



# PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION INC.



*“Stop Bullying, Start Belonging”*

**73rd Annual General Meeting & Conference  
Book of Reports**

**Saturday, April 18, 2026  
Rodd Charlottetown Hotel  
75 Kent Street Charlottetown P.E.I.**

# TABLE OF CONTENTS

Table of Contents	01
Mission Statement/Home and School Thought/Creed	02
Presidents 1953-2026	03
Agenda 2026	04
Business Procedure/Meeting Tips	05
Federation Board 2025-2026	06
Local Association Presidents 2025-2026	06
Annual General Meeting Minutes 2025	08
Semi-Annual Minutes 2025	17
PEIHSF President's Report 2025-2026	18
Financial Report	22
Home and School Association Annual Reports 2025-2026	30
Proposed Resolutions 2026	102
Nomination Report 2026	111
Responses to 2025 Resolutions	112

## **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 - 2025

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 ( <i>Deceased</i> )
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 - 2024	Dionne Tuplin
2024 - 2024	Shannon Bruyneel (April-Aug)
2024 - 2026	David Schult



**Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation**  
**73rd AGM & Spring Conference**  
**Saturday, April 18, 2026**  
**Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, Charlottetown, PEI**  
***“Stop Bullying. Start Belonging.”***  
***Tentative Agenda***

**A.M.**

08:00 Registration – Victorian Room

Visit Displays – Provinces Room (downstairs)

08:40 Welcome/Announcements – David Schult, President

Parliamentarian -

08:46 Business Meeting:

Adoption of Agenda 2026

Adoption of Minutes 2025

Financial Statements: Accountant’s Review Ending December 31, 2025

Proposed Resolutions 2026

Nominations Report/Elections/Installation of Officers 2026

Adjourn Business Meeting

09:50 Announcements | Nutrition Break | Visit Displays in Provinces Room (downstairs)

10:35 Keynote speaker: Alain Pelletier ***“5 Faces of Bullying.”***

11:55 Delegates & Guests move downstairs to the Georgian Room and be seated by 12:10 p.m. for the entrance of The Lt. Governor, Dr. Wassim Salamoun, and Her Honour Marie Salamoun-Dunne

**P.M.**

12:10 Luncheon | Award Presentations | Greetings

Hon. Robin Croucher, Minister of Education and Early Years, Education Update

01:20 Departure: Lt. Governor, Dr. Wassim Salamoun, and Her Honour Marie Salamoun-Dunn

Announcement: Workshops will begin at 1:35 p.m. upstairs in the Victorian room.

01:35 Deep Dive Workshops =

- **Cpl. Robert Yaschuk - RCMP Child Exploitation Unit, PEI**
- **Alain Pelletier - “5 Faces of Bullying”**
- **Home & School Information Sharing: Food, Finances, Fundamentals, etc. -**  
*Connect with other Home and School leaders to share what works in your local associations. Learn from others: practical tips on school food initiatives, financial planning, and building strong organizational foundations.*

02:55 Wrap up

## 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.  
2025-2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

<u>Name</u>		<u>Term Ends</u>
President	David Schult	(AGM 2026)
Past President	Dionne Tuplin	(AGM 2026)
Vice President	Tom Deelstra	(AGM 2026)
Treasurer	Craig Goodick	(AGM 2027)
Secretary	Bev Campbell	(AGM 2027)

**REGIONAL DIRECTORS – Families of Schools:**

Bluefield	Andrea Kelly	(AGM 2027)
Charlottetown Rural	Tom Deelstra	(AGM 2026)
Colonel Gray	Tom Deelstra	(AGM 2026)
Kensington	Coreen Pickering	(AGM 2027)
Kinkora	Mary MacDonald-Pickering	(AGM 2026)
Montague	Sylvie De Sousa	(AGM 2026)
Morell	Vacant	(AGM 2024)
Souris	Kelly Steele	(AGM 2027)
Three Oaks	Michelle Dunn	(AGM 2027)
Westisle	Christina Sidwell	(AGM 2027)
Executive Director	Shirley Smedley Jay	

**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION INC.  
2025-2026 HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS**

**SCHOOL**

**PRESIDENT/CO-CHAIR**

Alberton Elementary	Mandel Fraser
Amherst Cove Consolidated	Laurie Muttart
Athena Consolidated	Jennafer Lynch-Bernard
Belfast Consolidated	Sylvie De Sousa
Birchwood Intermediate	Jillian Power / Brent Burns
Bloomfield Elementary	Brandy Rogers/Paige Hackett
Bluefield High	Amanda Doherty-Kirby
Cardigan Consolidated	Mandy Acorn / Haley McKenna
Central Queens Elementary	Jessica Walker
Charlottetown Rural High	Natalie Fraser
Colonel Gray High	Heather MacLaren (Contact)
Donagh Regional	Alyssa Pinsent
East Wiltshire Intermediate	Amy Hughes
Eliot River Elementary	Jacinta Andrews
Ellerslie Elementary	Penny Newcombe
Elm Street Elementary	Kate Morrison / Christina Waugh

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

Rachael Cameron  
Sarah Sampson  
Emily Owen / Angie McCarthy  
Heather Sheen  
Dorothy Wakelin  
Vanessa Mallett/Krista Newman  
Bev Campbell (Contact)  
Tracey Nichol  
Jennifer Knight / Katheryn MacKay  
Carrie Ann Dunbar  
Tracy Jones  
-  
Debra Matheson  
Robyn MacDonald (Contact)  
Kelsey MacIntyre  
Leanne Feehan  
Katelyn Good  
Myra Barquilla  
Kristi Paynter  
Tanya Arsenaault  
KJ White (Contact)  
Stacey Kember  
Sarah Borsos  
Rachel Waugh  
Jessica Townsend / Paige Gardiner  
Krista Sheppard  
Jennifer Howard  
Michelle Dunlop  
RaeAnne Arsenaault  
Sara MacDougall  
Femke Hakkers / Emily Owen  
Naomi Harvey  
Bevan Woodacre  
Monika Morrissey  
Kate Drake  
Laura MacLean  
Stephanie Chaloner  
Dionne Tuplin  
Emily Cannon / Sarah Beaton

**Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation Inc.**  
**Minutes (Draft) of the 72nd Annual General Meeting**  
**Saturday, April 12, 2025**  
**Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, Charlottetown, PEI**

1. Welcome/Call to Order

President David Schult called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m., welcoming everyone to the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the PEI Home and School Federation. David introduced the head table: Bill Whelan, Parliamentarian; Bev Campbell, Secretary and Craig Goodick, Treasurer. He welcomed over 100 delegates representing 37 Home and School Associations and guests.

Adoption of Agenda 2025

**MOTION:** To adopt the 72nd Annual General Meeting's agenda, April 12, 2025, as circulated.

Moved by Leanne Feehan (Mt. Stewart)

Seconded by Amanda Doherty-Kirby (Bluefield)

**Motion Carried.**

2. Adoption of AGM Minutes, April 23, 2024

**MOTION:** To adopt the minutes of the 71st Annual General Meeting, April 13, 2024.

Moved by John Munro (Belfast)

Seconded by Dionne Tuplin (Westisle/Ellerslie)

**Motion Carried.**

3. President's Report

David presented highlights from his report. Refer to the Book of Reports (pgs. 18-26). He thanked the retiring board members. Thank you to Jeana and Shirley, office staff. His report is accepted as circulated.

4. Financial Report

Craig Goodick, Treasurer presented the report on the financial position of the PEIHSF fiscal year 2023, referencing the Book of Reports (pgs. 27-36).

**MOTION:** To adopt the presented 2024 Fiscal Year Financial Review and report.

Moved by Coreen Pickering (Queen Elizabeth)

Seconded by Jannett Jones (Three Oaks)

Motion Carried. One abstention.

5. Other Reports

Local Association Annual Reports are submitted by Association presidents (pages 37-107). David urged delegates to review reports to learn more about Home and School activities in other school communities across the island. Local Association annual reports are accepted as circulated.

6. Resolutions

Tom Deelstra chaired the resolution portion of the meeting. The following Proposed Resolutions were presented for consideration.

**RESOLUTION 2025-01     ADD MILK PRODUCTS TO PEI SCHOOL FOOD PROGRAM**  
**Submitted By: Englewood Home and School Association**

- WHEREAS** white milk, subsidized through the PEI School Milk Foundation, and chocolate milk are available for purchase through many Island-based schools, and
- WHEREAS** families wishing to order milk need to navigate multiple ordering systems and/or processes, often with unique scheduling deadlines
- WHEREAS** schools and/or home and school associations on Prince Edward Island wishing to provide milk or chocolate milk for purchase for their students are required to purchase and maintain individual software solutions and/or spend a significant amount of time managing orders on a recurring basis, and
- WHEREAS** lower-fat milk products are identified as a positive source of protein on Canada’s Food Guide (Canada’s Food Guide), and
- WHEREAS** white milk, though subsidized through the PEI School Milk Foundation, still has a fixed cost for families, often with associated administrative fees that can be prohibitive for low-income families navigating food insecurities, and
- WHEREAS** liquid milk products are not currently available through the PEI School Food Program’s Pay-What-You-Can model, and
- WHEREAS** child food insecurity on Prince Edward Island remains among the worst in the country (CBC News, 2024), and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the PEI Home and School Federation requests the Prince Edward Island Public Schools Branch work with the PEI Department of Education and Early Years, PEI School Milk Foundation, and PEI School Food Program Inc. to initiate a study to determine the feasibility of incorporating white milk and/or chocolate milk into the Pay-What-You-Can model offerings within the PEI School Food program.

**DESTINATIONS:** PEI School Food Program Inc.  
PEI School Milk Foundation  
Department of Education and Early Years  
Public Schools Branch

**REFERENCES:**

1. Campbell, Kerry. “2 in 5 Island children living with food insecurity, says Statistics Canada report.” *CBC*, 23 May 2024, <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/prince-edward-island/pei-pol-food-insecurity-1.7211554>. Accessed 9 August 2024.
2. “Eat protein foods - Canada's Food Guide.” *Canada's Food Guide*, <https://food-guide.canada.ca/en/healthy-eating-recommendations/make-it-a-habit-to-eat-vegetables-fruit-whole-grains-and-protein-foods/eat-protein-foods/>. Accessed 9 August 2024.

**MOTION:** To move the adoption of Resolution 2025-1.

Moved by Kyle Ferguson (Englewood). Seconded by Rachel Cameron (Englewood).

Discussion points:

- Queen Elizabeth proposed an amendment to consider adding non-dairy products.
- Englewood Home and School is in full support of the amendment.
- Stratford Home and School raised the issue of logistics for the distribution of milk products.
- David confirmed that distribution will be included as part of the study.

**After discussion and amendment, the following resolution was adopted:**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the PEI Home and School Federation requests the Prince Edward Island Public Schools Branch work with the PEI Department of Education and Early Years, PEI School Milk Foundation, and PEI School Food Program Inc. to initiate a study to determine the feasibility of incorporating white milk and/or chocolate milk and non-dairy products into the Pay-What-You-Can model offerings within the PEI School Food program.

**MOTION:** To adopt Resolution 2025-01 as amended.

Moved by Kyle Ferguson (Englewood). Seconded by Rachel Cameron (Englewood).

In favour = 67

Against = 0

Abstentions = 0

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2025-02     BEHAVIOUR RESOURCE SUPPORT IN ISLAND SCHOOLS**  
**Submitted by Somerset Home and School Association**

**WHEREAS** there is a recognized need for additional support in managing student behaviour in schools across Prince Edward Island, and

**WHEREAS** Behaviour Resource positions are not currently included in the Minister of Education and Early Year's (DEEY) staffing allocations, and

**WHEREAS** the New Brunswick Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has implemented Positive Behaviour Intervention Supports (PBIS) in 64 schools with positive outcomes; and

**WHEREAS** the Department of Education and Early Years and the Public Schools Branch (PSB) has acknowledged the increasing demand by piloting PBIS in the 2024-2025 school year, and

**WHEREAS** the presence of dedicated behaviour resources in schools is essential for students with behavioural challenges and improving the overall learning environment, and

**WHEREAS** PBIS has been shown to improve school climate, reduce exclusionary discipline, increase opportunities for positive interactions and relationships between school staff and students, and create learning environments that support both social development and academic growth;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the PEI Home and School Federation requests that the Department of Education and Early Years and the Public Schools Branch consider adding student behavior intervention resource positions in consultation with principals for future staffing allocations by the Minister of Education, wherever there is a need in island schools.

**DESTINATION:** Department of Education and Early Years  
Public Schools Branch

**REFERENCES:**

1. Positive Behaviour Intervention Supports, [https://pbis.nbed.ca/roles\\_responsibilities/](https://pbis.nbed.ca/roles_responsibilities/)
2. Response to Intervention for Behaviour, NB August 2017  
<https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/ed/pdf/K12/Inclusion/ResponseToInterventionForBehaviour.pdf>

**MOTION:** To move the adoption of Resolution 2025-02.

Moved by Rachel Waugh (Somerset). Seconded by Nicole Doucette (Somerset).

Discussion: Somerset proposed an amendment to improve the wording of the resolution.

**After discussion and amendment, the following resolution was adopted:**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the PEI Home and School Federation requests the Department of Education and Early Years (DEEY) and the Public Schools Branch (PSB) to add a minimum of 0.5FTE student behavior intervention resource positions to future staffing allocations by the Minister of Education, in all island schools.

**MOTION:** To adopt Resolution 2025-02 as amended.

Moved by Rachel Waugh (Somerset). Seconded by Nicole Doucette (Somerset).

In favour = 55

Against = 1

Abstentions = 7

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2025-03      SUPPORT FOR CANADA'S ONLINE HARMS ACT TO  
PROTECT CHILDREN IN DIGITAL SPACES**

Submitted by Souris Home and School Association

**WHEREAS** the digital world poses significant risks to children, including sexual exploitation, promotion of self-harm, bullying, and exposure to hateful content, and

**WHEREAS** Bill C-63, introduced to the House of Commons on February 26, 2024 by Justice Minister Arif Virani, proposes a **new Online Harms Act** to create regulations that hold social media services accountable for reducing exposure to harmful content on their platforms, and

**WHEREAS** on December 4, 2024 Virani announced the Liberals' online harms legislation will now proceed on two different tracks with **one bill** to tackle protections for children, combating online child sex predators and policing revenge porn and the **second bill** to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act and Criminal Code to deal with inciting violence, terrorism or engaging in hate speech (1.), and

**WHEREAS** the Online Harms Act specifically targets seven types of harmful content, including content that sexually victimizes children, content used to bully children, and content that induces children to harm themselves, and

**WHEREAS** the proposed legislation aims to promote online safety for all Canadians, with a specific emphasis on children's physical and mental health

**WHEREAS** the Act would establish a Digital Safety Commission of Canada to administer the framework and a Digital Safety Ombudsperson of Canada to be a resource for users and victims, and

**WHEREAS** the implementation of an Online Harms Act in Canada is a critical step in protecting children in digital spaces and promoting their safety, health, and well-being online;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the PEI Home and School Federation requests the Government of Canada to enact the Online Harms Act, with a focus on measures that protect children from online exploitation, bullying, and harmful content; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the PEI Home and School Federation calls upon social media platforms and online service providers to fully comply with the requirements of the Online Harms Act, implementing comprehensive safety measures to protect children and youth using their services.

**DESTINATION:** Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada  
Minister of Justice and Attorney General of PEI  
Premier of Prince Edward Island

**BACKGROUND:**

1. Liberals split online harms bill to postpone debate over policing hate speech Minister says protecting kids from violent threats, child sex predators, revenge porn will be a priority CBC Dec. 4, 2024  
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/liberal-government-split-online-harms-bill-1.7400882>

**MOTION:** To move the adoption of Resolution 2025-03.

Moved by Kelly Steele (Souris). Seconded by Marla Townshend (Souris).

In favour = 65

Against = 0

Abstentions = 0

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2025-04      PROTECTING STUDENT, PARENT, AND TEACHER  
PERSONAL DATA**

Submitted by Queen Elizabeth Elementary Home and School Association

**WHEREAS** on January 7, 2025, a cybersecurity incident involving PowerSchool, the student information system used by Prince Edward Island schools resulted in unauthorized access to personal data of past and present Island school members, including names, dates of birth, addresses, phone numbers, and other sensitive information, and

**WHEREAS** the breach exposed highly sensitive records spanning decades, including medical information, custody arrangements, and disciplinary notes, impacting over 70,000 individuals in PEI alone, with similar incidents affecting schools nationwide;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the PEI Home and School Federation calls upon the federal government to:

1. Enact comprehensive legislation to strengthen data protection measures for educational institutions and third-party service providers, requiring encryption, multi-factor authentication, and annual cybersecurity audits.
2. Establish clear guidelines for the retention and deletion of outdated personal information, ensuring data minimization and prohibiting indefinite storage beyond operational necessity.
3. Mandate strict penalties for non-compliance with privacy laws, including fines for failure to implement safeguards or promptly disclose breaches.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the PEI Home and School Federation urges the provincial government to:

1. Conduct a thorough review of all third-party educational technology providers, requiring proof of compliance with federal privacy standards (e.g., PIPEDA) before contract renewal.
2. Implement mandatory cybersecurity training for school staff and administrators, emphasizing secure data handling and phishing threat recognition.
3. Adopt data minimization policies to limit the collection of non-essential personal information, particularly for historical records.
4. Require transparent reporting of breaches within 72 hours of discovery, with detailed public disclosures and individualized notifications.

**DESTINATIONS:** Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada  
Minister of Justice and Attorney General of PEI  
Premier of Prince Edward Island  
Minister of Education and Early Years, PEI

**BACKGROUND:**

1. PowerSchool Cybersecurity Event, The Guardian, Feb. 7, 2025  
<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-early-years/powerschool-cybersecurity-event>
2. Cybersecurity breach exposes data of more than 70,000 P.E.I. students, teachers, Public Schools Branch  
<https://www.saltwire.com/prince-edward-island/cybersecurity-breach-exposes-data-70000-pei-students-teachers>
3. Personal data of 70,000 Island students stolen in PowerSchool breach, CBC Jan 31, 2025  
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/prince-edward-island/pei-powerschool-data-breach-update-1.7447385>

**MOTION:** To move the adoption of Resolution 2025-04.

Moved by Coreen Pickering (Queen Elizabeth). Seconded by Bev Campbell (KISH).

In favour = 62

Against = 0

Abstentions = 0

Motion carried.

President David discussed a recent resolution from the Westwood Home and School Association regarding the important issue of kindergarten classroom size and composition. Further research is needed on this resolution.

Tom called on Dionne to present the proposed by-law revisions.  
P.E.I. Home and School Federation Proposed By-Law Revisions

ARTICLE II – DEFINITIONS

ADD: (7) Member Emeritus means any provincial board member in good standing who has reached their board term limit in the PEIHSF.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

ADD: Member Emeritus (non-voting) status shall be open to provincial board members in good standing who have reached their board term limit in the PEIHSF. They may attend meetings by invitation, offer advice and support, and otherwise contribute to the organization's success. Persons are to be appointed by the PEIHSF board with timeframes and decisions governed by the same.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

(7) A quorum ... Meetings of the Corporation shall be a simple majority of all Local Associations whose

Fees for the preceding year have been paid in full at the time of the Annual Meeting...

Change: a simple majority (50%+1) to one-third majority

ARTICLE XVI - REMUNERATION

(1) No director, officer or Member of the Corporation shall receive any honorarium for their services; but may be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses approved by the Executive Committee.

ADD: One exception applies: The president shall be entitled to receive an honorarium for their services

with an amount determined by the Corporation's board of directors.

ARTICLE XX - SIGNING OFFICERS

(1) All cheques, drafts, and orders for the payment of money and all notes and acceptances and bills of exchange shall be signed by any two of the President, the Vice-President, the Executive Director, and the Treasurer.

ADD: any two of the following: President, Past President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Director

**MOTION:** To adopt PEIHSF By-Law revisions as circulated.

Moved by Kelly Steele (Souris)

Seconded by Coreen Pickering (Queen Elizabeth).

Motion Carried.

## 7. Nominating Report/Elections

Dionne Tuplin, Chair of the Nominations, presented the Slate of Officers and called for further nominations three times from the floor to fill vacant positions. The slate of officers was nominated as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominees</u>	<u>Two-Year Term Expires</u>
<u>Executive:</u>		
Secretary	Bev Campbell	AGM 2027
Treasurer	Craig Goodick	AGM 2027
<u>Regional Directors:</u>		
Bluefield	Andrea Kelly	AGM 2027
Kensington	Coreen Pickering	AGM 2027
Souris	Kelly Steele	AGM 2027
Three Oaks	Michelle Dunn	AGM 2027
Westisle	Christina Sidwell	AGM 2027

**MOTION:** To call for nominations to cease and approve the P.E.I. Home and School Federation board of directors for 2025-2026 as presented.

