and ask/discuss after so they get down to sharing. (x6)
- Some information was not relevant to the elementary aged school group, but it was still interesting.

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

- COMPASS survey highlights, bullying, cannabis uses and percentage of kids etc. (x 5)
- The results/numbers of the school health survey with respect to bullying, cannabis, alcohol and vaping use was concerning.
- Nomination process is new to me.
- Schools haven't kept up with other workplaces when it comes to subject matter of resolutions related to extreme heat.
- Steering Committee for Inclusion did not engage any parents in consultation.
- That near 40% of students who have experimented with drinking, have done so alone - tragic and heartbreaking.
- How many programs are offered in schools.
- Tension at the EA roundtable discussion; space constraints; grouping with academic, and behaviours.
- The surveys in schools.
- Suicide Prevention - was very informative, but I think there could have been more information given with one session. I found out there was a program in Grade 9, but not in high school; Inclusive summary - was very vague in explanation; There is something for each school; EA was great and something parents had not heard before.
- The Sports & Nutrition roundtable.
- We have a lot of very knowledgeable people in our H&S.

What topics would you like to discuss at future meetings?

- Update on PowerSchool program. Update on the numbers of students who promoted to the next grade, but have not met curricular expectations for their current grade (social promotion).
- Follow up with inclusion summary. Foundations – had questions about above Grade 3. Compass – follow up to initiatives being done at each school. This might be great to do as a family of schools. More handouts for groups to allow discussion.
- Breakfast Program – how they are run, tips from successful schools, how to engage volunteers, someone to speak from Health inspectors (x2).
- Vaping and harmful substances accessed by students and the Inclusion Action Plan.
- Parental role in Home and School; Needs more parental input in roundtable.

- How/When technology is being used, how much importance is placed to ensure or keep written and oral learning in the classroom.
- Inter-association communications and supports.
- I felt many resolution topics were focused on schools' actions, but I would love to see ways to engage and work with parents and families to educate them as well. For example, screen time policy, attendance, parents not coming to school meetings for struggling students.
- I think substance abuse and bullying needs to be given more 'airtime' given how prevalent it seems to be.
- Health of families and how that impacts the need in our education system.
- Primary concerns and kids' mental health.
- Cyber safety; social media safety.
- Duty to accommodate: What's really being done for students at the classroom level/teacher training/school level?
- Sports youth nutrition & video games: How to engage kids to enjoy outside activity.
- How racism is addressed in schools.
- Social and emotional learning in schools.
- How to engage the parents in the school/student lifecycle to all aspects of growing up in a very changing world.

Do you have other suggestions or comments about this event?

- Roundtable discussions would maybe work better for participants if corners of the room were used, not tables in close proximity – too interfering.
- The resolutions were confusing/voting.
- Increasing the maximum time on resolutions.
- Well organized, great format and wonderful to see parents engaging with the education system.
- Would benefit from more time to discuss the important issues of bullying/suicide prevention and substance abuse issues.
- Great morning of common cause and building capacity in our provincial Home and School community.
- You could expand the event and include other partners. You are leading support, there are others of us that might be able to come in behind.
- Thank you, Shirley and team! Very well done.

Total received = 27/78 Delegates