Moved by Marla Townsend (Souris).

Seconded by Nichole Doucette (Somerset)

Voting results:

In favour: Majority

Against = 2

Abstentions = 0

Motion Carried.

Other one-year vacant positions are filled by the Federation Board.

Installation of Officers:

Bill Whelan, the Parliamentarian, installed the 2025-2026 PEI Home and School Federation Board. Outgoing board members Shannon Bruyneel, Jannett Jones, Mikayla Paynter, and Erin Veale were thanked for their contributions to the Federation during their terms of office.

### 2025-2026 Executive/Board of Directors

President	David Schult	(AGM 2026)
Past President	Dionne Tuplin	(AGM 2026)
Vice President	Tom Deelstra	(AGM 2026)
Treasurer	Craig Goodick	(AGM 2027)
Secretary	Bev Campbell	(AGM 2027)
Executive Director	Shirley Smedley Jay	
Bluefield	Andrea Kelly	(AGM 2027)
Charlottetown Rural	Vacant	(AGM 2026)
Colonel Gray	Vacant	(AGM 2026)
Kinkora	Mary Macdonald-Pickering	(AGM 2026)
Montague	Sylvie De Sousa	(AGM 2026)
Morell	Vacant	(AGM 2026)
Souris	Kelly Steele	(AGM 2027)
Three Oaks	Michelle Dunn	(AGM 2027)
Westisle	Christina Sidwell	(AGM 2027)

8. New Business

There is no new business.

9. Adjournment

**MOTION:** To adjourn the 72nd Annual Business Meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Moved by Katie Beck (Sherwood).

**Announcement:** David asked Bill to make seven draws for \$1000 in-store gift cards from The Bookmark. Winning Home and School Associations include Bluefield High, Charlottetown Rural High, Colonel Gray High, Elm Street, Kinkora High, Morell Consolidated, and Vernon River Consolidated. Thank you to The Bookmark Bookstore for the generous donation.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Campbell, Recording Secretary  
PEI Home and School Federation

# Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation Inc.

## 2025 Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes (Draft)

Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 5:45 – 8:00 p.m.

Central Queens Elementary School, Hunter River, PEI

### 1. Call to Order

President, Dave Schult, called the business meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. We begin by acknowledging that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People. Welcome to our members, Hon. Robin Croucher, Minister of Education and Early Years, and guests to the 71st Semi-Annual Meeting of the PEI Home and School Federation. Thank you to Unplugged Canada for setting up a display.

### 2. Agenda 2025 - As displayed.

### 3. Minutes 2024 - As displayed.

### 4. Treasurer's Update

Financial update, Jan. 1 to Sept. 30, 2025 was presented as follows:

Revenues = 98,313.44      Expenses - \$67,462.57      Net Income - \$30,850.87

Mid-year update by Craig Goodick, PEIHSF Treasurer. Accepted as presented.

### 5. Dave adjourned the business meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Greetings: Hon. Robin Croucher, Minister of Education and Early Years to the local Home and School Association representatives and community members in attendance at the Semi-Annual Meeting of the PEI Home and School Federation. Public's trust has been tested within the school system because of the Craswell incident. The minister is working on strengthening criminal record checks.

Guest speakers:

Karyn Kibsey, Canadian Centre for Child Protection (CCCP), Winnipeg, MB

Cpl Robert Yaschuk, RCMP Child Exploitation Unit

Key takeaways:

- personal safety conversations are ongoing and include online and offline ... what ifs.
- stay connected with children; tone of curiosity - what are they doing online and interacting with.
- education & prevention; kids are in the know; commit to kids.
- advocate for children regarding online spaces being regulated.
- cybertip!ca; Projet arachnid; Needhelpnow.ca; Missingkids.ca

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Campbell -Recording Secretary

**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION**  
**David Schult, Federation President's Report**

We extend a warm welcome to all attendees at the 73rd Annual General Meeting of the PEI Home and School Federation. This year's theme, "Stop Bullying. Start Belonging," is a call to action to address the hard truth that bullying remains a serious problem in our communities.

Recent COMPASS survey data reveals that 30% of PEI students report being bullied each year, a figure that sits 10-12% above the national average. Our mission this year is to move beyond being bystanders and foster safe, welcoming environments where every child feels they belong.

We continue to advocate for the **total well-being of children**, focusing on critical areas such as child protection, school food infrastructure, and the recognition of playgrounds as essential school infrastructure. Our work is driven by the belief that the positive involvement of parents is the key to a child's success.

I wish to thank our dedicated Executive Board, including Vice President **Tom Deelstra**, Treasurer **Craig Goodick**, and Secretary **Bev Campbell**, and Past President **Dionne Tuplin**, as well as our Regional Directors who serve as vital links to our 56 member associations. My sincere gratitude goes to our Executive Director, **Shirley Smedley Jay**, for her tireless commitment to the Federation's mission and **Jeana MacIssac**, our office administrative assistant, whose many hours of work with Shirley brought the AGM together.

# 1. Partner Meetings & Advocacy

## *Department of Education and Early Years*

The Federation maintained active engagement with the Department to ensure parent voices are heard in policy development. In December 2025, we met with the **Honourable Robin Croucher**, Minister of Education and Early Years, and department officials to discuss resolutions and ongoing educational priorities. A primary focus of our advocacy has been urging the provincial government to treat **playgrounds as core infrastructure**—integrating them into the annual school facilities and capital budgets rather than relying on local fundraising and bake sales.

## *Office of the Child and Youth Advocate (OCYA)*

In January 2026, the Federation met with **Marvin Bernstein**, the Child and Youth Advocate, and his team. This meeting served to strengthen our partnership on student safety and rights, particularly regarding the handling of **sexual misconduct** and the need for a central tracking system for early boundary violations.

## *School Board Trustees and Elections*

We have been active in promoting the importance of local voice through school board governance. We provided support and promotion for the **Westisle Zone 1 By-Election** in early 2026, emphasizing that trustees are vital for representing community values and ensuring student safety and well-being. We also held a meeting with **Zone 5 Trustees** in November 2025 to discuss regional priorities.

## *COMPASS Study Collaboration*

The Federation continues to use findings from the **COMPASS study** as evidence in our advocacy. In November 2025, we participated in an interview regarding the use of this data to better understand student well-being, mental health, and the impact of recreational screen time, where only **5% of PEI students currently meet national guidelines**.

## 2. Communications & Media

### *Media Engagement*

Throughout the year, the Federation addressed critical issues through local media, including an interview with **CTV regarding the Jenkins Report** on student safety. We also engaged in discussions about school board election turnout and the need for stronger child protection policies.

### *Guardian Newspaper Articles*

Our monthly articles in *The Guardian* have served as a platform for provincial advocacy:

- **September:** Highlighted the need for child protection vigilance and the "Playground Lottery" created by current fundraising models.
- **November:** Advocated for aligning school board elections with provincial cycles to increase democratic participation.
- **December:** Called for action against bullying, noting the high rates among PEI youth.
- **January:** Focused on the **repeal of Section 43** of the Criminal Code to prohibit corporal punishment, arguing that love for children must be grounded in dignity and non-violence.
- **February:** Celebrated **School Staff Appreciation Week** and prepared the membership for the upcoming AGM.

## 3. Key Initiatives & Actions

### *Sexual Misconduct Policy Review (Jenkins Report)*

The Federation provided a comprehensive analysis of the **PEI Sexual Misconduct Policy**, evaluating it against international standards. We advocated for a transition from a reactive investigative focus to a **whole-school safeguarding framework** that includes student-on-student misconduct procedures and age-appropriate consent education.

### *Child Protection Information Session*

Our **Semi-Annual Meeting** in October 2025 was dedicated to child protection. Partnering with **Karyn Kibsey** from the Canadian Centre for Child Protection and **Cpl. Robert Yaschuk** from the RCMP Internet Child Exploitation Unit, we provided parents and educators with practical strategies for reducing risks and talking to children about personal safety. *Atlantic School Food Infrastructure Fund (SFIF)*

As a coalition partner, the Federation helped launch a **\$1,000,000 grant program** in 2025 to support non-profit school food organizations in acquiring the infrastructure needed to expand healthy meal programs across the Atlantic region.

#### **4. Ongoing Activities**

- **Volunteer Leadership Training:** Workshops were held in October and November 2025 at **Belfast Consolidated, Kensington Intermediate/Senior High, and Tignish Elementary**. These sessions focused on role clarity, financial best practices, and effective meeting management for local executives.
- **Recognitions:** We continue to celebrate excellence through the **Extra Mile Awards**, recognizing outstanding commitment from staff at schools such as Stonepark and Kinkora. Nominations for **Volunteer of the Year** remain a highlight of our annual recognition cycle.
- **Parent Leadership Grants:** These grants continue to empower local associations to host parent education sessions on topics ranging from mental wellness to cyberbullying.

#### **5. Looking Ahead**

##### *Advocacy Through Resolutions*

Resolutions proposed for the 2026 AGM reflect our commitment to systemic change:

- Urging the repeal of **Section 43** to protect children from physical punishment.
- Establishing **playground equipment** as a standard component of the provincial capital budget.
- Expanding the Sexual Misconduct Policy to include **student-on-student harm** and mandatory staff training.

##### *Together We Build Better Schools*

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

Financial Statements  
(Unaudited)  
**December 31, 2025**



February 6, 2026

## **Independent Practitioner's Review Engagement Report**

### **To the Members of Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation Inc.**

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation Inc. that comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2025, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

#### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

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

#### **Practitioner's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which require us 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, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

#### **Basis for Qualified Conclusion**

In common with many not-for-profit organizations, Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation Inc. derives revenue from donations and fundraising activities, the completeness of which is not susceptible to us obtaining evidence we considered necessary for the purpose of the review engagement. Accordingly, the evidence obtained for these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation Inc. Therefore, we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to donations and fundraising revenue, excess revenue and cash flows from operations for the year ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, current assets as at December 31, 2025 and 2024, and net assets as at January 1 and December 31 for both the 2025 and 2024 years.



**ArsenaultBestCameronEllis**  
CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

Chartered Professional Accountants &  
Business Advisors  
8 MacLeod Crescent  
Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island  
Canada C1E 3K2  
Telephone (902) 368-3100  
Fax (902) 566-5074  
www.acgca.ca

Member of The AC Group of Independent Accounting Firms

***Qualified Conclusion***

Based on our review, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the *Basis for Qualified Conclusion* paragraph, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation Inc. as at December 31, 2025, 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.

*ArsenaultBestCameronEllis*

Chartered Professional Accountants

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

Statement of Financial Position


(Unaudited)

As at December 31, 2025

	2025 \$	2024 \$
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash and deposits	99,470	86,188
Accounts receivable	1,922	2,691
HST receivable	1,495	1,390
	102,887	90,269
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	2,733	2,861
Deferred revenue (note 3)	22,250	21,000
	24,983	23,861
<b>Net Assets</b>		
<b>Unrestricted</b>	77,904	66,408
	102,887	90,269

Approved by the Board of Directors

 Director

 Director

(3)

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

Statement of Changes in Net Assets

(Unaudited)

For the year ended December 31, 2025

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
<b>Net assets - Beginning of year</b>	66,408	54,542
Excess revenue for the year	11,496	11,866
<b>Net assets - End of year</b>	<u>77,904</u>	<u>66,408</u>

(4)

## Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation Inc.

Statement of Operations

(Unaudited)

For the year ended December 31, 2025

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
<b>Revenue</b>		
Government grants	87,750	84,000
Membership dues	9,300	9,200
Donations and fundraising	5,448	5,578
Investment income	2,029	3,289
Miscellaneous	-	166
	<u>104,527</u>	<u>102,233</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Bad debt	-	300
Insurance	1,712	1,388
Meetings	10,850	7,949
Parental engagement	1,042	1,306
Postage	406	433
Professional fees	2,795	3,333
Supplies and miscellaneous	6,638	6,146
Telephone	682	765
Training and education	1,613	1,075
Travel and conference	2,443	2,322
Wage and benefits	64,850	65,350
	<u>93,031</u>	<u>90,367</u>
<b>Excess revenue for the year</b>	<u>11,496</u>	<u>11,866</u>

(5)

## Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation Inc.

### Statement of Cash Flows

(Unaudited)

For the year ended December 31, 2025

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
<b>Cash provided by (used in)</b>		
<b>Operating activities</b>		
Excess revenue for the year	11,496	11,866
Net change in non-cash working capital items		
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable	769	(1,324)
Decrease (increase) in HST receivable	(105)	51
Decrease in prepaid expenses	-	1,295
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(128)	271
Increase in deferred revenue	1,250	-
<b>Increase in cash and deposits</b>	13,282	12,159
<b>Cash and deposits - Beginning of year</b>	86,188	74,029
<b>Cash and deposits - End of year</b>	99,470	86,188
<b>Cash and deposits consists of:</b>		
TD Canada Trust investor account	1,010	1,000
TD Canada Trust operating account	38,578	21,960
TD Canada Trust term investment account	59,882	63,228
	99,470	86,188

# Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation Inc.

Notes to Financial Statements

(Unaudited)

December 31, 2025

---

## 1 Nature of entity

Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation Inc. is a not-for-profit organization incorporated under the laws of the Province of Prince Edward Island and is a registered charity for federal income tax purposes. 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 Summary of significant accounting policies

### Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. These financial statements include the following significant accounting policies:

### Cash and deposits

Cash and deposits are made up of cash in bank accounts and term deposits with a maturity of less than twelve months.

### Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognized using the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Donations and fundraising revenues are recorded when received.

Grants, membership dues and administration fees are recorded when received or receivable if the amount to be received can reasonably estimated and collectibility is reasonably assured.

Investment income is recognized in the period in which it is earned.

Amounts that have been recorded in advance of services being rendered are recorded as deferred revenue until the Federation discharges the obligations that led to the collection of funds.

### Capital assets

Capital assets are expensed in the year of acquisition. There were nil (2024 - nil) capital assets expensed during the year.

(7)

**ALBERTON ELEMENTARY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**  
**Mandel Fraser, President**

Vice President – Brenna MacAusland  
Treasurer – Kendra O’Brien  
Volunteer Coordinator – Ferran Brown,  
Fundraiser Coordinator – Jillian Costain

We are happy to introduce two new members to our Home and School team, Amanda Ashley and Brenna MacAusland. We hold meetings once a month but still continue to have small turnouts for these meetings. We continue to work on communicating with family members and caregivers through social media and school newsletters. Posting frequently will hopefully one day increase the amount of engagement from parents.

In the spring of 2025, we held our Parent-Student night with funding from the Parent Leadership Grant. Go West came and had activities for the children while our school’s well-being team held an education session for parents. We ended the evening off with a few rounds of chocolate bar bingo. We had 10 families participate. We hope this can grow in the future and we are planning to hold another event this coming spring.

Alberton Home and School began our school year by having a BBQ at the back-to-school event the school hosts for families. During this event, we selected a winner for our WestJet ticket raffle. This fundraiser raised a total of \$6000. The same week as the school’s Terry Fox Walk, we held a corn boil and BBQ for the students.

December is always a busy month for our Home and School team. We began the month with a Christmas Bazaar where students purchased gifts for their family and friends for only \$1. We raised \$800. We finished off the Christmas season by hosting a Christmas dinner for our school. There are never any issues getting volunteers to help with these two events, as they are always fun and exciting for everyone.

The school held their winter carnival the week of February 16th. The school went to Mill River resort for outdoor activities. Home and School went as well and provided hot chocolate and cookies.

Our breakfast program has been struggling this year with volunteer help. We lost our two dedicated volunteers who made last year so successful. This year we have a dedicated volunteer who picks up supplies for our hot breakfast program, but on the day of hot breakfast, we are finding it hard to get people to help. Unfortunately, we may have to change the way this program is run in the future if this continues. We do have a dedicated volunteer who prepares breakfast bins for the classrooms and bakes muffins each week.

*(Alberton Cont'd)*

We also alternate providing macaroni, pizza, and chicken fingers and taters each Tuesday for lunch. We have, on average, 50 students who purchase these lunches each week. We have a dedicated volunteer who makes macaroni and one who picks up the chicken fingers and taters and pizza from local businesses.

This year, our Home and School committee has worked very hard fundraising for inclusive playground equipment. Our fundraising goal was \$100,000, which we just reached. Our equipment has been ordered; we are hoping installation will be late spring or early summer. Some of our fundraising efforts included delivering donation letters to local businesses, West Jet raffle tickets, an online auction, a market, a canteen and a dunk tank at a local event, as well as a couple of glow skates.

During Staff Appreciation Week, staff members were provided with meals and goodies. Monday was coffee and donuts; Wednesday was soup and biscuits for lunch. The following week was lasagna and salad for lunch, and we also asked students to bring in their favorite treat for their teacher. We also invited parents to drop off treats for the staff throughout the week; coffee, dips, and snacks were generously donated. Finally, we created an appreciation wall in the gym; we asked students to participate by writing down or drawing out reasons why they appreciate our school staff and then hung each one up for the school to see. The staff greatly appreciated all that was done over the week.

Overall, Alberton Home and School has a great committee that is willing to go the extra mile to support our school. Our goal will continue to be to grow and expand our reach within the school as well as home.

**BELFAST HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**  
**Sylvie De Sousa, President**

**Executive:****Caitlin Bradley, Vice President****Tracy Knox, Treasurer****Amanda Myers, Secretary**

Our Home and School Association meets every second month during the school year (from September to May). The executive usually meets every month to plan for the month ahead, organize fundraisers or school events, and discuss topics of interest.

**Initiatives:****Breakfast Program:**

Every week, Jenna White (former secretary) and Caitlin Bradley, with the help of some parent volunteers, go into the school to prepare breakfast buns, donated by the Gebis monks, for the students. Muffins, smoothies, pancakes and other breakfast items are also prepared regularly.

**Lunch Program:**

Once a month, Jenna and Caitlin, with the help of parent volunteers, either pick up or prepare hot meals for the kids, this includes doing groceries in preparation for these hot meals. So far this year, these ladies have spoiled the students with a home-made pasta dish, baked potato with the works, pizza day (ordered from our local pizzeria), Lebanese take out day, Nachos, etc. The idea is to offer the students diversity and healthy choices, in addition to the government sponsored lunch program. Students pre-order and pay for these hot meals in advance.

**Fundraising:**

We ran a pancake raffle in November-January and were able to raise \$500. We are also holding an on-line baked goods auction in March. This money will be used to fund several projects and activities throughout the year. We also continue with our FlipGive account so families can shop their favorite merchants online, while Home & School receives a percentage of the sales.

**Events:****Halloween Dance:**

In October 2025, the Home and School held our annual Halloween Spooktacular Dance in the school gym. The evening was filled with music (with our very own DJ), games for all ages, dancing, a halloween costume contest, photo op stations and a 50/50. It was a very successful event again this

*(Belfast Cont'd)*

year, and we are very grateful for the numerous hours volunteers put into organizing this event. We look forward to repeating this event next Halloween.

### **Bingo Night:**

Our annual Bingo Night took place in November. Staff, Home & School members and parents alike approached businesses for donations to offer as door prizes. Businesses were extremely generous and the support is always overwhelming. We also received baked goods donations to sell at the Bingo canteen, which is always popular and brought in a substantial amount. It was an enjoyable evening for everyone. Money raised from Bingo Night will go directly towards our annual Spring Fling.

### **Staff Appreciation Week:**

In February 2026, we held our Staff Appreciation Week where staff was spoiled with treats and baked goods throughout the week. On February 10th, staff was treated to a Mediterranean-themed meal, prepared by parent volunteers. We also had a few student volunteers hand deliver a bouquet of tulips to each staff member, just in time for Valentine's Day.

### **Kindergarten Orientation:**

Every year, Home and School delivers a bag of goodies to incoming kindergarten students during their kindergarten orientation, which includes their own Belfast Consolidated T-shirt with their graduating year printed on the back. We also purchase and prepare snacks for this day. We are always greeted with smiling faces and lots of excitement.

### **Spring Fling:**

Our annual Spring Fling is held every June. This is a free event for students, parents and the community. The Spring Fling is usually held outdoors, weather permitting. There are games for all ages, face painting, balloon twisting, the infamous dunk tank, Nerf games, and a BBQ (which includes fries from the Cavendish Fry truck). It is always a fun evening for everyone.

In closing, we would like to thank all the volunteers who contributed their time, energy and support throughout the 2025-2026 school year, and look forward to the remainder of the school year.

Sylvie De Sousa, President  
Belfast Home & School Association

**BLOOMFIELD HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION****Brandy Rogers / Paige Hackett, Co-Presidents**

Co-Vice Presidents: Jill MacPhee and Katherine Ellis

Treasurer: Wendy Adams

Secretaries: Kendra Silliker and Kristin Hardy

Co-Communications: Amy Ramsay and Kyla Ellis

This year we have some new and returning members for our Home and School Executive. We have a very engaged group and everyone works well together. There have been a lot of creative ideas ‘thrown out’ so far this year that have been beneficial to our association as well as the students and staff.

**Meetings:**

We usually meet once a month with an exception of November and May. In November we try to get an extra meeting in because of the Christmas Turkey Meal we provide for the whole school. In May we also meet an extra couple of times because we started in 2024 with a “Big Rigs” fundraising event which takes a lot of planning. It went well both years so far so it is going to be an annual event for our school.

We usually cover quite an agenda for our meetings. We have a lot of discussions. We like to see how our breakfast program is going. See if we need to make any changes or if it is going well as is. We discuss any upcoming events at the school that we will need volunteers for. We are always brainstorming new, fun ways to fundraise. We discuss our account balance and the school’s wish list. We talk about ways we can help out families with paying for certain things for the school such as fun field trips as well as providing the office with extra outdoor winter gear for students who may need it.

**Communication:**

We use social media to communicate with our home and school association. We use email and phone for communication with the school. We also send out a Home and School newsletter.

**Fundraising:**

We are currently participating in the COS PEI Goldrush draws which has been a huge positive to the home and schools throughout PEI. We also do multiple little fundraisers throughout the year just within the school as well as our new annual Bloomfield Big Rigs event which was a huge success last June. With our funds so far this year we have helped with the purchase of four new adjustable basketball nets in the gym. We purchased a couple of gifts for Christmas for indoor recess for each classroom. We covered the cost for the k-3 classes to go skating before Christmas. We also covered the cost of the bussing for our grades 4-6 to attend the Islander’s Game in Charlottetown in December. We are helping cut down the cost for each student for their upcoming winter field trips. We are going to purchase some needed items for the music room.

*(Bloomfield Cont'd)*

The “Big Rigs” fundraiser is actually pretty cool. We have a number of local people bringing in vehicles of all sorts - fire trucks, dump trucks, boom trucks, school buses, DFO boats, race cars, four wheelers... anything and everything. People walk around and explore the vehicles, some they are allowed to go in, others are just to look at, but the people who bring the vehicles stay with their vehicle for the day so things don't get broken or wrecked. It's an enter by donation event as we would love for our big families, who don't have a lot to still be able to attend even if they're not able to give anything at the door. Last year we had a couple of mascots (walking) around too. We had GoWest set up some games; we had a couple people do face painting and we had a canteen which we allowed our grade 6's to run so they could use the money towards their end of year field trip. It takes a lot of planning, especially when we have to (also) use a rain date, but over the past 2 years we managed and it turned out to be great days!

**Staff Appreciation:**

We provide meals and treats for staff throughout the week, and cover outdoor duty on one of those days.

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

**Treasurer:** Amy Hughes

**Attendance**

We have a dedicated core of people that attend Home and School meetings, and new people are always welcome. The association has had three meetings this year (typically on Tuesday evenings) and will have meetings in March, April, and May. Interest in Home and School has grown with people having asked to be added to our mailing list. We have had a request to meet on a different night so have planned for Monday evening for our next meeting.

**Discussions**

Discussions at the meetings usually include a school update, provincial Home and School news, local Home and School initiatives, and other business/concerns. We have discussed topics such as class changes and size, staff changes and development, staff appreciation plan, activities or projects that we would like to facilitate as a Home and School, award submissions, resolutions, school fundraising initiatives (Bluefield has amazing staff and student-led initiatives), COSPEI allocation of funds, COMPASS survey results and other topics as needed. We have been slowly moving forward with visioning for a revamp of some of our outdoor spaces. One of our hopes this year had been to clean up the trails around the schools that still had debris from post-tropical storm Fiona. However, this was completed by those organizing the Winter Woodlot Tour which was held at Bluefield.

**Special Guests**

This year, we invited Kelly Campbell to set up a table about vaping for Meet the Staff evening in September and the Zone 4 School Board trustee, Karen Clare also shared about her role at our January meeting.

**Communication**

Communication within the Home and School is done by E-mail outside of meetings as needed. Communicating to the larger school community is done within school E-mails or Home and School specific E-mails sent by the principal or one of the vice-principals, a new Facebook page that has been slow to grow followers, occasional posts.

In the Bluefield High School Facebook page to inform the community of upcoming meetings or any special initiatives, and within the Bobcat Buzz, an amazing new student newspaper. This year, we also had a Home and School table for Meet the Staff night in September with information about Home and School, school board elections, and more.

*(Bluefield Cont'd)*

### **Grants and Awards**

We did not submit a Parent Leadership Grant this year, but we did submit a nomination for the Extra Mile Award and have plans to submit a nomination for the Bus Driver of the Year Award. We have had past recipients of these awards (Kirsten MacLaine, Extra Mile Award, 2023-2024; Donnie MacFadyen, Bus Driver of the Year Award, 2024-2025) and are committed to recognizing the work that Bluefield staff continues to do.

### **Staff Appreciation**

Bluefield Home and School planned treats for staff for each day for the week of February 9-13<sup>th</sup>. This was similar to the last three years with a SignUp Genius being sent by E-mail and posted in a closed Facebook group for the community to show support for this either by providing treats (different types of treats for different days) or monetary donations. We provided several gift cards for a draw as well as positive messages highlighting our appreciation for the staff. Bluefield Home and School also received support from the community and COS PEI to provide a staff luncheon during parent teacher interviews and will do so again in April. The culinary class led by Emily Perry prepared a delicious meal for the staff.

### **Fundraising**

Our school takes part in the COSPEI Goldrush which is now administered by the community foundation of PEI. This year funds were used for supplementing the breakfast program, supporting the purchase of a new mascot, some band instruments, new rocket launchers, and replacing some sports uniforms.

### **Looking Ahead**

We are hoping to get the wider community involved in our outdoor spaces project.

**CENTRAL QUEENS ELEMENTARY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION****Patty-Jo Hickey, President / Jessica Walker, Incoming President****Co/Vice-President:** Katie Verhulst**Treasurer:** Ashlee Ramsay/Lindsay Taylor**Secretary:** Rayanne Frizzell

We are happy to report on another strong year for the Home and School Community at Central Queens Elementary. We are appreciative of all the parents/guardians and community volunteers who stepped up to support CQ throughout the year. From selling raffle tickets to making fudge to wrapping Christmas shop presents, every act contributes to the vibrant school community at CQES.

These last few years have seen a transition with some of our long-standing dedicated Home and School executive volunteers moving on. A huge thank you to Stephanie Pineau and Julie Corbett who “graduated” in 2025, and to Patty-Jo Hickey and Ashlee Ramsay who will “graduate” in 2026.

**Meetings/Discussion Topics**

- CQES Home and School hosts regular meetings throughout the school year which are open to all parents and educators. Meetings are announced via school emails and the school facebook group. Regular agenda items include: Principal’s School Report, Fundraising activities, and Treasurer’s Report.
- Educational topics this year included a presentation on the PBS System, and a review and discussion on School Food Environment Policy Draft.

**Highlights**

- **Christmas Shop:** Each year, Rayanne Frizzell leads the charge to collect gently used items that volunteers artfully display across the gymnasium. Students are able to buy presents for family members and/or friends for \$1. This is a favourite event for kids, staff and parents every year.
- **Christmas Families:** Each year, the school administration identifies families in need of additional support in the Holiday Season. Funds raised from Concert Fudge sales and some other initiatives go toward making the holidays special for these families.

## School Food Programs

- **Breakfast Program:** CQES offers a breakfast program which is available to all students. This year the breakfast program offered an additional day, covering 4 mornings/week. The program continues to be a hit with students, especially on yogurt parfait day! A big thank you to Ashley Beamish for her dedication to this program.
- **Healthy Snack Program:** Re-introduced at CQES this year, home and school volunteers prepare healthy snacks several times across the school year, with the goal of increasing access to healthy snacks and improving food-literacy. Thanks to Lindsay Taylor for coordinating.
- **Hot Lunch Program:** CQES is fortunate to have Carolyn MacKinnon keeping our [hotlunches.net](http://hotlunches.net) program orders up to date and processed each week. This supports the coordination of milk and lunch orders for the school, which is a welcome option for many families.

## Fundraising Projects

- Fundraising efforts throughout the year included:
  - COS PEI 50/50
  - Swoops Sweepstakes Spring Raffle
  - Holiday Concert Fudge Sales
  - General Donations (Christmas Families, School Events, etc.)

## School Staff Appreciation Week

- Led by the organized and dedicated Kim Thompson, this year we celebrated our school staff by providing a special lunch, and some additional snacks and treats throughout the week. We also set up mailboxes for individual messages from students and parents.

## Communications

- The Home and School communicated regularly on facebook and via the weekly principal's email as needed.

In closing, Central Queens Elementary Home and School would like to express our heartfelt thanks to each of the school volunteers who have contributed their time, energy, and support throughout the 2025/2026 school year. We are a stronger school community for it!

**CHARLOTTETOWN RURAL HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**  
**Natalie Fraser, Chair**

**Treasurer:** Josie Courtney

We thank our whole school family - all parents and school staff members who step up to fundraise and support specific initiatives throughout the year: including School Staff Appreciation Week, Prom organizing, School Musical, Band concerts and sporting events, just to name a few.

**Parent Advisory Meetings**

Meetings of the Parent Advisory were held bi-monthly and were open to all parents and educators.

Discussions included:

- Principal's report about important school events
- Items that are requested to be purchased by the Parent Advisory fund.

Some items we contributed to this year include:

- Speaker for a leadership conference for students at the school
- FM systems
- Mascot costume
- Staff appreciation items
- A treat for students after exams

One of our meetings included a visit from our school trustee where we discussed many educational topics including the PSB/DEEY Sexual Misconduct Policy and School Food Policy Drafts, as well as rezoning/redistribution of Charlottetown/Stratford area high school students in the near future.

**Fundraising**

- All of our fundraised dollars come for the COS PEI Goldrush. This is a very successful initiative for our school and has taken a lot of pressure off of our parents to fundraise.

**Communication**

- Communication between the executive committee and our school administrators at CRHS continue to be excellent and our executive committee is appreciative of a very responsive school administration.
- Our parent attendance at Parent Advisory meetings continues to be low, but parents are always responsive and supportive when asked to help for specific events.

In closing, our Parent Advisory Committee would like to thank all school volunteers (parents and staff) who contributed their time, energy, and support throughout the 2025/2026 school year.

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

This year, the Colonel Gray Home and School Association was pleased to support a number of exciting projects and school initiatives that strengthen our school community and enhance the student experience.

- **Student Mural Project:** Through a PEIHSF Parent Engagement Grant, we supported the creation of a school mural led by our talented students. The mural reflects our school's spirit and creativity, and we look forward to hosting a grand opening celebration this spring. Everyone is invited to attend and see the finished work!
- **New Kiln for the Art Department:** We were thrilled to help the art department purchase a new kiln after the previous one became unreliable. This investment will benefit students for the next 10–15 years and ensure our art program continues to flourish.
- **Staff Appreciation Week:** To thank our incredible staff for all they do, we celebrated Staff Appreciation Week with treats and prizes, including fruit trays, sweets, candy, chocolates, and snacks for School Goals Day, along with a special cash prize draw.
- **Winter Wellness Day:** We supported Winter Wellness Day by helping fund ice time, gifts for basketball officials, prizes for games, and hot chocolate and snacks for all participants. It was a wonderful event that brought students and staff together to celebrate wellness and school spirit.
- **Gym Floor Safety:** Our association also heard concerns about the condition of the gym floor. In response, we are sending a letter respectfully requesting that the planned resurfacing of the Colonel Gray High School gym floor, which has remained on the maintenance list for the past three years, be moved forward as soon as possible.

The Colonel Gray Home and School Association remains committed to supporting initiatives that enrich education, enhance wellness, and foster pride in our school community.

Heather MacLaren, Chair  
Colonel Gray Home and School Association

**DONAGH REGIONAL HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION****Alyssa Pinsent, President****Co-Vice Presidents: Nancy Power, Anna-Marie Arsenault****Treasurer: Emily Baird****Secretary: Keisha Clements**

Donagh Regional Home and School has been very busy and active in the 2025-2026 school year. Our school currently has approximately 220 children enrolled in Kindergarten to grade 6. We extend a sincere appreciation to our principal, vice principal, school admin, teachers and staff for the time and energy they put towards our students. We are thankful to serve in our executive, and to have the support of our wonderful committee members and volunteers. We feel very fortunate to be a part of a close knit school community. We ended the last school year with a touch a vehicle/truck event and family day, with a new playground chalk obstacle course and BBQ lunch. Our K-3 students visited Fullertons Marsh playground and What's the Scoop and 4-6 students went to Sandspit for the year end activities in June 2025.

At the start of the school year, September 2025, we hosted a fundraiser for our new breakfast program with the Cavendish Farms Fry Truck in the No Frills parking lot. We raised \$1,300 and purchased a No Frills gift card to use for food purchases. In October we celebrate Halloween with a student dance. This has been a very fun event in the past years. Students are well spirited for the event.

The holiday season is a highlight in our school community. Our Christmas Craft fair celebrated its 4th year and continues to be a huge success. We shared our plans for the next stage of our playground build. Anna-Marie Arsenault and Keisha Clements were able to execute this event. We appreciate their devotion to this event. We raised \$8000. We appreciate our families that contributed time and baked goods for this event. Grace Havenga plans and executes our community calendar fundraiser. We offer a beautiful 12 month calendar with a photo of nearby scenery and surrounded by local advertisers. It has been a long standing tradition in the Fort Augustus community.

A parent of our school has organized a Christmas dinner for nearly 10 years, and the Home and School provided the monetary donation for the turkeys. Home and School also provided funds towards school families to better their Christmas season. Before Christmas break, students were able to attend an Islanders Game with other schools. They had a really great time.

In recent years we have made a very big priority to update school playgrounds. A well-designed and safe playground is essential for the physical and social development of our children. We ended 2025

*(Donagh Cont'd)*

with a big purchase of two playgrounds from Blue Imp to be installed by Fundy Fence, tentative Spring 2026. We believe that these new structures will provide space where students can engage in outdoor activities, build friendships, and enjoy their time at school.

We continued to recognize the teachers and staff during the Teacher Appreciation Week every winter. This year they were treated to delicious breakfast baked goods, kind notes from students and families, a delicious home cooked lunch prepared by Anna-Marie Arsenault, and a snack “dip” day. The teachers were very appreciative and said they were very full all week.

Our spring fundraiser will be chocolate bars with the World's finest. This fundraiser was very successful for us in the past and we would like to raise funds towards our breakfast program.

With installation of our two new playgrounds before the 2026-2027 school year, we are so pleased to have the continued efforts of the Causable Goldrush. It has eased the burden of many fundraisers throughout the school year. We continue to be one of the highest earners, we are quite proud to be a school with more game players than school students. Our community shows our school so much support in this game.

The Home and School Association holds monthly meetings to discuss and plan various initiatives. These meetings are a cornerstone for effective communication and coordination among all. We continued to collectively address the needs and concerns of our school community. Attendance and participation in these meetings are highly encouraged for all parents. During these meetings we encourage the school to address any concerns and listen to any experiences the school is implementing.

Effective communication between the school and parents is key to our success. We strive to keep all lines of communication open and transparent. We are currently using social media to keep communication flowing between the school and parents. This ensures that parents are well-informed about school events, and any important developments. Our school Vice Principal works with us to forward any other information through class dojo, PowerSchool email, and our school wide Google Calendar. We encourage parents to reach out with any questions or concerns they may have, as their input is invaluable to us on this issue. The Home and School Association is committed to working collaboratively with all members of our school community to ensure the best possible outcomes for our students. We are excited about the progress we are making and look forward to continuing our efforts to enhance the educational experience for every child.

## ELLERSLIE ELEMENTARY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Penny Newcombe, President

**Executive Members:**

Vice President: Jessica Gillis

Secretary: Laura Dillon

Treasurer: Sam Doran

Breakfast Club Rep: Sue MacKenna

**Overview of the Year**

September began with two meetings focused on organizing Epic Engines, our fall playground fundraiser. We also hosted a committee appreciation supper to thank our dedicated volunteers for their continued support.

MLA Hilton MacLennan attended our first meeting and generously donated to the Breakfast Club. We set out goals for the year to support our staff, the breakfast program, and raise money for the playground.

Under the leadership of Sue McKenna, the Breakfast Program has grown significantly and now operates five days a week. We provided volunteer thank-you gifts to our Breakfast Club helpers in appreciation of their dedication and continue to support the Breakfast Club.

We arrange to meet monthly except for December and have kicked off another great year with 10 committed committee members with many supportive parents and volunteers.

Our Home and School successfully applied for and received the Parent Leadership Grant to host a three-night educational series for parents and caregivers: Jan – Child Protection with guest speaker Robert Yaschuk from the RCMP ICE Unit, Feb – Bullying and Personal Boundaries with Ashley Vautour, Family Support Worker with the Student Well-Being Team, and March – Big Worries with Melanie Profit from the School Well Being (SWB) Team.

Celebrated Staff Appreciation week with daily meals brought in by the school families and surrounding community, decorated the staff room, and gave thank you cards to all staff created by the grade one class.

Applied for the Extra Mile Award and will be applying for the Volunteer and Bus Driver of the year awards.

**Fundraising & Financial Contributions**

- Hosted a few Back-to-School Cash Draws (online) with proceeds supporting field trips and PE jerseys.
- We provided a Back to School BBQ at Meet Your Teacher Night.
- Epic Engines was a tremendous success, welcoming many families for exploration of multiple vehicles and provided wagon rides and entertainment for free. Available concessions and face painting helped raise \$4800 to go towards the playground efforts.
- Purchased four portable tables for school and Home and School use.

*(Ellerslie Elementary Cont'd)*

- Organized a BBQ fundraiser with proceeds going towards Christmas Families at Christmas in the Valley and submitted a Float entry in the Parade.
- Provided 12 noise-cancelling headphones for the school resource teacher.
- Funded daily book giveaways in the month of December.
- Hosted a very successful Christmas Concert bake sale and gave the money raised to Christmas families.
- We have motioned to use half the COS PEI money that we receive to go directly towards the Playground Fund, Contributing \$10,500 to the Playground Fund so far this year.
- Supported Winter Wellness Day by providing for the bussing cost and rounding up helpers to tie skates, hand out pizza and hot chocolate.
- Provided 40 Grade 6 students and 31 staff with Ellerslie logo hoodies.
- Contributed to the School Christmas meal

**Coming Up:**

- Book Fair – providing \$7 per student initiative
- Movie Night at the School.
- Snack bags for school movie events.
- Online draws to raise funds.
- Assisting with Easter Seals fundraising efforts.
- Providing FM systems to classrooms in need.
- Fundraising for the end of year field trips.
- Helping with Welcome to Kindergarten Night.
- Hosting a Great Chili/Chowder cook off Fundraiser.
- Spring Lobster Raffle.

**Final Reflections**

Ellerslie is truly a wonderful, family-based school community. While we continue to face challenges with aging infrastructure — including heating, plumbing, AC, and playground equipment. We couldn't be more proud of our school staff, children, families, and volunteers that make everyday magical at Ellerslie Elementary!

A special acknowledgment to our incredible school staff for supporting our fundraising efforts and allowing Home and School to remain active and impactful within the school. Also, to our amazing committee members that give countless hours and funds to making our school environment so fun for the children!!

**ELM STREET HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**  
**Katie Morrison / Christina Waugh, Co-Presidents**

**Executive Members (2025–2026)**

- Secretary: Jolena Wakelin
- Treasurer: Ryle Kember
- Communications Lead/Team: To be confirmed
- School Food / Snack Program Coordinator: To be confirmed
- Fundraising Committee: To be confirmed

**Overview of the Year**

The 2025–2026 school year focused on strengthening parent engagement, improving communication, and supporting school-wide initiatives aimed at enhancing student well-being and learning experiences. Throughout the year, the Association organized fundraising activities, supported student nutrition initiatives, recognized staff contributions, and worked closely with administration to ensure alignment with school needs.

**Month-by-Month Highlights:**

- October: Fall planning and early-year coordination fundraising planning
- November: Elmer’s Books project; Children’s Day pancake breakfast and chocolate milk; Popcorn fundraiser.
- December: Supported the school trip to the Summerside Western Capitals
- January: Planning for winter and spring events.
- February: Staff Appreciation (muffins, coffee, snack boards, mailbox treats); Supported Winter Carnival at Mill River.
- March: Pancake Breakfast
- April/May – Plan for the end of the year BBQ and Treat Tolly
- June- Create outdoor sandbox, and install outdoor communication board for the play ground, end of the year BBQ, End of the year field trip and treat student treat trolley

**Meetings, Programs, Projects & Initiatives****Meetings**

- Meeting Dates: September 25, January 29, February 26
- Attendance: Strong turnout from executive and parents.
- Key Discussions: Funding priorities, wish lists, events, fundraising, volunteer recruitment.
- Guest Speakers: None.

**Parent Leadership Projects**

- Parent-led fundraising initiatives ( popcorn fundraiser), Outdoor communication boards for the

*(Elm Street Cont'd)*

playground, pancake breakfasts, and planning for the year-end BBQ/ Treat Trolley.

- These projects strengthened school spirit and provided inclusive events for all students.

**School Food / Snack Programs**

- Two pancake breakfasts per year, chocolate milk and a year-end BBQ.
- Treat trolley planned for the end of the year.
- Volunteers: 7–8 regular volunteers.
- Funding: Home & School funded.

**School Staff Appreciation Week**

- Activities included muffins, coffee, snack boards, and mailbox treats.
- Staff-wide participation and positive feedback.

**Award Nominations - N/A**

**Parent Education & Guest Speakers - N/A**

**Communications**

- Newsletters: Shared through weekly principal email.
- Social media: School Facebook page.
- Website: Not applicable.
- Email communication: Regular updates shared via principal/vice-principal.

**Fundraising Projects**

Popcorn Fundraiser: \$7,000 raised, supporting school/ inclusive classroom needs, events, and an outdoor communication board.

**Looking Ahead**

- Strengthen volunteer recruitment and build sustainable committees.
- Improve family communication with regular updates.
- Explore new fundraising opportunities.
- Increase parent engagement with workshops or guest speakers.
- Maintain strong collaboration with school staff.

**Closing Remarks**

We extend our sincere thanks to the Elm Street School staff, families, volunteers, and community partners for their continued support. Your contributions create a positive, inclusive school environment for all students. We look forward to continuing this work together.

**EAST WILTSHIRE INTERMEDIATE HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION****Amy Hughes, President**

This year we still struggle with parent engagement at meetings. However, our following on our Facebook page has grown some and we are hopeful that we will be able to reach more parents and get them to join Home and School.

**FUNDRAISING**

This year our Warriors for the Win Fundraiser was very successful. We did a draw every week for 7 weeks with amazing prizes donated every week. We were able to raise \$7,000.00! There was also a Christmas basket fundraiser. This enabled us to help bring Christmas gifts to 40 East Wiltshire families consisting of 63 individual children.

We participate in the COSPEI Gold rush draws each week and are happy to say we are one of the top schools with participation. Students continue to benefit from this money by covering the costs of field trips, busing, extra curricular activities, guest speakers and more.

**STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK**

Staff Appreciation Week is one that we are very enthusiastic about. We see daily how hard all the staff of East Wiltshire work. Parents and families were very generous and donated money to support this week. We chose a variety of treats to celebrate our staff.

We also had gift cards donated and we bought others and did a draw for staff to win. It was a great week celebrating all the staff.

**MEETINGS**

At our meetings we have discussed what is happening around the school. There are a lot of positive things happening like spirit weeks, school dances, guest speakers as well as our Christmas fundraiser. Our trustee Karen Clare attended one of our meetings. We talked about the upcoming new policies. A great discussion about the Social and Emotional Learning school goal was had and how it was being implemented into the classrooms. We are looking into purchasing a swing set for the school and also some kind of lighting at the entrances of the parking lot.

**COMMUNICATION**

We have made more effort to connect with parents and caregivers through social media. Our Facebook page is more active and has gained more followers.

**ELIOT RIVER HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**  
**Jacinta Andrews / Laura Steeves, Co-Chairs**

Brittany Loughran: Secretary

Jacinta Andrews: Treasurer

This year, the Eliot River Home and School Association hosted four meetings, providing a valuable platform for school administration to share exciting initiatives and updates with families. One highlight was the introduction of the Let Grow program, which has been proving to be a great success within the school community. We have also appreciated the opportunity to welcome school staff to our meetings, where they shared insights about their classroom experiences and the positive impact of new initiatives and ongoing developments within the school.

During the Christmas season, the association hosted a “Best Seat in the House” raffle for the families of Grade 4 students. Parents were able to purchase tickets for the chance to win front-row seats to one of the two Grade 4 Christmas concert performances. Funds raised through this raffle will help the Home and School Association cover fees and provide additional support to the school as needed.

Throughout the year, our association actively engaged families in a variety of ways. Parents were encouraged to donate treats for the annual “Scream Park,” with proceeds from the treat sales supporting the school’s fundraising efforts toward an outdoor classroom. In February, we also coordinated a Staff Appreciation Week, where parents signed up through SignUp Genius to contribute different categories of treats each day for staff. Both initiatives were very successful and saw enthusiastic participation from families.

We have also extended an invitation to our School Board trustee, Karen Clare, and look forward to welcoming her to our final Home and School meeting in May. This will provide an opportunity to learn more about her role on the School Board and the work being done by trustees, while also sharing the many positive developments taking place at Eliot River.

As the school year comes to a close, our executive team will be transitioning to new leadership. We look forward to seeing how future executives will continue to strengthen the connection between families and the school community.

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

**Vice President: Kyle Ferguson**

**Treasurer: Karen Rivero**

**Secretary: Joeleen Fox**

### **Introduction**

The Englewood Home and School Association is thriving and we are so grateful for our community involvement. Englewood School has a small student population (~175 students), and we feel fortunate to have a small dedicated group of parents who regularly attend meetings as well as a terrific working relationship with our school administration. We continued with the same executive team from last year, this year welcoming Kyle as our Vice President.

### **Meetings**

Our meetings occur the second Tuesday of every month, from 6:30-8:00 pm. We offer a virtual option for attendance through Microsoft Teams. Attendance at the meetings ranges from 5-10 people per meeting, including one or two school administrators.. We have had five meetings this year to date, omitting a meeting in December due to the busyness of the season.

### **Communication**

We post regularly on our Home and School Facebook group about school and community events and help keep the school website and school Google calendar up to date. Jana van Omme, one of our dedicated members, compiles our monthly newsletter and ensures that it is sent out on the Facebook page and via PowerSchool. We are always investigating other means of communication and would love to speak with other Associations who have adopted other options.

### **Breakfast Program**

Englewood has a universal breakfast program that runs every morning. In prior years it has been run by school staff and volunteers; this year Jana took over the running of the program. We have big visions for expanding this program in the future, but have been struggling with accessing additional funding. This year it consists of a rotating menu of toast, yogurt tubes, and delicious handmade baked goods from Jana. The students look forward to their breakfasts and we are grateful for our community volunteers!

### **Milk Program Website Administration**

Our Vice President and resident technology expert Kyle runs our milk website. Our milk program has steady customers with an average of just over one quarter of our student population ordering milk every day.

*(Englewood Cont'd)*

## **Fundraisers**

The COSPEI fundraiser is our biggest fundraiser and has essentially eliminated the need for our Home and School to run small scale fundraisers during the year, with two exceptions: our Coupon Book Fundraiser has remained for the fall and spring, and our much beloved Christmas Flea Market in December.

We are so appreciative of the COSPEI program because it is low effort on our part and we do not need to coordinate events or recruit volunteers. In February 2024, we were averaging \$500/mth; in February 2025 we were averaging \$1,000/mth; and this year we're up to an average of \$1,350/mth. We take all funding requests to our monthly meetings for proposal and voting purposes, and have had a lot of good discussions about which projects to finance and why. COSPEI funds have so far played a big role in our activities this year, going towards the following: buying ice cream and juice for our Meet the Teacher evening in September (\$300); purchasing a new projector screen to accompany the new projector purchased by the school for our gymnasium (\$4,370); replacing some of our school crazy carpet collection (\$210); and supporting our school Breakfast Program to the tune of \$500/month.

Being based in Crapaud means that Englewood School spends more per field trip on bus costs than schools that live closer to the venues they visit (e.g. in Summerside and Charlottetown). This year we decided to donate the ~\$1,500 raised from our fall coupon book sales to field trip transportation costs.

Lastly, we had some remaining funds from our Pam's Playground fundraiser that allowed us to polish off some work on our playground. A local graphic designer (and mom of one of our students) donated her time to design and paint two of the pavement pads on our K-3 playground, adding a beautiful town scene on one and a marine themed hopscotch on the other. We were able to reimburse her for materials. Additionally we were able to hire a local contractor to add a pathway adjacent to our new play structure, move a Gaga ball pit, and build an outdoor volleyball court! Our outdoor basketball court gets a lot of use, so we also added some more sports balls to the bin on our court.

## **Staff Appreciation**

We held our annual Staff Appreciation week from February 9th-12th. For the last several years, we have asked our school community for gift card donations and to help out with a potluck for our staff. We suggested some additional ideas this year but the staff are happy with this combination so we stuck with it. Between donations and chipping in with Home and School funds, we ensure that we have enough gift cards for each of our 36 staff members (teachers, admin, EAs, custodians, and bus drivers) to win a gift card in our daily draws. We also hosted a potluck on Wednesday at lunchtime for the staff, and had a few parent volunteers in to supervise students so the staff could all eat together.

*(Englewood Cont'd)*

### **Community Impact**

In the fall of 2023 in the midst of our Pam's Playground fundraising project we started "Adult Gym Nights" to encourage community members to come out and use our school gym space and our new pickleball equipment. At the time there was an active pickleball community in Charlottetown, but nothing in our area. One of our community members took the initiative to start "South Shore Pickleball" and it is thriving, practicing several nights a week indoors in the winter, and several mornings a week on our outdoor court in the summer. We are so thrilled to see that this project has impacted everyone from our Kindergartners to their grandparents!

Our Christmas Flea Market celebrated its fourth year this December, and the students, staff and volunteers have an absolute blast at this event. This year we decided to donate the \$700 we raised to the South Shore Food Share, our local food bank.

### **Summary**

We are so grateful for our supportive Englewood community and our close relationships with school staff. We are happy to be celebrating another successful year with the Englewood Home and School Association.

**GEORGETOWN HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION**  
**Sarah Sampson, President**

Vice President: Charlene Hebert  
Secretary: Haley Zavo  
DAC Rep: Peggy McInnis  
School Administration: Sheryll O'Hanley

The Home and School Association met twice in 2025. Once in April 2025 and again in November 2025. Since the last report, children's behaviour has seen an improvement – behaviour has become better.

**Breakfast program**

Home and School volunteers prepared healthy morning meals 5 days/week and continue to do so. Charlene Hebert, Santana Parsons, Jacklyn Myers, Amie Mary, Fern Gotell and Sarah Sampson are the main volunteers who prepare breakfast each morning and continue to do so. Certain days are assigned to certain people.

**Year End School trip June 2025.**

Georgetown School sponsored the entire school to go see a movie in town on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**Turkey dinner**

Members of Home and School offered volunteer hours to prepare and serve this school meal in December. Lion's Club of Montague donated \$300 towards the dinner.

**Christmas Fair**

November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, GES held their Annual Christmas Fair.

**Kindergarten**

Eleven new children began school in September 2025.

**Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week**

Members of the Home and School also joined together to celebrate Staff Appreciation Week in February with special treats, and a new kettle for staff kitchen.

**Home and School**

Home and School is in need of a new Treasurer as Mallory Peters has stepped down.

**GLEN STEWART HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**  
**Emily Owen / Angie McCarthy, Co-Presidents**

**Vice President: Jenna Drake**  
**Secretary: Lydia MacDougall**  
**Treasurer: Randi Doyle**

As we reflect on the past year, we are pleased to welcome both new and returning members to our dynamic team. Together, we are driven by a shared commitment to foster strong connections between the school and our families, ultimately creating a supportive and engaging community for our students.

### **Overview of the Year**

The 2025-2026 academic year has been a remarkable journey for the Glen Stewart Primary Home and School Association. We kicked off the year with a heartwarming celebration during Teacher Appreciation Week, which set a positive tone for our numerous events throughout the year. Highlights included spirited activities such as our popular Chocolate Bar Bingo and the much-anticipated Fun in the Park to cap off the school year. In September, we also established a warm welcome for parents and guardians at our 'Meet the Teacher' event, enhancing our community spirit. As the holidays approached, we engaged in vibrant events including participation in the Stratford Schools Craft Fair and the ever-popular Breakfast with Santa, which brought festive cheer to families and faculty alike.

### **Meeting Highlights**

Our monthly meetings have seen fantastic participation, with an influx of 5-6 new regular attendees this year. These gatherings are attended by the principal and vice-principal, ensuring a collaborative atmosphere as we discuss the school's needs, brainstorm plans for upcoming events, and explore impactful ways to support the student body. Open communication and shared ideas allow us to make informed decisions that reflect the voices of our community.

### **Key Initiatives**

#### **Staff Appreciation Week (February 9-13, 2026):**

The Home and School Executive is eager to celebrate the unwavering dedication and hard work of our school staff. Through a week of thoughtful activities and surprises, we aim to express our deepest gratitude with various treats and events, arranged as follows:

- **Budget:** \$3,500

#### **Planned Events:**

**Monday, Feb 9:** Stocking the fridge and cupboards with fresh veggie trays, fruits, and delightful treats.

**Tuesday, Feb 11:** Providing a delicious pizza lunch from Domino's.

**Wednesday, Feb 12:** Restocking refreshments, including coffee, sweets, and a candy bar.

**Thursday, Feb 13:** Treating staff to a special lunch.

*(Glen Stewart Cont'd)*

- **Donations:** We kindly encourage parents to contribute monetary or prize donations to enhance the gifts.
- **Prize Opportunities:** Daily draws for \$100 gift cards and smaller prizes distributed throughout the week.

### **Fundraising Projects**

We take immense pride in the fundraising initiatives that not only support our school but also stitch our community closer together through engaging events. Here's a recap of our achievements and exciting prospects:

- **Goldrush:** An engaging fundraising initiative promoted via our Facebook page.
- **Glen Stewart Primary Apparel:** School spirit wear available through All Crest Clothing, with a portion of sales benefiting our school.
- **Santa Claus Breakfast:** Our second annual breakfast was a resounding success, with tickets selling out well in advance.
- **Stratford Schools Craft Fair:** This year, we raised an impressive \$4,500, with proceeds benefiting both Glen Stewart Primary and Stratford Elementary.
- **Chocolate Bar Bingo:** A returning favorite scheduled for February, promising another fun-filled evening.
- **Fun in the Park:** Set to be a highlight of June, this event will provide community activities ranging from fire truck demonstrations to face painting and delicious offerings from the Cavendish Fry Truck.

### **Communications**

Maintaining effective communication with our parents and the school community is paramount. Here's how we ensure everyone stays connected:

- **Facebook Page:** Regular updates, event reminders, and community news shared for easy access by parents.
- **Friday Wrap-Up:** Meaningful contributions to Glen Stewart's weekly communication wrap-up, ensuring parents remain well-informed and engaged.

### **Closing Remarks**

As we look ahead, we are excited for the opportunities and challenges that await in the second half of the school year. Our commitment to collaboration with the school remains steadfast as we aim to provide valuable support and foster a thriving educational environment. We are grateful for the involvement of our parents, staff, and community members, and we eagerly anticipate all that we can accomplish together. Thank you for your unwavering support!

**GULF SHORE HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**  
**Dorothy Wakelin, President**

**School Executive:****Vice President: Ashley Ryder****Treasurer: Charmaine Campbell****Secretary: Martina Cole-Gallant****Meetings**

Our Home and School Board has a great working relationship with the admin and staff. Meeting once a month on every second Tuesday. While we don't have a large attendance at meetings, Parents and Caregivers are always there to step in and help with the request for help with bake sales, staff meals or appreciation. Topics of discussion have been breakfast program/food Security. Events, fundraising, Classroom, School needs.

**Food Security**

A focus for the Gulf Shore Home and School has been helping with the Breakfast Program. Parent volunteers prepare and serve each morning. This year we also brought in the option to order Subs on Wednesdays, and continue to do pizza on Fridays. These options are well received by both parents and students. Also purchased a small fridge and freezer to help with food storage.

**Communication**

We use our Home and School Facebook page for the majority of Communication, Submit monthly Updates to the School Newsletter for families. We have very involved admin and teachers who communicate their needs from the board at every meeting in which we typically try to meet. Our fundraiser coordinator posts weekly about the Online Gold Rush fundraising campaign that helps contribute to purchasing things that help Home and School be successful with their role.

**Collaboration**

Gulf Shore Consolidated School, as well as the Home and School Board is very fortunate to have many invested individuals and groups in the Community who continually help make the school a great place. North Rustico Lions Club, and Food Market are frequent donors. North Rustico Robins and Hunter River Lions Club also assisted with donations towards our Home and School events this year as well. It is these collaborations and help from generous parents that donate financially and of their time that allows Home and School to make the requests that come from the school possible. We also worked with the school's leadership group and have run the music and engagement for Family Dances.

*(Gulf Shore Cont'd)*

### **School Spirit, Appreciation, Fundraisers**

**September:** We held A BBQ lunch during the Terry Fox Run

**October:** Hosted Halloween family dance. Provided supplies and chaperones for the student leadership team for their jr.high social

**November:** Supplied Parent Teacher Meals, Bought new sleds for the school's sledding hill.

**December:** Hosted a Christmas Store, Supplied Pancake Breakfast for all staff and students, Supplied Hot Chocolate at the School Skate. Christmas Concert Bake Sale

**February:** Parents dropped off snacks/treats throughout Staff Appreciation Week, provided a Hot Meal at Lunch, and gift cards

**March:** Organize Potluck during Parent Teacher Conferences

**May/June:** Subsidize cost of bussing for field trips. Year Book Sponsorship, Supply cold treat for year end Gulf Shore Games for Staff and Students and Grade 9 Celebration donation

### **Summary**

Located In North Rustico, Gulf Shore Consolidated is a great k-9 dual track english and french school, offering core french classes starting in Kindergarten and French Immersion starting in Grade 4. We continue to work with a small active group of regular volunteers, but are actively looking for new members to join the board. The 2025/2026 school has been busy and the home and school board strives to ave a great supporting role within the School with each year trying to improve past years events and programs.

**LUCY MAUD MONTGOMERY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**  
**Jennifer Knight / Katheryn Mackay, Co-Chairs**

**School Executive****Secretary: Jennifer Knight****Co-Treasurer: Sue Ann Campbell****Co-Treasurer: Bailey Praught****MEETINGS:**

- September 23, 2025
- November 26, 2025
- January 26, 2026
- March TBD, 2026
- May AGM TBD, 2026

Meetings are held every two months in person, if schedules permit. We have also exercised the use of virtual meetings which may help to ensure attendance in the future. Our bi-monthly meetings are used to revisit previous meeting agendas, as well as current agenda items to reflect on the key objectives needed to continue the process running smoothly.

**FUNDRAISING PROJECTS**

- We primarily focused and promoted COSPEI 50/50 draws which continue to be a success and the most popular option, which in turn means, at the moment there isn't a need to pursue any other large fundraising initiatives.
- We partnered with the school to do Coupon Booklet sales in the fall and spring as many individuals rely on these coupons and it increases school and community awareness.
- Mabel's Labels is a consistent but minor fundraising source wherein a portion of designated online sales from Mabel's Labels is donated to LM Montgomery Home and School Association.

**MEETINGS**

Meetings are held bi-monthly at the school; they are promoted on Facebook and in the Principal's weekly newsletter. Each meeting reviews the agenda and minutes, and presents reports from the principal, treasurer, and executive. We typically have highest community attendance in the initial September meeting but limited community attendance at subsequent meetings. Members of the executive and the principal attend every meeting. We are beginning to consider offering a regular virtual attendance option to ensure that all members of the community can attend if they are interested. At the September meeting any events, programs and fundraising plan for the year is discussed, along with the associated budget. Subsequent meetings address implementation of the events, programs and fundraising planned, financial updates, and discussions on any new concerns and ways the Home and School Association can support the school.

### **BREAKFAST/LUNCH PROGRAM**

- Volunteers were requested and scheduled to help provide students at school with breakfast items as well as sorting/delivering lunch items from the School Food Program. Weekly/bi-weekly supplies and menu items are ordered/delivered to ensure the program runs smoothly.

### **SCHOOL STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK**

We created a SignUp Genius page through a combination of donations from the community and items that were purchased by members of the LMHS. Items that were provided to the staff were: breakfast items, snacks, treats, gift cards and a donated lunch. The bus drivers and custodians were each given a gift bag. Along with the food donations, there were several community volunteers to monitor recess breaks to allow staff to fully participate.

### **PARENT EDUCATION AND GUEST SPEAKERS**

- Unplugged Canada presentation, which will be held April 2026.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

- The Home and School Association communicates by several means, such as: Newsletters, social media, school website, and via email. We communicate with the school most often via direct contact or email communication. We interact with the community primarily via Facebook and emails sent directly to the school community. Home and School activities are also included in weekly and monthly updates from the Principal.

### **COMMUNITY BUILDING EVENTS**

#### **● END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION**

On June 6, 2025 we welcomed students and their families for an end of year/welcome summer BBQ. Approximately 400 individuals attended. We solicited community donations and along with Home and School Funds, we were able to provide the community with a mixture of events, rolled into one, which included: Cavendish Fry Truck, BBQ hot dogs, Water, ADL Ice cream novelties, face painting and several vehicles, including race cars and military trucks, etc. for a “Touch a Truck” event.

#### **● BACK TO SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT:**

We held a back to school outdoor movie night for the school community on September 26, 2025. Approximately 300 students and their family members attended and it was very well received. We invited members of the community to help with monitoring the event and to help the members of the community have the best possible community movie night experience. This was the second year that we held this event.

*(LM Montgomery Cont'd)*

- **CHOCOLATE BAR BINGO**

We held a Chocolate Bar Bingo event on February 27, 2026 at the North Shore Community Centre. Approximately 120 students and their families attended and it was very well received. This was the third year that we held this event.

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

### **GIFTS**

- We are planning to provide the new East Royalty Elementary playground with a large gift for their playground. The hope is that this can be coordinated with the building process so that the item(s) are in place when the school opens.
- We are planning to provide a large financial contribution to an outdoor learning space at LM Montgomery Elementary. This space has been planned and discussed for several years but cannot be installed until East Royalty Elementary opens.
- LM Montgomery received the PEI Home and School Federation's Parent Leadership Grant for a presentation from Unplugged Canada, which will be held in April 2026.
- In continuing with last year's end of year celebration, we are intending to host another year end celebration on May 15, 2026.

**MISCOUCHE HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**  
**Tracy Jones, President**

**Executive Member: Erin Rifkin**  
**Co/Vice-President: Erynn Cormier**  
**Treasurer: Chantelle O'Brien**  
**Secretary: Lorri-Ann MacLean**

**List committees: Communications, School Food Programs, Fundraising, etc.** – no special committees

**Meetings/Discussion Topics**

- Meetings were held monthly (except December, March and June)...open to all parents and educators. We had president's report, principal's report, financial report, discussions included school events, music program, playground equipment fundraisers, any issues pertaining to the betterment of our children.
- Discussions on: PSB/DEEY Sexual Misconduct Policy, Bullying, keeping children safe online, and School Food Environment Policy Drafts. We took advantage of the monthly newsletter.
- We are very open at our meetings. We ask questions and are also transparent before the staff.

**School Food Programs**

- School takes care of that

**Fundraising Projects**

- We have requested COS money 1x for playground equipment. We may be requesting some more for a winter field trip.
- We held a Christmas Shopping event in December and made over \$600.
- We sold water bottles at the Halloween gym and made over \$40.

**School Staff Appreciation Week**

- We celebrated our school staff 2 x in February with Tim's coffee, tea and donuts and then a Valentine's dessert day.

**Communications - The Home and School communicated regularly by posting on our FB page.**

**Parent Engagement Project - We did not participate**

In closing, our Home and School may be small, but we work well together. Thank you to the parents who helped especially with the Christmas shopping event. Thank you to all school volunteers who contributed their time, energy, and support throughout the 2025/2026 school year.

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

**Vice-President:** Tanya O'Brien

**Treasurer:** Shara Kenny

**Secretary:** Jeri Munro

**Meetings/Discussion Topics**

- Meetings were held bi-monthly open to all parents and educators. Discussions included current activities at the school, classroom sizes, field trips, graduation, evening events (We hosted a Halloween and Winter Wellness dance), online sign up for parent teacher interviews, online payments for milk/pizza days
- Include educational topics discussion: PSB/DEEY Sexual Misconduct Policy and School Food Environment Policy Drafts.

**School Food Programs**

- Implemented online ordering this school year for the lunch program and milk
- Breakfast Program

**Fundraising Projects**

- Fundraising efforts throughout the year included: COSPEI

**School Staff Appreciation Week**

- We celebrated our school staff by:
  - providing drinks for the week (pop, Bubly water, and coffee)
  - Sweet treats day
  - Chilli lunch
  - Gift card elimination draw where every staff received a gift card ranging from \$5-\$50

**Communications**

- The Home and School communicated through facebook and the school newsletter

In closing, our Home and School thanks all school volunteers who contributed their time, energy, and support throughout the 2025/2026 school year.

**MOUNT STEWART HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION****Leanne Feehan, President****Katie McNally, Vice President****Crystal Jay, Secretary****Kara MacDonald, Treasurer**

Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month. It was nice to see some new faces join meetings this year. We offered free childcare during meetings. This was provided by grade 8 students, in the school gym. In turn, we gave the grade 8 class a donation towards their yearend trip. Topics discussed at every meeting include occupational health and safety concerns, parent engagement and our breakfast and 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 snacks and treats all week (baked goods, hot/cold drinks, munchies, dips etc) and a hot lunch (homemade soup and sandwiches) on the last day. We also gave a donation to the staff's casual fund, so staff could dress casually for the week. Throughout the week we also do 2 daily draws for GCs to random local stores/ restaurants. We also set up a "Staff Shout Out" Wall, where students can fill out a staff shout out paper and it gets posted to the wall.

Fundraising... Since joining the COSPEI Goldrush draw, we have been able to cut out our fundraisers. This has been such a great "money maker" for our Home and School and we have been able to help even more around the school. We have given the school money to go towards their "wish list", which includes different equipment and supplies for the school. We were also able to sponsor a school skate, help out with school events and will help with costs of year end field trips. We also held our Annual Christmas Shopping Party, the money raised from this goes towards the school's Christmas Families Project.

Parent Engagement Events... Home and School and Morell Regional High School partnered to hold a presentation, with guest speaker, Carl Burke. All staff, parents and older students (grades 7+), from the Morell Family of Schools were invited to attend. It was held in Morell High Cafeteria and our Home and School supplied light refreshments and a gift for Mr. Burke. This was a well-attended and received evening.

This year we have decided to start giving a \$250 prize at Morell High's Graduation, to a Morell High graduate, who previously graduated from Mount Stewart Consolidated, and who consistently gives their time and contributes positively to the school community.

We continue to run a Facebook group, where we share news from the Federation, 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. 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 and seniors that help 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.

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

**Executive Members**

Secretary and Treasurer: Kelly Stanley

**Overview of the Year**

Parkdale Elementary Home and School Association remains focused on supporting the school in building a community and bringing our families together through fun and educational events and initiatives. We have continued to approach Home and School “meetings” by alternating formal and informal meetings. We started off the school year by meeting with the school principal to reflect on the past year and look at the year ahead. We had our first formal meeting in early October to plan the Halloween Night Bingo, which was held at the end of October. A quick virtual meeting was held in early December to discuss having a 50/50 raffle draw at the Holiday concert and bringing in sweet treats for the school staff. Both initiatives were followed through, and we raised \$150 from the raffle draw. A formal meeting was held in January to discuss the upcoming Staff Appreciation Week. We also received news that we were one of the recipients of a grant that would help us plan another Diversity Fair in mid-April. February was a busy, but very rewarding month at Parkdale Elementary with Staff Appreciation Week, and a Kids vs Parents gym night complete with a pizza supper for all attendees.

**Meetings, Programs, Projects, & Initiatives**

We are pleased to share our key projects and initiatives at Parkdale Elementary, all of which are centred around our school goals: learning through engagement, community building, fostering relationships, diversity, and inclusivity.

Kids vs Parents Gym Night: This initiative, aimed to foster relationships while also promoting wellness, is held on multiple dates to accommodate different age groups (K-1, 2-3 and 4-6). New to us this year is adding a pizza supper. So far, we’ve had great success attendance- and feedback-wise, and we hope to continue this event in the future.

Halloween Night Bingo: Back by popular demand is our Halloween Night Bingo, which doubled as a fundraising initiative. We did a combination of cash and chocolate bars for entry/prizes. The school also graciously donated some prizes for best costume in different categories as well as best decorated table. The school gym was packed, and everybody had a great time! Talk about putting the “fun” in fundraising! Overall, we were able to raise \$650 for the Home and School.

Diversity Fair: Parkdale Elementary might be a small school with ~150 students but we are certainly big when it comes to diversity! We are proud to have cohosted the Diversity Fair event last year—a night to learn and celebrate the rich and vibrant community that makes up Parkdale Elementary. This event started with a potluck and some fiddle music, followed by presentations organized in stations, most of which were led by our own students and their families. Some of the presentations were: traditional dancing, counting in different languages, and displays of traditional clothing.

Gender Equity, Inclusivity and Diversity (GEDI) Grant: We are excited to report that Parkdale Elementary Home and School Association is one of the recipients of the Gender Equity, Inclusivity and Diversity (GEDI) grant from the province of Prince Edward Island.

*(Parkdale Elem. Cont'd)*

This grant will allow us to elevate our Diversity Fair happening in April. In addition, we will be planning for monthly “mini celebrations” to further showcase Parkdale Elementary’s diverse student body.

Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support (PBIS): Last year, Parkdale Elementary was chosen as one of the participants in a pilot program called Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support (PBIS). PBIS is a comprehensive framework being piloted across 18 Public Schools Branch schools. PBIS aims to foster positive behavioural, socio-emotional, and academic outcomes by establishing a safe, inclusive, and consistent school environment. The approach is evidence-based, focusing on proactive strategies tailored to individual and group needs (Source: [PSB website](#)).

At Parkdale Elementary, we have been focusing on integrating behaviour strategies for students who need Tier 1 and Tier 2 interventions, as part of implementing school wide PBIS. Some of these strategies include water breaks, spin bikes, positive praises, first-then tasks, restorative circles, class/school jobs, among others. You can read more about PBIS here.

Staff Appreciation Week (SAW): SAW fell on a short week due to a scheduled PD Day and was even cut shorter due to the weather. Nonetheless, we still ensured that our staff felt the love and appreciation through our themed days, many thanks to our parent volunteers! On Monday, we brought coffee, tea, donuts and muffins. Tuesday was Sweet and Salty Snacks Day, and we brought a variety of snacks and drinks. Wednesday was Thank Your Favorite Staff Day, where families were encouraged to send out a token of appreciation via paper notes, email, crafts etc. to the staff of their choice. Thursday was supposed to be free lunch for staff but was moved to the following Tuesday due to storm closures.

Communications and Engagement: Any Home and School related information is distributed to our families via PowerSchool, the school monthly newsletter and ClassDojo, while volunteer opportunities (e.g. sign-up sheets) are organized via Google forms. Formal meetings are usually attended by the President, Secretary, and our school Principal and Vice Principal. We continue to explore ideas to increase formal meeting attendance, and to add to our executive members. While we are only joined by other parents occasionally on our formal meetings, we are very grateful that any volunteer asks we’ve had have been fully supported.

Fundraising initiatives: The COSPEI Goldrush continues to be our main fundraising initiative, and as mentioned, we also had the Bingo Night and a raffle draw at the Holiday concert.

### **Looking Ahead**

As of this report’s writing, there was no formal meeting planned for March, but we plan to host another Kids vs Parents gym night at the end of March. This month will also be dedicated to planning for the Diversity Fair that’s happening in April. Lastly, we plan to have one more formal meeting in May to discuss end of year activities, which includes funding for bussing, an activity to celebrate our grade 6 students, and a hotdog lunch provided by the Home and School.

### **Closing Remarks**

We would like to thank our whole school community for the continued support and look forward to another great year at Parkdale Elementary!

**PARKSIDE HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**  
**Kristi Bernard, President**

**Vice-President: Kendra MacLellan**  
**Treasurer: Amanda Paynter**

The Parkside Home and School Association continues to work together to support students, staff, and families within the school community. With a mix of returning and new volunteers, we have continued to focus on initiatives that support student well-being, school spirit, and opportunities for families to stay connected to the school.

**Initiatives**

**Breakfast Program:**

Mrs. Delgado Keough continues to coordinate the breakfast program food and volunteers. With the support of a dedicated group of volunteers and assistance from the Grade 6 leadership group, food is prepared and provided for classes five days a week. We are grateful to local businesses and donors who continue to support and fund this important program.

**Healthy Snacks:**

Home and School continues to purchase snacks for the office to keep on hand to ensure students have access to food throughout the school day when needed.

**Playground Enhancements:**

This year, Home and School supported improvements to the paved playground areas by painting activity spaces for students. These include two four-square courts, two hopscotch games, a basketball key, and a dinky car track. These additions help provide more opportunities for active play during recess and lunch and help keep students engaged in a variety of activities. We are especially looking forward to these spaces being used in the spring when the school grounds can be messy.

We were also excited to receive two gaga ball pits, which have quickly become a favourite activity for students and are being enjoyed daily during recess and lunch breaks.

**Communication**

Home and School continues to share updates and information with families through our Facebook page, as well as through communications shared by the school through PowerSchool emails and their social media platforms. We appreciate the school's continued support in helping us connect with families.

*(Parkside Cont'd)*

## **Fundraising**

Throughout the year, several fundraising initiatives were organized to support school activities and programs.

We held sales of school calendars and Parkside merchandise, as well as our annual seed fundraiser, which continues to be a popular way for families to support the school while preparing for spring gardening.

During the holiday season, we hosted a Christmas bake sale at the school's Christmas concert. This event was well supported by families and helped raise funds for Home and School initiatives. Our Jingle Grams were also a fun activity that allowed students to send festive messages to friends before the holiday break. Students were also given Smile Stickers on Pink Shirt Day to promote kindness and support anti-bullying awareness within the school community.

Our Spring Raffle is upcoming and will help raise funds to continue supporting school initiatives and student programs.

The Parkside Home and School Association would like to thank all volunteers, families, staff, and community supporters who have contributed their time, energy, and generosity throughout the year. Your continued involvement helps make a meaningful difference for the students and the Parkside school community.

**PRINCE STREET HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**  
**Tanya Arsenault, President**

Vice President: Greg Alsop

### **Home and School Meetings**

We try to have at least 4 meetings throughout the year. We meet in October, January, April and May. During our meetings the topics are usually Principal Report, fundraising, School needs and PBIS.

### **Meet the Teacher Night**

Back in September for Meet the Teacher Night we had a BBQ. This was our chance to welcome new families to the school community and to get the word out for Home and School.

### **Fundraisers**

We participated in the Coupon Book fundraiser at the beginning of the year and will again in the Spring. For the first time we sold Poinsettias during the Christmas Season. We just recently held our annual "Family Games Night." This is always a popular activity. This is a free event, and we always have a cash canteen. We are looking to add an additional night in the fall for next year. Our biggest fundraiser event will be held in June called our "Spring Fling." We get together and have a BBQ, dunk tank, face painting, balloon making and lots of outdoor activities. We also participate in the COSPEI Goldrush draw. All funds raised during our fundraiser will be going to upgrade our playground and support school activities.

### **Staff Appreciation Week**

For Staff Appreciation week, Home and School decorated the staff lounge, supplied treat bag day and had Pizza Day. Parents dropped off treats all week long. There were also Gift Certificate draws that happened daily.

### **Resolutions**

We submitted a resolution for "Government Funding for Schools Playground" which is an Island wide concern. The government of Prince Edward Island currently contributes up to 50% (max \$25,000) for playground equipment which we all know with rising costs this is not enough.

### **Communication**

We have a Home and School Facebook page which is our main form of communication. We also have a spot in the Schools Newsletter which goes out every month.

**QUEEN CHARLOTTE HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION****Janice Hopkirk, Chair****Executive Members**

Members and Committees for the 2025/2026 school year:

- Communications Lead: Janice Hopkirk
- School Food / Snack Program Coordinator: Kim Muise
- QC Addition & Renovation Committee: Janice Hopkirk, K.J. White, Trevor MacNeill, Kara Whitnell

**Yearly Summary & Focus**

Principal Message - K.J. White - we outlined our SEL - Social & Emotional Learning Goals and yearly plan during our 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in October.

As part of our October SEL focus on Positivity & Resilience, we had Lucas Arsenault as our guest speaker. Lucas is a shark attack survivor and his story about being resilient and positive after facing a shark attack was an inspirational assembly for all students and staff.

We shared our COMPASS student survey data from the last school year and how we are focusing our SEL priorities in sync with our COMPASS results. Our students will complete this year's COMPASS student survey on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

We reviewed our reports about our upcoming renovation and addition for QC.

Planning on hosting a Multicultural Fair Event in May 2026. Please see the message below.

We would like to request funds through the Parent Leadership Grant to support the QC MC Fair in May.

**Multicultural Fair - message**

On Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>, Queen Charlotte Intermediate will be hosting a Multicultural Fair event to highlight the many different backgrounds, cultures, and countries represented at QC! We are looking for students interested in presenting on behalf of their home country. We are so excited to showcase our diverse culture and give students and families the opportunity to "visit" and learn about all countries that are represented at Queen Charlotte Intermediate. There will be a meeting for students who are interested on Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Please see Ms. Nabuurs if you are interested in presenting, or email [elarsenault@cloud.edu.pe.ca](mailto:elarsenault@cloud.edu.pe.ca) by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

We had our 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in January 2026, as the updated QC addition and renovation plans were not ready for December. In the January meeting, we discussed the following:

Updated QC Addition & Renovation Plans and we showed the parents at the meeting the entire floor plans for the school.

Jason MacNeil - Education Coordinator - PEI Heritage and Museum Association presented to all of our grade 7 students and staff about PEI Black History and a walking tour of the "BOG" in Charlottetown during February 3<sup>rd</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>.

*(Queen Charlotte Cont'd)*

Germaine & Joel from Inspiration Republic presented - We, They, Us - Black History is Canadian History to our entire school on February 20<sup>th</sup> celebrating Black History Month.

### **Programs, Projects, & Initiatives**

Our QC Home and School meetings reviewed and discussed the following topics below with our students, parents, and families during the meetings.

- Parent Leadership Projects - looking to have our Multicultural Fair on May 8<sup>th</sup>.
- School Food / Snack Programs - very popular - funding is positive.
- Guest Speakers - SEL Resiliency & Positivity - Black History Month - Mental Health
- COMPASS Youth Survey Results - shared with parents in H & S meeting.
- Communications: Newsletters, school website, emails, PowerSchool - very active.

### **Looking Ahead**

We will have a large number of school spirit days, dances. Band concerts, Earth Day activities, welcome our grade 6 feeder school students for a visit, and more addition and renovation planning, along with Home & School Meetings.

### **Closing Remarks**

We look forward to reviewing our COMPASS Student Survey results for 2025-2026 to plan ahead and continue our SEL yearly focus with positive Mental and Physical connectedness to our school now and in the future.

Thank you to the PEI Home and School Association for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Janice Hopkirk - QC Home and School - Chairperson

K.J. White - Queen Charlotte Intermediate - Principal

**SHERWOOD HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION****Sarah Borsos, President**

The Sherwood Elementary Home and School Association would like to recognize the following executive members and volunteers for the 2025/2026 school year:

**Vice-President: Bethany Robinson****Treasurer: Elina John****Secretary: *Vacant / Shared Support*****Communications Lead/Team: Home and School Executive (shared)****School Food / Snack Program Coordinator: Elina John (Breakfast Program)****Fundraising Committee: Home and School Executive with parent volunteers**

In addition to the executive, we are grateful for the many parents and caregivers who stepped in to support specific initiatives throughout the year, including Staff Appreciation Week, the Welcome Back to School Barbecue, the Playground Committee, and other school-based events.

**Overview of the Year**

The 2025/2026 school year was a positive and productive year for the Sherwood Elementary Home and School Association. We held monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month, providing a consistent forum for parents, guardians, and school staff to connect, collaborate, and support the school community.

A major focus this year was fundraising for the new school playground, an exciting long-term project that reflects our commitment to student wellness and outdoor play. Thanks to the generosity of families and the wider community, significant progress was made toward this goal, with further playground installation anticipated by the end of the school year or during the summer break.

Community-building was another key priority. The Home and School proudly hosted several events that brought families together, including a Welcome Back to School Barbecue in the fall and a school dance, both of which were well attended and warmly received.

**Meetings, Programs, Projects & Initiatives...****Home and School Meetings**

Meetings were held monthly and were open to all parents and guardians. Discussions typically included updates from school administration, upcoming events, fundraising initiatives, and opportunities for parent involvement. Attendance varied throughout the year, with stronger engagement around major events and projects.

*(Sherwood Cont'd)*

### **School Food / Snack Programs**

The **Breakfast Program**, coordinated by Elina John, continued to provide important nutritional support to students. This program remains a valued part of the school community and would not be possible without dedicated volunteers and ongoing support.

### **School Staff Appreciation Week**

Staff Appreciation Week was celebrated with the theme “**Thank You for Helping Us Bloom.**” Throughout the week, the Home and School organized:

- A pizza lunch for staff
- A snack cart/trolley delivery
- Decorations in the staff room and throughout the school
- Daily food and snack drop-offs from families

This initiative was a meaningful way to recognize and thank the dedicated educators and staff who support Sherwood students every day.

### **Parent Leadership & Committees**

The Home and School supported several parent-led initiatives and subcommittees throughout the year, including the **Playground Committee**, which worked closely with the school and Home and School executive to advance the playground project.

### **Communications**

The Home and School communicated regularly with families through **emails, newsletters, and school-based communication channels**, sharing updates about meetings, events, fundraising efforts, and volunteer opportunities.

### **Fundraising Projects**

Fundraising efforts throughout the year were focused primarily on the **new playground project**, as well as supporting school activities and community events. These efforts were supported by strong parent participation and collaboration.

*(Sherwood Cont'd)*

### **Looking Ahead**

As we move forward, the Sherwood Elementary Home and School Association hopes to:

- Host another school dance before the end of the school year
- Continue supporting the completion and installation of the new playground
- Provide ongoing support to school staff and administration as new initiatives arise
- Encourage continued parent and guardian involvement in Home and School activities

### **Closing Remarks**

The Home and School Executive has truly enjoyed being part of the Sherwood school community this year. We are proud of the progress made and grateful for the collaboration between families, staff, and volunteers. We look forward to continuing our work and supporting the school in meaningful ways as needs arise.

Thank you to everyone who contributed their time, energy, and support throughout the 2025/2026 school year.

*Respectfully submitted,*

**Sarah Borsos**

President, Sherwood Elementary Home and School Association

**SPRING PARK HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**  
**Jen Howard, President**

**Chantale MacEwan– Vice-President**  
**Cathy Lowe – Treasurer /Breakfast Program Co-Chair**  
**Brandy MacLellan-Stewart – Treasurer**  
**Bethany Kauzlarick - Secretary**  
**Heather Walker – Breakfast Program Co-Chair**

This year has brought exciting growth and renewed energy to our Home and School Association. We are pleased to welcome a new Vice-President who has already begun contributing fresh ideas and enthusiasm to our efforts. As we continue strengthening our connection between home, school, and the wider community, our focus remains on building meaningful relationships that support our students' success. While we are proud of the progress we've made, our biggest goal moving forward is to increase parent engagement—encouraging more families to attend meetings, share their voices, and actively participate in our volunteer initiatives. Together, we can create an even stronger and more connected school community.

**Initiatives:**

**Breakfast Program:**

Heather and Cathy have done an outstanding job sustaining our breakfast program, ensuring it runs five days a week. They consistently coordinate a dedicated team of 12-15 volunteers, manage menu planning and supplies, and work diligently to meet the needs of our students. On average, the program serves approximately 150 students each day, out of a school population of just over 400.

**Breakfast Program Menu:**

Monday - Yogurt Parfaits  
Tuesday - Muffins & Fruit  
Wednesday - Smoothies  
Thursday - Bagels and Fruit  
Friday - Toast and Fruit

Additionally, Heather and Cathy ensure that classrooms are stocked with snacks to best serve students in need of additional food. This is done in coordination with our school counselors.

**Spooktacular:**

This event takes place every year on the week of Halloween. The staff do an incredible job turning the school into a spooky and fun space for families to enjoy. Each year we participate by having a bake sale to raise funds, and we have, in the past two years, treated the staff to snack platters following the event as a thank you for all their hard work.

*(Spring Park Cont'd)*

### **Christmas Shoppe:**

Each December the school offers a “Christmas Shoppe” where children can bring in \$2 and purchase two gifts for loved ones from donated items. The items are then wrapped by parent volunteers and sent home as a holiday surprise for the child’s loved one. The Home and School provides wrapping supplies, and recruits volunteers and solicits donations of items. This year we replenished the wrapping supplies and made about \$200 after expenses.

### **Health and Wellness:**

#### **Student Wellness:**

In the beginning of the school year we were approached by counselors about providing We provided essential items to students, including underwear, shoes, toothpaste, deodorant, hairbrushes, and other basic necessities. After receiving identified needs from our school counsellors, we purchased the requested items and supplied them for distribution to students as required. In the new year, we also responded to additional requests for warm mitts and gloves to support students during the winter months. In total, we spent just over \$200 to ensure these needs were met.

#### **Staff Wellness**

This year, we were also pleased to provide additional support to staff in the creation of a dedicated wellness space within the school. After receiving a wellness grant to initiate the project, we contributed just over \$300 to further enhance the space. This additional funding helped the team create a comfortable and calming environment designed to support staff relaxation and well-being. We are proud to support initiatives that prioritize the health and wellness of our school community.

### **Staff Appreciation Week:**

Staff Appreciation Week continues to be enthusiastically supported by the Home and School at Spring Park. We continue to foster a positive and collaborative relationship with the wonderful staff at our school, and enjoy the opportunity to demonstrate our appreciation. Our budget for this week of treats and surprises is \$1,500.

- Monday: Treat Bags (assembled by volunteers)
- Tuesday: Taco Tuesday (Taco Boyz purchased by us, lunch duty covered by parent volunteers)
- Wednesday: Coffee, Tea & Hot Chocolate in the staff room (delivered by a parent volunteer)
- Thursday: Gift Card Giveaway! (Families donated gift cards earlier in the week for a giveaway)
- Friday: Sandwiches & Coffee (purchased by us, picked up by our principal as it was an in-school PD Day)

### **Award Nominations**

This year, one of our members proudly nominated Ms. Karri Shea for the Extra Mile Award. Ms. Shea consistently goes above and beyond in her support of students and the music program, making a lasting positive impact on the school community. We are delighted to recognize her dedication and contributions through this nomination, as a reflection of all that she does.

*(Spring Park Cont'd)*

**Committees:**

We continue to prioritize the engagement and recruitment of parent volunteers to support our initiatives throughout the year. Our goal is to make involvement both accessible and enjoyable, encouraging more families to take part in our projects. By maintaining a committee structure, we provide clear opportunities for parents to see where they can contribute, understand the expected time commitment, and become involved in a meaningful way—ideally continuing their participation year after year. Our current committees include:

- Staff Appreciation Committee
- Outdoor Space Committee
- Graduation Committee
- Fundraising Committee

Expenses for the Outdoor Space Committee and Graduation Committees haven't been spent as these typically are requested in the spring. Per previous years, we anticipate that we will spend approximately \$500 for Graduation and \$200 for Outdoor Space.

Our committees have allowed us to connect with more parents, and we hope we will be able to carry them forward for years to come.

**PSB School Board Trustee presentations**

Due to scheduling conflicts, we haven't had a chance to meet our new trustees, but we are planning on having them attend our next meeting in April.

**Communication:**

While we have had success in engaging parents and caregivers through maintaining our social media accounts (Facebook and Instagram) we continue to strive to reach as many parents as possible to have them join us, and engage with our group. We additionally submit updates and information in the monthly school newsletter that is mailed out each month. We are currently trying to find the best way to send messages to parents, perhaps via email sign-up. We hope to have a plan soon!

**Fundraising:**

We participate in the fall and spring coupon books sold by students (fall funds go directly to the school), and continue with our participating in the COS PEI Goldrush draws. This year we have also been selling Mitchell's soup to raise additional funds. We will have a better sense of the success of this new fundraising program by the end of the year.

(Spring Park Cont'd)

**Home & School Financial Summary**

**September 2025 – Present**

**Debits (Expenses)**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount (\$)</b>
Breakfast Club (Sept–Feb)	8,110.75
Christmas Shoppe Refill	424.43
Student Coffee Cart	361.63
Staff Wellness Room	308.97
Hygiene Kits	269.36
H & S Meetings	214.62
H & S Registration & Meeting Fees	210.00
Gifts / Treats / Thank Yous / Gift Cards	320.58
Mitchell's Soup Company Invoice	1,680.00
Teacher Week	1,583.14
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>13,483.48</b>

**Credits (Revenue)**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount (\$)</b>
Soup Sales	810.00
Christmas Shoppe	691.00
Hot Lunch Donation Button	287.00
Spooktacular & Soup Sale	437.00
Provincial Breakfast Program Funds	7,949.44
Cash Deposit – 2024 Spooktacular Funds	607.40
COSPEI	6,377.10
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>17,158.94</b>

**SOMERSET HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION****Rachel Waugh, President****Vice President: Nichole Doucette****Treasurer: Maggie O'Brien****Secretary: Jessica Gorrill****Breakfast Program**

Continuing last year's improvements to our breakfast. This is served every morning by a rotating group of volunteers that are given a minimum 2 volunteer days per month. Monthly schedules are sent out to the volunteers and printed and posted in the library where breakfast is served, so that everyone knows who is scheduled and what is to be served. We serve toast everyday, with apples, bananas, oranges, yogurt tubes and cheese on a rotating basis. This year we did a "spread the love" call out for donations of toast toppings (jam, cheese whiz, cinnamon sugar)

**Communication with Families**

We communicate with families weekly and on an as needed basis. Our president sends a weekly update to the principal, and this information is included within the weekly email that is sent from the principal every Sunday afternoon. We use sign up genius as a way to obtain volunteers when needed, and will also have the admin of the school facebook group share important information, links to sign up to volunteer and flyers made using canva. Home and School Meeting agendas are sent out 1-2 weeks before the meeting with requests for topics parents would like to discuss. We also created a one page newsletter that was printed and sent home with students in Sept, Oct, Nov and Jan. and will continue to do this when we have a lot of information to share and make parents aware of.

<https://somerset.edu.pe.ca/extra-curricular/home-and-school-information>

**Events**

**Family Fun Day** – We held an event for the school and community to come together for a day of fun. We had a variety of tractors, fire trucks etc. for kids to explore, we hired Par-T-Perfect for face painting and balloon twisters, the Western Capitals came out to play road hockey with the kids, and we provided a BBQ by donation. This was a really great way to kick off the school year. The local fire fighters are hoping it becomes annual because they had a lot of fun interacting with the kids, playing gaga ball and soccer.

**The Cost of Silence – Alain Pelletier** – As a continuation of our advocacy for students and the community with regards to bullying, we met with the Minister of Education in August and requested funding to bring out of province speakers to island schools. Once Alain Pelletier was secured, we requested more funding to host a parent focused presentation at Kinkora Regional High School. We provided light refreshments.

(Somerset Cont'd)

## **Fundraising**

Our goals for the 2025-2026 school year is to complete our fundraising efforts to add inclusive playground equipment to our playground. We have selected 5 items that we would like to see added to our playground. Through fundraising and a government grant we are close and hope we can have this done by the end of the school year.

### **Other Fundraisers/Grants this year:**

#### **Completed:**

**Mill River Raffle:** \$4180 - 1141 tickets sold: 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10. Sept 27<sup>th</sup>- Nov 13<sup>th</sup>

**Halloween Dance:** \$728.40 - sold glow sticks(\$0.50), juice boxes (\$1.00) and charged \$3 admission. Oct 27<sup>th</sup>

**Anne of Green Gables Chocolates:** \$960 – Nov 4-28th, 2025

**Christmas Bazaar:** \$917.80 – Christmas shopping, \$1 per item. Dec 16<sup>th</sup>

#### **Ongoing:**

**Mabels Labels:** \$75.42 -share the link on a routine basis on facebook and in weekly emails. We receive 20% from all orders placed. Keeping this as an ongoing fundraiser, so anytime people place an order we will receive commission.

#### **Upcoming:**

**2nd Annual Family Literacy Night** - May 13th from 5pm-7pm - This will be a way for parents and students to refresh their book collections in time for summer reading. We will have families donate books for all ages that they no longer want and set the gym up as a book fair. Students will be encouraged to prepare and read a poem or short story or complete an art piece to be featured in our art sale. Books will be sold for \$1 or \$2 each. Bake sale/Cafe/Art Sale.

### **School Staff Appreciation Week**

- Decided to provide 1 day a week for 4 weeks to spread the love and limit food waste.
- Dates for lunch/treats to be provided Wed. Feb 4, 11, 18, 25
- Sent out a survey to see if parents preferred to cook/bake or donate money for home and school to organize food orders. A significant amount preferred to donate money so we did a combination of the two to get the dates/items covered. Sign up genius was used to organize

**SOURIS REGIONAL HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**  
**Jessica Townshend / Paige Gardiner, Co-Chairs**

**Treasurer: Heidi Cahill**

**Secretary: Marla Townshend**

**Provincial Representative: Kelly Steele**

**Members at large: Stephanie MacPhee, Lynne Macphee, Karen Mullally,**

**Plus Our volunteer group who help for special events and activities**

We started off the 2025-2026 school year with our **annual chocolate bar fundraiser**, our biggest fundraiser to date. This fundraiser was for the K-6 students. The company provided us with prizes to the sellers. We also purchased Cineplex Movie prizes to hand out to students who sold the most chocolate bars.

We were able to help purchase some required items for the teachers and classes. We provided the school with 3 new microwaves and a care package for each classroom consisting of ‘**Classroom necessities**’ - Forks/Spoons/Knives, napkins, wet wipes, paper towels ect. This was receptive and appreciated by the staff.

This year we were unable to host our annual **Meet a Machine event**. We cancelled our original date due to a death in the community and were unable to reschedule. We will be back to the drawing board for a bigger and better Meet a Machine in September 2026!

Our **teacher request page** was in full swing. We were able to approve and purchase an IXL program for 2nd year, provide a magazine subscription for an extra-curricular group and assist with decorative paintings within the school.

We planned our 2nd annual **Christmas activity night** in conjunction with The Town of Souris. The town of Souris helped fund most of the Christmas activity costs, while home and school ensured it was broadcasted, planned and run smoothly. We were happy to be able to purchase a new, Christmas decorative inflatable for the children to enjoy during the holidays!

This holiday we were once again able to **sponsor a family** for Christmas. We were provided with a list of items for a specific family in need and were happy to be able to bring joy to this house!

During High school exams in January, our executive was able to work together to create “**Fuel For Finals**”. This initiative allowed us to provide nutritious snacks and drinks for students before and after their exams. This was a HUGE hit for the high school students

A huge outdoor problem our school has is a **very limited green space** for kids to play. Since this space is so small and over-utilized, the space becomes a pool of mud and mess, making it unenjoyable for the kids, parents and custodians. This past Summer we were able to find a solution and have the work completed in our front playground as well as the back green space. A win-win for students, staff and families!

Last year we updated the menu for our daily breakfast program. With this diverse menu, the kids are provided a well-balanced breakfast and are thoroughly enjoying it!

*(Souris Regional Cont'd)*

**Teacher Appreciation Week-** As always, we are so happy to celebrate our educators during their special week February 9-13th . We had daily treats planned for the teachers.

Monday: Fudge and Cookie Day – Local parent volunteers assisted with baking to provide the teachers and staff with Fudge and Cookies

Tuesday: Soup and rolls – Parents volunteers to cook and drop off croc-pots of soup for the teachers and staff to enjoy during their lunch break. We had over 10 varieties of soup for the staff!

Wednesday: Breakfast Burrito’s and fruit - Home and School was able to purchase locally made Breakfast burritos and fruit trays to bring to the school for breakfast for the teachers and staff.

Thursday: Baked potato bar – Townspud Potato Farm donated potatoes and local restaurant Tippy Farmer prepared and donated delicious toppings such as chilli and pulled pork for this meal.

Each day we had a draw for 2 gift cards awarded to our educators. We were also able to provide our Bus Drivers with gift cards to Robin’s Donuts!

**The Souris Excellence Award** was awarded to our recipient, Suzanne MacIntyre on Thursday, February 26th during a school assembly. Our recipient has a binder full of letters, pictures and stories of support. The assembly was completed with a- Music performance by Mrs. MacIntyre's class. Congratulations Mrs. MacIntyre.

**Bus Driver of the Year Award** will be presented in the spring. We have already received nominations for this.

**Cavendish Fry Truck** – This year we will have the cavendish fry truck come to the school for a fun lunch day/ fundraiser for Home and School. The students will all be invited to get lunch here on this day. All Proceeds will go towards ‘Project Playground’- More info to come on this!

**Spring Carnival** – In April 2025, we will be hosting our annual Spring Carnival. We have been working behind the scenes to make this event a big success! This event is both a fundraiser and spirit raiser for the SRS community.

This will be the 3rd year we are able to offer a **Bursary to an SRS graduate**. Our standard is to award a student who volunteers and helps with projects and events put on by Souris Regional Home and School and who may not be receiving any other awards.

New this year, we have developed a new initiative called **“Project Playground”**. With 2 of our Executive members spearheading this initiative, working alongside Community Foundation of PEI, we are hopeful to create a new play space at SRS! After much research and approval, with the help of Principal Lynne MacPhee, a beautiful play space has been developed. Our two Executive members have planned 3-4 major fundraisers to assist in securing funds such as an Alumni VS. SRS Hockey Game. This event is being planned for March 2026 which has created a lot of excitement in the school and community! Stay tuned for future fundraising efforts! We are hopeful to break ground in 2026.

We hope to continue to recruit more members and be as involved in the school as we can be.

**SOUTHERN KINGS HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**  
**Krista Sheppard, President**

**Vice President: Lisa Jackson**

**Treasurer: Ashley Higginbotham**

**Secretary: Emily Norton**

This year has been a great year so far!

In September we started our breakfast program and the government healthy lunch program started. Our breakfast program runs 5 days a week and we have multiple volunteers who run the program and come in and help make breakfast. There are many items that are offered throughout the week for breakfast such as: toast, pancakes, homemade biscuits and cheese, monk rolls, smoothies, French toast and lots of other items.

The healthy lunch program that runs 5 days a week.

In October we did an Anne of Green Gables fundraiser. The funds raised went towards items needed in our school so staff are better equipped to meet student needs. We also run numerous different fundraisers including online auctions, pancake raffles, bake sale, auction to help us ensure the students and staff have everything they need.

In December we were able to have our Christmas Dinner on December 10th and all the students and staff were able to enjoy a wonderful chicken dinner.

Staff Appreciation week was held February 9th-13th . We had many treats made from local businesses and dropped off at the school for our wonderful staff to enjoy. We are very fortunate to have such wonderful and caring staff at SKC.

We will be having our annual Swing into Spring Online Auction in April. This will be our 9th auction and we have raised over \$40,000 to date and all monies has gone back into our school to purchase new books for teachers classrooms, chrome books, new gym equipment, built a new outdoor shelter for our junior high students, and so much more.

Thank you.

**ST. JEAN HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**  
**Michelle Dunlop, Chair**

**How many times will your Home and School meet during the 2025-2026 school year, in total?**

We will meet a total of five times.

**What did you put on your meeting's agendas for parents and educators to discuss at Home and School meetings? Tell us about topics such as the student health survey, other health/well-being initiatives, healthy school food programs, bussed/walking student safety, etc.**

We discussed many topics including: curriculum, school goals, PBIS, fundraisers, the rationale and things the money is used for, and the need to create a new Facebook page to communicate with parents.

Social Emotional Learning (SEL) was also discussed, what it is and the five domains. The goal is to focus on staff this year and students next three years and how that will be implemented in the school. We are a pilot school for Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS). We discussed what this is and what it looks like this year.

Many families at St. Jean have moved here from another county, so part of Home and School discussions center around how things run in a PEI school (Parent / teacher interviews for example).

**Resolutions are the single most important tool that Home and School can use to influence decision-makers in government and school boards. Approved resolutions are forwarded to decision-makers who can make changes for the benefit of all island students. Did your Home and School Association submit a resolution to the Federation by the January 31<sup>st</sup> deadline? Briefly, tell us about the topic.**

No, we did not submit any resolutions.

**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

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

We communicate through a weekly email from Administration and social media (school Facebook page), Home and School will hopefully set up their own page to communicate this year.

*(Cont'd St. Jean Elem.)*

**Did you hold fundraising initiatives, and if so, what are the funds raised for?**

We participate in the Goldrush, which has been a successful fundraiser for our school. Home and School was able to cover the cost of several field trips for students, books for the library, staff appreciation week, and supported our FLC with some additional furniture.

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

No, we did not have any nominations this year.

**2026 Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week is the week of February 9-13. Briefly describe your activities.**

- Monday – Specialty Coffee/Tea break
- Tuesday – Popcorn Bar
- Wednesday – “Tray Day” (Fruit, Cheese, Meat trays)
- Thursday – Valentine Treat bags and Valentine’s from Home and School
- Friday - Staff Lunch

**The Federation’s Semi-Annual Meeting and Volunteer Training Workshops were held in Oct and Nov. 2024. If anyone in your Home and School attended, briefly describe what was learned.**

No one was available.

**Are you aware 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.

**Additional information and/or comments.**

N/A

**STRATFORD HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION****Vanessa Campbell / Femke Hakkers, Co-Chairs***Fundraising Projects:*

We continue to promote COSPEI 50/50 draws to raise money for the breakfast program expenses as well as other school needs. We also partnered with Glen Stewart School to organize a Christmas Craft Fair this past November. Students will also sell coupon booklets in the Spring.

We have used funds raised to buy an IXL Membership for the school, individual white boards for classrooms, a Britannica Encyclopedia Kids membership, a school mascot costume, new recess balls, and we plan to purchase decodable reader kits, and plan help support repainting areas on the playground (such as Four Square Grids) and possibly investing in a new Gagaball pit as well as investing in new sleds for the school. Supporting these types of needs is done thanks to the variety of fundraisers Home and School partakes in every year, as well as from donations from organizations such as the Stratford Community School.

*Healthy School Food Programs:*

Our School Breakfast program operates one day per week serving toast, cheese, yogurt tubes, bagels and fruit. This initiative is funded by our Gold Rush 50/50 fundraiser and is run by our Home and School volunteers. We also support daily non-perishable items to have available for in class breakfast/snack when necessary.

We have designated volunteers who run the hot lunch program each day, along with the help of the Leadership students at the school.

*Wellness Initiatives:*

We are organizing a Winter Wellness and Fun Day day for the school community to attend. It is planned for February 28 on the school playground and will include sledding, playground fun, a scavenger hunt and hot chocolate. We are hoping to continue to build the community and school connection.

*School Staff Appreciation:*

We purchased “Back to School” coffee and treats for SES staff on their first day back to school in September, as well as some coffee and treats for staff the week before the Christmas holidays.

Our Staff Appreciation sub-committee organized themed days for each day during Staff Appreciation Week. There was also a daily draw for a variety of gift cards for staff members. This was all done thanks to the financial support from parents/guardians, donations from local businesses, volunteer time from our subcommittee members, and the support of our Home and School.

*(Stratford Cont'd)*

*Engagement/Awareness Projects:*

We are planning to host another social media awareness night for parents and caregivers in April. Based on resounding positive feedback from last year, we will continue to build on our event from last year, and this year we will be inviting Community Legal Information to share their presentation “How to Have an Honest Conversation with Youth” with parents and caregivers. The goal of the workshop is to inform adults and provide them with helpful resources so they can support young people to stay safe in their online lives. This workshop covers topics including cyberbullying, cyber violence and cyber victimization, including specifically from a PEI context with real information from teens. The workshop will help participants learn: how to support youth in online safety and decision-making; how to spot the signs of cyberbullying; how to respond effectively to cyberbullying situations; and resources and supports that are available.

*Communications:*

We are always trying to increase parent/ guardian involvement within the school. We prepared a Home and School Info/Volunteer form to be handed out to students in their welcome package. We also created a google form so that parents could fill out the form online. We collected all volunteer info and created a spreadsheet to be used for different initiatives throughout the year.

We also continue to update our Stratford Elementary Facebook page regularly. Our school community has also been provided with our home and school email address, so they can reach us if needed. All Home and School information is also added to the weekly Stratford Elementary newsletter.

*Community “Give-Back” Initiatives:*

We had our second annual school “sock hop” for the students in December. Students were asked to donate warm socks, which were donated to the Outreach Center. It was incredibly successful again this year as hundreds of pairs of socks were brought in.

*School Safety:*

Members of the Home and School have continued to work with the manufacture of the school playground to ensure the playground remains a safe, enjoyable and welcoming space for our students and community. Together, we are addressing key repairs. We hope this will begin in the spring.

*School/Community Events:*

We provided hot chocolate and ring donuts for the school’s Olympic Day (the students rotated through different stations throughout the day) this past February. Members of the Home and School also spent the day prepping and taking care of the hot chocolate and treat station.

We will host our annual Spring BBQ in May/ June to close out the school year. We will have hot dogs, water, music and games in the school yard for students and their families to enjoy. This is always well attended and a fun evening for all. We are hoping to continue to add a multicultural component to it to promote and celebrate our diverse community by inviting local food vendors and musicians/dancers, and by trying to coordinate it with the school’s multicultural week.

**STONEPARK HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION****Sara MacDougall, President****Treasurer:** Cheryl Abbott

We truly appreciate our entire school family, every parent and staff member who steps up to support special events throughout the year, like Staff Appreciation Week, concerts, socials, and other school activities.

**Meetings/Discussion Topics**

- We hold meetings every six weeks and invite you to participate. Notices are shared through the school newsletter, our website, and our social media channels. These meetings are open to all parents and educators interested in staying engaged. Each session begins with updates from the Principal and Vice Principals regarding school activities, as well as news from the PSB, fostering transparency and open dialogue. Topics include upcoming school events, graduation planning, and new initiatives aimed at enhancing our school community.
- Additionally, we aim to discuss important educational issues, such as the PSB/DEEY Sexual Misconduct Policy and the draft of our School Food Environment Policy.

**School Food Programs**

- Breakfast Program – our school gets grants to run our “Bagel Barn” that is open every morning and feeds between 200 and 250 students a day. Students receive milk or juice, a half bagel and/or cheese string. On occasion, we have fruit, yogurt, or fruit smoothies.
- School Lunch Program – we have about 150 families avail of the provincial lunch program which ensures students who need a lunch, get a lunch.
- Chartwells/The Compass Group still runs a viable cafeteria menu at Stonepark as well.

**Fundraising Projects**

- We are proud to participate in the Creating Opportunities for Students PEI Gold Rush draw. The funds generated from this initiative support various purchases that benefit our school community. Items purchased include IXL math membership (an online math resource and assessment package), music instruments for the band program, and bussing costs for field trips.

*(Stonepark Cont'd)*

### **School Staff Appreciation Week**

- On Monday, we recognized our school staff by setting up a yogurt parfait station. On Tuesday, we provided sweets, coffee, and hot chocolate for everyone. Wednesday featured gift card prize draws, and on Friday, during the Professional Development Day, we offered a Valentine's Day treat and lunch for staff. Additionally, all bus drivers received a coffee gift card as a token of appreciation.
- We nominated Jill Burry, one of our Vice Principals, for the Extra Mile Award. During the school assembly on Pink Shirt Day, everyone enjoyed a lively "Cup Song" performance by students and staff. Jill was recognized and celebrated for her commitment and hard work – she truly deserves it!

### **Communications**

- The Home and School communicate through Email, Social Media and the School Newsletter.

In conclusion, our Home and School Association would like to sincerely thank all volunteers whose time, energy, and support have contributed significantly throughout the 2025/2026 school year.

**THREE OAKS HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**  
**Bevan Woodacre, President**

**Executive Members****President: Bevan Woodacre****Vice-President: Vacant****Secretary: Lorri-Ann MacLean****Treasurer: Robin Smith****Overview of the Year**

The Three Oaks Parent Council consists of five core parent members, one student member and the school principal. Monthly meetings include standard reporting on school happenings, a Treasurer's report and the assessment of funding proposals from the school administration and staff.

Our group acts in a support role to the administration and staff of the school in our shared goals to provide the best possible scholastic experience for our students. Meeting discussions lend themselves to key areas in which the school administration requires input or guidance. In particular, a key concern over the past year has been attendance. We have spent considerable time offering support to our principal in her efforts to curb attendance problems and incentivise consistent attendance.

While our committee primarily holds an oversight role, we also look for opportunities to add programming to the school that falls outside of curriculum. In that vein, we have partnered with administration to host a speaker series including presentations on the Holocaust, resilience, and anti-bullying,

Funding support administered through the Community Foundation of PEI and made possible by COSPEI, has proven essential to offsetting costs for ventures like these and for student activities and school needs that are either underfunded or fall outside the school budgetary allowance. Projects are carefully weighed against the administration standards of the Community Foundation with due consideration given to programs benefitting a variety of students across disciplines and interest categories (sport, academic, arts).

Particular areas of support have included band uniforms and travel support, graduate bursaries, planned parenthood materials, academic competition support, and the aforementioned guest speaker series. Speakers have included Lucas Arsenault, who brought a message of resilience, a Holocaust exhibition that was sombre and eye-opening, and an upcoming bullying series that promises to spur fruitful discussion.

*(Three Oaks Cont'd)*

Further funding administered by the TOSH Parent Council has supported several programs that impact food at school. Between sponsorship of a snack cupboard and discussions around health science delivery it has proven to be an area of interest for our group. In fact, we had in-depth discussions on the new food school policy, its impacts and implications for our school and its food service programs. Our group was encouraged by discussions with our Zone 2 Trustee, Emily McKeown, as well as the opportunity to provide feedback via survey.

Though our mandate is not academic, we do take interest in programs offered at the school and projects that offer our students new opportunities. Our school is a local pilot for a new program funded by Health PEI called Health Services 801X that has seen students explore careers in the medical professions. We have had several conversations on how the program has been received thus far.

In the coming months, we look forward to anti-bullying sessions guided by Alain Pelletier to be held at TOSH made possible by COSPEI funding and partial funding from the Department of Education . This programming will be accomplished over the course of several sessions in order to provide the opportunity for all Three Oaks students to engage.

As a council, we are privileged to offer our time to help guide our students in our small way. The insight we receive into their school experiences is invaluable. With each meeting we gain a deeper understanding of our schools' needs, the educational process, and the challenges facing our students. We are grateful for the opportunity to take part.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bevan Woodacre*

President

Three Oaks Parent Council

**TIGNISH HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION****Monika Morrisseyt - President****Treasurer: Melissa Handrahan****Vice President: Krystal MacDonald****Secretary: Meghan Shea**

The Tignish Home and School committee has met on numerous occasions this school year. Tignish Home and School uses email and FB messenger to keep in touch with parents. We have a Home and School Facebook Group which we use to update parents about upcoming events and happenings at Tignish Elementary.

Our new playground was installed in August, 2025 by Henderson Playgrounds. We raised over \$140,000 for the new playground. The playground sets and installation did not exceed the funds raised, so we have been purchasing needed recreational equipment with the excess funds. We purchased new soccer nets in the fall and recently purchased over \$7,000 in new gym equipment.

Fundraisers this year:

- We participated in the Dieleman online catalog fundraiser. It was a huge success. We gave prizes to our top 10 sellers.
- Toonies for Tummies fundraiser provided us with \$1000 with gift cards for our breakfast program and healthy snack. Community members donated the funds at the checkout at the Co-op.
- We continued with our Crowdfunding Facebook Group called "Weak Good Deals". We get lottery licenses and do prize draws. We have been very successful. All funds raised go back into the school.
- We had a PJ day in support of our local food bank in December. Students were asked to bring non-perishable food items
- Every year we participate in our ANNUAL Seafood draw which is sponsored by the Provincial Credit Union. Their generosity is greatly appreciated and the draw would not be possible without their support. The prizes are \$200 Seafood, \$300 Seafood, \$500 Seafood vouchers from Tignish Fish Mart. We provided the top two selling classes with pizza parties.

Our Healthy Options program which was started two years ago was successful and we have continued with it again this year. 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. We also included apples this year from a local apple orchard.

*(Tignish Cont'd)*

Money raised in our fundraisers also goes toward the snack which we do every Thursday. This program was started many years ago and because of our great volunteers has remained intact. 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 donated money to help with the purchase of new books, a large sectional couch, gym equipment, soccer nets or other supplies the school needs and this year new playground equipment. We donate to have Maurice Bernard, 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 for two students and we paid for the third student from our Home & School funds. This past summer we had 3 university students hired as our number of summer students was higher than previous years. We were able to support approximately 90 students through our summer reading program with tailored lessons based on individual learning needs.

In December Tignish Home and School asked staff/students what class gift they would like for Christmas. We purchased \$100s worth of gifts 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.

Staff Appreciation Week this year was successful. Monday we delivered coffee, tea and muffins from our local coffee shop as well as donated cakes. Tuesday we delivered a fruit tray, veggie tray, charcuterie boards, pre-ordered subs and sandwiches. Wednesday 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. Thursday staff had left overs from the potluck and we also did our healthy snack. Friday was a PD day and staff were treated to pizza and garlic fingers from our local bakery. The staff was very appreciative.

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 HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**  
**Kate Drake, President**

**Secretary: Brittany Chappell**

**Treasurer: Megan Brown**

This year, we have moved our meetings from bi-monthly to every six weeks. We found that there was too much happening and needed the extra meetings to go over everything. We also pay grade 9 students to babysit in the gym during meetings to allow for more parents to attend the meetings. We thanked Ellen Brown and Vicky Edgar for their three years on the Home and School board and welcomed Megan and Brittany as treasurer and secretary. This year, we joined the COSPEI Gold Rush. The additional weekly funds will be used towards extra classroom support.

**Special Events/Fundraisers:**

- 70 Mile Yard Sale – we registered as a stop along the 70 Mile Yard Sale and rented tables and space. This was an easy event to run and a great way to start the year off.

- In October, we held our annual Halloween Dance. We hosted it at St Joachim's Hall. Again, this is an easy event to run. All funds raised were donated to a local school family.

- In December, we hosted 'Breakfast with Santa' and it was very successful. We hosted it at St. Joachim's Hall. The grade 9 class as well as band students served the meal, and we were able to donate funds to the Grade 9 Travel Funds as well as the music program.

- In May we will be hosting our Spring Carnival, it continues to be a fun and successful community event.

For our events, we organize sub-committees to help plan and organize. We also use our FB page to reach the broader school community and keep them up to date on what is happening.

Because of the money raised through these events, this year, we have been able to support classroom teachers and staff more than ever before. This includes:

- Supporting the resource program, music program and athletics as well as donations to the breakfast program
- Purchasing a new school mascot (Blaze the Mustang!)
- Supporting class and school field trips
- Supporting the grade 9 class with funds for their end of the year trip as well as new décor for graduation
- Pancake breakfast for students and staff
- Snack cart treats for students and staff (Milk & Cookies at Christmas!)
- Recess bags for every class (included: soccer balls, footballs, skipping ropes, four square balls, sidewalk chalk, etc. as well as shovels for the wintertime)

*(Vernon River Cont'd)*

This year, we have a Google form for teachers to fill out when they are requesting something for their classroom. This has streamlined the process and we have been happy to help out with art supplies, head phones, book publishing, light covers and more so far this school year!

**Communications:**

- Our main source of communication with families continues to be through our Facebook page, this proves to be the quickest and most efficient way to get information out. We run two FB pages – ‘Vernon River Consolidated School’ and ‘Vernon River Home and School’. The latter is for the broader school community as well as alumni and the prior is for current parents/guardians and staff.
- We have a group of parents who monitor the page to answer questions and post when needed
- Teachers also post school updates including new information about the PBIS program
- We have an internal FB group for the executive members (past and present)

**Teacher Appreciation Week:**

- We organized a sub-committee to plan for the week
- We had a group of parents’, volunteer and split up the days
- Some of the days included:
  - Homemade lunch
  - Take out lunch (tacos)
  - Small gift bags (including custom pens, notepads, chocolate, etc.)
  - Custom school lanyards
  - Sweets (gluten free as well) and coffee & hot chocolate

The cost of the week (the above) was covered by Home & School.

**Other:**

- Our Hot Lunch program is officially back up and running this year. We have a few volunteers that run this and allow for our students to have a weekly pizza day.
- We are in the planning stages of an outdoor track. We think this would be an beneficial addition, not only for the school but the wider community.
- Our Home & School continues to gain a lot of momentum; we have a small but great group of volunteers who are continuously working to better our school community and are looking forward to what is coming!

**WESTISLE COMPOSITE HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION****Dionne Tuplin, President****Executive Member:****Co/Vice-President: Vacant****Treasurer: Dionne Tuplin****Secretary: Vacant**

Westisle Composite Home and School Association was revitalized in November 2025 and continues to rebuild parent and student engagement within our school community.

We thank our entire school community — parents, guardians, and staff — who support initiatives throughout the year. While we recognize that families have busy schedules, we continue to encourage increased parent representation and participation at our meetings.

**Meetings/Discussion Topics**

- Three meetings were held during the school year in November, February, and April.
- Discussions included purchasing graduation gowns to replace aging inventory, reviewing student and athletic fees in response to increasing costs, digital versus paper report cards, and potential school improvements.
- Attendance and student engagement remain standing agenda items. Westisle has seen measurable progress, including approximately a 15% improvement in overall student attendance.

**School Food Programs**

- Westisle continues to support students through its Breakfast and Lunch Program, helping ensure students have access to nutritious meals each day so they are ready to learn and fully participate in school life.

**School Staff Appreciation Week**

- Staff were recognized with a catered appreciation meal in March of the previous school year, which was warmly received by teaching and support staff.
- During the current school year, staff were also celebrated with a fruit and dip appreciation day held on February 12, recognizing their continued dedication and support of Westisle students.

**Communications**

- The Westisle Composite private Facebook group continues to be used to keep families informed of meetings and school-related updates.

In closing, the Westisle Home and School Association extends sincere thanks to all volunteers who contributed their time, energy, and support throughout the 2025–2026 school year.

## WEST KENT HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

**Laura MacLean, Chair****Renee Harper - Co-Chair****Peter Hagen - Co-Chair****Cheryl Cassidy - Treasurer****Sarah O'Neill- Secretary****Meetings/Discussion Topics**

Our Home and School meetings are held every two months, in the school library. Meetings are open to all parents and guardians and school staff. The meetings include the principal's report, financial report, updates on the school food program, fundraisers and upcoming events, and an update on the PBIS program, as well as review and discussion of newPSB policies. At our most recent meeting in January, we had a presentation from our new zone 5 School Board Trustees.

**Healthy School Food Programs**

Our breakfast program runs every morning, serving approximately 150-200 students. Our Youth Service worker, Marin McCabe, organizes our volunteers (which consist of parents and grandparents), and they meet in our school kitchen each morning to assemble the rotating menu of toast, yogurt tubes, cheese, homemade muffins and fruit, and smoothies. We are always looking for more options to expand this program and improve our kitchen space. The students look forward to their breakfast, and we are grateful for our volunteers and the funding we received this year. We also run a snack program where students can get a piece of fruit or granola bar during morning snack time. We usually give out between 50-100 snacks per day.

**Literacy Programs**

The Home and School donated \$1500 to purchase new books for the school library this year and funded visits from local authors.

**Wellness Initiatives**

West Kent is committed to wellness and initiated another Winter Wellness Day for the students on Friday, February 20th, with a variety of indoor and outdoor activities. West Kent hosted a used book sale during the Winter Wellness Day and all proceeds are being donated to Easter Seals.

**School Staff Appreciation Week**

We celebrated our exceptional West Kent staff during Staff Appreciation Week from February 9-13. We chose an 'In Flight' theme and had the following celebrations for each day: Monday - Inflight beverages, Tuesday - Inflight snacks, Wednesday - Inflight breakfast, Thursday - Baggage claim (gift cards given to staff), Friday - First class meal (catered lunch).

*(West Kent Cont'd)*

### **Curriculum Pilots**

West Kent was fortunate to continue being a pilot school for the Positive Behaviour Intervention Strategies (PBIS) program, with teacher Janel Dunning leading the program at West Kent. Janel provides a presentation and update on the PBIS program at each Home and School meeting.

### **Communications**

We post regularly on our Home and School Facebook page about school and community events and attach any important events to school newsletters sent out weekly via email.

### **Fundraising Projects**

We hosted our annual West Kent Fall Fair in October. This is our major fundraiser for our West Kent Home and School. It consists of a variety of indoor and outdoor activities and is a much loved community event. Money raised from the Fall Fair was used to help fund an LCD screen and projector for the school gymnasium.

We carried out our poinsettia fundraiser in November, money raised was provided to West Kent families in need of financial support over the holiday season. We also held our annual Holiday Shop in December, money raised from the Holiday Shop was also distributed to West Kent families in need.

We continue to participate in the Cos PEI Gold Rush program as a passive fundraiser for our school.

*In closing, the West Kent Home and School would like to say a big thank-you to all school staff and volunteers who contributed their time, energy, and support throughout the 2025/2026 school year.*

**WEST ROYALTY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION  
Stephanie Chaloner, President**

**Co/Vice-President: David Stirling**

**Treasurer: Krishna Thakur**

**Secretary: Raveena Sahani, Lihong Xie**

**Executive Members: Krystle Younker, Paolo Flores, Amy Palmer**

**List committees: Healthy Snack Committee, Staff Appreciation Week planning committee**

We would like to thank our school community for the support throughout the year. Our West Royalty School administration and staff are truly the best to work with. We have been able to invest funds into our school by the enthusiastic causable participation from our school community.

**Meetings/Discussion Topics**

- Meetings were scheduled for 4x this school year. This format has helped us with meaningful discussions and meetings were planned around dates for award submissions, staff appreciation or our end-of-the-year fun BBQ. These meetings were open to the school community and staff.
- We hosted our Zone 5 School Trustees and had discussions on: PSB/DEEY Sexual Misconduct Policy and School Food Environment Policy Drafts and playground equipment.

**School Food Programs**

- Our Breakfast program is led by school staff with dedicated weekly volunteers. The WR Home and School offers financial support when needed.

**Fundraising Projects**

- We have not had any additional fundraising projects this year due to our Causable earnings. This school year we have invested the following into the school:
  - Playground Swings: \$26,989.00
  - Classroom supplies: \$3,100.00
  - Library Shelving: \$5,000.00
  - Learning Centre Equipment: \$228.85
  - Mats (for gym program): \$4,213.00
  - Decodable Texts: \$3,200.00
  - Headphones & Whiteboards: \$880.00

**School Staff Appreciation Week**

- We celebrated our Staff by doing the following:

*(West Royalty Cont'd)*

- Monday: Coffee, Tea, Bagels, Cinnamon Rolls, Spreads
- Tuesday: Cupcakes, Popcorn
- Wednesday: Assortment of snacks
- Thursday: Storm Day
- Friday: Candy Bar and Taco Boyz Lunch

Each staff member was presented a thank you card with \$10 Cows gift card (115 staff) and free pizza coupons from Little Caesar's. We had donations from the parent community, Kays Wholesale and Little Caesar's and the WR Home and School donated \$1,400.00 to make this week possible.

### **Communications**

- The Home and School communicated regularly by facebook posts and emails on PEI Home and School news and our local news.

In closing, our West Royalty Home and School would like to thank all school volunteers who contributed their time, energy, and support throughout the 2025/2026 school year.

**WESTWOOD HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**  
**Sara Beaton, Co-Treasurer / Emily Cannon, Co-Treasurer**

**Secretary: Emily Cannon**

**Treasurer: Emily Cannon, Sara Beaton**

**Communications Lead/Team: Lorraine Jamieson**

**Fundraising Committee: Lorraine Jamieson, Suzanne Stewart, Whitney Jenkins, Emily Cannon**

**Overview of the Year**

Our meetings involve discussions with the Principal and Vice-Principal and how Home and School can support our teachers and the school.

A plan has been put in place to ensure that trees that had fallen during Fiona were removed this year to reduce the risk of students being injured while playing on school grounds.

Westwood staff were asked to send classroom requests to Home and School Association (HSA) for assistance. Last year, HSA did two sittings (October & June) with teachers to see where HSA could assist with classroom requests. The majority of requests were supplies, books, games etc. The plan is to have at least one additional session prior to the end of the year.

Similar to last year, Westwood HSA partnered with Anne of Green Gable Chocolates. The fundraiser was live for two weeks in November, pickup arranged at the school to align with Parent Teacher interviews.

It was mentioned that used clothing was required by the school, particularly in the winter season as many students do not come to school with a change of clothes. Home and School arranged a Signup Genius outlining items required for the school allowing volunteers to send in gently used clothing and HSA purchased socks and underwear to ensure there was an adequate amount on hand.

HSA arranged for Teacher Appreciation week by setting up a Signup Genius that allowed parents to select which day they would like to drop off food (outlined by day) to the school for the teachers to enjoy.

Monthly draws take place throughout the school year. The funds are allocated back into Westwood to assist with teacher/school needs.

*(Westwood Cont'd)*

### **Meetings, Programs, Projects, & Initiatives**

Home and School meetings are held every second month throughout the school year. Attendance is consistent at between 4-5 parents. It continues to be hard to recruit new parents to volunteer time due to other commitments.

One key discussion held this year was 'TVs in the School', a few additional parents showed up for that meeting to voice their concern on too frequent TV usage in classrooms. The guidelines for that item have since been changed.

No guest speakers were hosted to date.

### **Looking Ahead**

For the last quarter of the year, Win with Westy monthly draws, continuing to try to recruit a few new members and setting up meetings with teachers are on the agenda.

Thank you.

**Prince Edward Island  
Home and School Federation**

**Proposed Resolutions  
Annual General Meeting  
April 18, 2026**

**RESOLUTION 2026-01 INTEGRATING PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT INTO THE  
PROVINCIAL CAPITAL BUDGET**

**Submitted by Prince Street Home and School Association**

WHEREAS play is essential for children’s development and for their physical, mental, and social health. [Canadian Pediatric Society, July 2024], and

WHEREAS the right to play is recognized in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child to be as fundamental as the rights to be cared for and protected from violence. [Canadian Pediatric Society, July 2024], and

WHEREAS the Government of Prince Edward Island states that  
*“It is steadfast in its efforts to improve child well-being across the province; every child deserves the opportunity to grow, thrive, and feel supported in every aspect of their life. In Prince Edward Island, we are committed to creating a brighter future for our youngest residents by addressing the key dimensions of their well-being. From nurturing emotional resilience and physical health to ensuring economic stability, safety, and a sense of belonging, our province is taking meaningful steps to support children and families at every stage of their journey. [Initiatives for Young Children in Prince Edward Island, 2019-2025, Government of Prince Edward Island, February 2025]’*, and

WHEREAS parent committees struggle to fundraise enough money to purchase CSA-certified playground equipment. Due to the high cost of living, the level of charitable giving in Canada is falling. “From 2013 to 2023, almost every province recorded a drop in the share of aggregate income donated to charity, with the largest being the 24.7 percent decline seen in PEI.” Fraser Institute, National Newswatch, Dec. 15, 2025, and

WHEREAS parent committees are volunteers and may not have the legal expertise currently required to purchase playground equipment for schools. “PEI Parents Group Upset After New Playground Equipment Didn’t Meet Standards,” CBC News, Dec. 17, 2025, and

WHEREAS the Government of Prince Edward Island currently offers a Playground Equipment Fund contributing up to 50% (max \$25,000) for equipment at CSLF or PSB schools. A single CSA certified playground structure can currently cost up to \$150,000.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PEI Home and School Federation urges the Department of Education and Early Years and the Public Schools Branch to establish playground equipment and accessible outdoor play spaces as standard components within the provincial capital budget for new school builds, expansions, and major renovations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this capital funding commitment cover not only installation, but also the timely replacement of expired or unsafe equipment according to best practices and CSA standards;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that consultation with parent advocates, accessibility organizations, and school communities be included in the planning process to ensure equity and inclusion.

DESTINATION: Minister of Education and Early Years  
PEI Premier of PEI  
Green Party Critic for Education and Early Years  
Liberal Party Critic for Education and Early Years  
NDP PEI Executive and Council

**BACKGROUND:**

1. Position Statement of Canadian Pediatric Society, “Healthy childhood development through outdoor risky play: Navigating the balance with injury prevention” Paediatrics & Child Health, Volume 29, Issue 4, July 2024, Pages 255-261

**RESOLUTION 2026-02 INCREASE PSYCHO-EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT CAPACITY FOR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

**Submitted by Stratford Home and School Association**

WHEREAS psycho-educational assessments are essential for identifying students' learning, cognitive, emotional, and behavioural needs, enabling schools and families to implement appropriate and timely supports and interventions, and

WHEREAS timely access to psycho-educational assessments is critical to student success, yet students in Prince Edward Island (PEI) frequently experience wait times of one year or longer for school-based assessments due to limited capacity and increasing demand, and

WHEREAS provincial reviews and reports have identified **lengthy wait times for psycho-educational assessments as a systemic concern**, noting that delays can negatively impact student outcomes and place additional strain on educators and classroom resources, and

WHEREAS **delays in accessing assessments create inequities for families**, as those with financial means may pursue private assessments at significant personal cost, while others must remain on extended wait lists for publicly funded services, and

WHEREAS **without timely assessment and identification, students may be unable to access appropriate accommodations**, individualized programming, or interventions, potentially affecting their academic achievement, social-emotional well-being, and long-term educational outcomes, and

WHEREAS **increasing psycho-educational assessment capacity** aligns with inclusive education principles and supports early identification and intervention, which are proven to improve outcomes for students with diverse learning needs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the PEI Home and School Federation requests that the Department of Education and Early Years (DEEY) and the Public Schools Branch (PSB):

- Invest in additional school psychologists and psycho-educational assessment **positions** within future staffing allocations to significantly reduce wait times for assessments for school-aged children across Prince Edward Island.

- Establish and communicate **clear provincial timelines and service benchmarks** for the completion of psycho-educational assessments and the sharing of results with families and schools.
- Provide **annual public reporting** on psycho-educational assessment wait lists, completed assessments, and staffing levels to ensure transparency and accountability.
- Explore and expand **alternative service delivery models**, including partnerships and pilot initiatives, to increase assessment capacity and meet the growing demand for services.

DESTINATION: Minister of Education and Early Years  
Public Schools Branch/Board of Trustees  
PEI Premier of PEI

SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND REFERENCES:

- Prince Edward Island reports have identified psycho-educational assessment wait times of approximately **one year or more**, indicating that current service capacity does not meet demand.  
[https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/publications/better\\_together\\_report.pdf](https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/publications/better_together_report.pdf)
- Provincial reviews of mental health and youth services have highlighted the importance of timely access to assessments for children and youth and the negative impacts of prolonged wait times.  
<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/publications/mhareport.pdf>
- National research notes that delayed or inaccessible psycho-educational assessments can contribute to inequities, particularly for families unable to afford private services.  
<https://cps.ca/documents/position/learning-disorder>

**RESOLUTION 2026-03 REPEAL SECTION 43 AND PROHIBIT CORPORAL PUNISHMENT OF CHILDREN**

**Submitted by Colonel Gray Home and School Association**

WHEREAS Canada’s Criminal Code still allows adults to hit children through section 43, which creates a special defense for parents, teachers, and “persons standing in the place of a parent” who use “reasonable” force by way of correction, making children the only group in Canada singled out in law as people who may be physically punished if an adult can convince a court the force was “reasonable”; and

WHEREAS over time, Canadians have removed legal defenses that once allowed physical punishment of prisoners, sailors, apprentices, wives, and others, strengthened protections for animals, and affirmed that violence is not an acceptable way to resolve conflict, yet have left in place the defense that allows adults to cause pain to children in the name of discipline; and

WHEREAS Canada has signed the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and promised to protect children from “all forms of physical violence,” yet section 43 remains, sending a confusing message to children when they are taught that “violence is never the answer” while the law still says being hit is sometimes acceptable if you are small enough and call the person hitting you “Mom,” “Dad,” or “teacher”; and

WHEREAS love grounded in dignity and non-violence uses evidence-based guidance and discipline, not fear and pain, and a substantial body of research has accumulated against corporal punishment, with sixty-seven countries around the world having abolished similar legal defenses and moved to fully protect children from physical punishment by 2025; and

WHEREAS Canada, a country that sees itself as a leader on human rights, is now trailing behind many other nations in offering children full legal protection from physical punishment in their homes, schools, and other child-serving settings; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the PEI Home and School Federation urges the Government of Canada to repeal section 43 of the Criminal Code and to remove any legal defense that permits the use of corporal punishment or other forms of physical punishment against children; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PEI Home and School Federation calls upon the Government of Prince Edward Island, the Department of Education and Early Years, and the Public Schools Branch to update all relevant provincial legislation, regulations, and policies to explicitly prohibit corporal punishment and all forms of physical punishment in all child-serving settings, including schools, early learning and child-care programs, and residential or institutional settings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PEI Home and School Federation urges the provincial government and education partners to provide and fund positive, non-violent, evidence-based tools for guidance and discipline, so that parents, caregivers, and educators are supported to use approaches that align with messages of kindness, anti-bullying, and healthy relationships promoted in schools throughout the year.

DESTINATION:    Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada  
                         Minister(s) responsible for Children and Social Development of Canada  
                         Minister of Education and Early Years of PEI  
                         Public Schools Branch/Board of Trustees of PEI  
                         Minister of Health and Wellness of PEI  
                         Minister of Justice and Public Safety of PEI  
                         Minister of Justice and Attorney General of PEI  
                         Public Schools Branch / Board of Trustees  
                         Premier of PEI

**RESOLUTION 2026-04: URGING COMPLIANCE WITH PEI TEACHER  
LIBRARIAN DIRECTIVE (MD 2025-05) BY HIRING A  
PROVINCIAL TEACHER-LIBRARIAN LEADER**

**Submitted by: Bloomfield and O’Leary Home and School Associations**

WHEREAS young people in Prince Edward Island have increasing information literacy needs particularly in the face of rapidly developing AI, social media, and

WHEREAS the Public Schools Branch and the Department of Education and Early Years value Inquiry-Based Education, and

WHEREAS certified Teacher-Librarians are specialists in teaching information literacy and inquiry-based education, and are at the forefront in developing AI literacy education, and

WHEREAS School Libraries (also known as Learning Commons) are a tried and true means for sharing resources in difficult economic times, with Teacher-Librarian District Leaders ensuring consistency and professional development in the field, and

WHEREAS the Education Authority Staffing and Funding Program Ministerial Directive MD 2025-05 provides guidance of minimum full-time equivalent (FTE) allocations for certified Teacher Librarians based on school enrollment to ensure equitable access to library programs and literacy support, and

WHEREAS these allocations specify 0.25 FTE for schools under 200 students, 0.5 FTE for 200–299 students, 1.0 FTE for 300–799 students, and 1.5 FTE for 800+ students, as a distinct category under instructional non-supervisory personnel, independent of grade configuration, and

WHEREAS very few PEI schools are in compliance with these allocations, and few PEI schools have certified or trained Teacher-Librarians, and

WHEREAS there is currently no Teacher-Librarian Leader in either the Department of Education and Early Years, or the Public Schools Branch, to track progress towards the Ministers' Directive, to provide professional development for Teacher-Librarians, or to monitor hiring practices so that all students across the Island have the benefits of a fully certified/trained Teacher-Librarian in their school library, and

WHEREAS consistent implementation supports student learning and well-being, fosters parent and community collaboration, and upholds educational equity across Prince Edward Island, and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the PEI Home and School Federation respectfully urges the Department of Education and Early Years and the Public Schools Branch to hire a full-time Teacher-Librarian Leader to strengthen and enhance school library programs across the province, while monitoring progress toward compliance with the Minister's Directive on School Libraries, to coordinate system-wide improvement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this position also provides leadership in professional learning for lead Teacher-Librarians, supports the hiring of certified and trained Teacher-Librarians in all schools, thereby promoting the development of a shared culture of Learning Commons within Island schools.

DESTINATION: Minister of Education and Early Years  
Public Schools Branch/Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1m5q4CF8dwTRKZxByT1QqYjYiFJ4P8SWX\\_L16wYO1yms/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1m5q4CF8dwTRKZxByT1QqYjYiFJ4P8SWX_L16wYO1yms/edit?usp=sharing)

<https://accessola.com/ontario-school-library-impact-project/>

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/librarians-teach-ai-9.7055661>

[https://researcharchive.canadianschoollibraries.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/TMC8\\_2025\\_Casa-Todd.pdf](https://researcharchive.canadianschoollibraries.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/TMC8_2025_Casa-Todd.pdf)

<https://tmcanada.blogspot.com/p/tmc8-fowler-jeffery-macdonald.html>

**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION**

**2026 NOMINATION REPORT**

**Dionne Tuplin, Chair**

**EXECUTIVE**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominees</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
President	<u>Tom Deelstra</u>	AGM 2028
Vice President	_____	AGM 2028

**REGIONAL DIRECTORS**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominees</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Charlottetown Rural	_____	AGM 2028
Colonel Gray	_____	AGM 2028
Kinkora	_____	AGM 2028
Montague	_____	AGM 2028
Morell	_____	AGM 2028



# Public Schools Branch

Stratford Office • PO Box 8600 • Charlottetown PE C1A 8V7 • 902-368-6990 (T) • 902-368-6960 (F)  
Summerside Office • 250 Water Street, Suite 201 • Summerside PE C1N 1B6 • 902-888-8400 (T) • 902-888-8449 (F)

**To:** Mr. David Schult

**From:** Tracy Beaulieu

**Date:** June 26, 2025

**RE:** PSB Response to PEI Home and School Federation Resolutions

## **Resolution 2025-01 - Add Milk Products to PEI School Food Program**

*PEI Home and School Federation requests PEI Public Schools Branch (PSB) work with the Department of Education and Early Years (DEEY), PEI School Milk Foundation, and PEI School Food Program Inc. to initiate a study to determine the feasibility of incorporating white milk and / or chocolate milk and non-dairy products into the Pay-What-You-Can model offerings within the PEI School Food.*

The Public Schools Branch would willingly participate in a study with the DEEY and PEI School Food Inc. to determine the feasibility of incorporating milk into the Pay-What-You-Can models within the PEI School Food program.

## **Resolution 2025-02 - Behaviour Resource Support in Island Schools**

*PEI Home and School Federation requests the Department of Education and Early Years (DEEY) and the Public Schools Branch (PSB) to add a minimum of 0.5 FTE student behaviour intervention resource position to future staffing allocations by the Minister of Education, in all island schools.*

The PSB acknowledges the growing challenges schools are facing in managing dysregulated behaviours among students. Although staffing allocations from the Ministry of Education are primarily determined by a formula based on student enrolment, a Minister's Directive also provides for additional resource staff, proportionate to the overall student population. However, there is currently no dedicated staffing specifically allocated for behaviour resource.

Although there is no dedicated staffing for behaviour resource roles, two thirds of our schools have adopted innovative approaches to create such positions within their existing allocations. In addition to this, support for students requiring behavioural guidance is often provided by Positive Behaviour Interventions and Support (PBIS) teachers (being piloted in 19 schools), school counsellors, educational assistants, and/or youth service workers. These positions are funded through the annual staffing allocation provided to PSB.

Looking ahead to the 2025–2026 school year, recent amendments to the Memorandum of Agreement have resulted in increased staffing allocations for schools. Administrators will have the flexibility to

*(Public School Branch Cont'd)*

deploy these additional resources in ways that best support their students' needs, whether academic or behavioural.

The PSB will continue to work with the Ministry to address these growing challenges in our system, and we appreciate the Provincial Home and School Associations for recognizing the needs in our schools.

### **Resolution 2025-03 Support For Canada's Online Harms Act to Protect Children in Digital Spaces**

***PEI Home and School Federation requests the Government of Canada to enact the Online Harms Act, with a focus on measures that protect children from online exploitation, bullying, and harmful content; and that the PEI Home and School Federation calls upon social media platforms and online service providers to fully comply with the requirements of the Online Harms Act, implementing comprehensive safety measures to protect children and youth using their service.***

Although this item does not explicitly name the Public Schools Branch in the 'Destinations' section, we wish to express our full support for and advocacy of this resolution.



Office of the Minister  
Holman Centre  
250 Water Street, Suite 101  
Summerside  
Prince Edward Island  
Canada C1N 1B6

Education and  
Early Years

Éducation et  
Petite enfance



Bureau du ministre  
Centre Holman  
250, rue Water, pièce 101  
Summerside  
Île-du-Prince-Édouard  
Canada C1N 1B6

June 11, 2025

Mr. David Schult, President  
PEI Home and School Federation  
P.O. Box 1012  
Charlottetown, PE C1A 7M4

Via Email: [peihsf@gov.pe.ca](mailto:peihsf@gov.pe.ca)

Dear Mr. Schult:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of the Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation dated April 29, 2025 outlining the Federation's resolutions approved at your 2025 Annual Meeting. We had the opportunity to discuss the resolutions and provide feedback at a meeting on May 14, 2025. We appreciated the opportunity to meet in person and to provide you with an update on the work the Department is advancing to support the public education system. It was also helpful to receive additional information on the rationale for the resolutions and the possible future changes you hoped to achieve to address the resolutions. As requested, we are providing written comments on the resolutions as requested.

**Resolution Number: 2025-1** - The Department of Education and Early Years (DEEY) can confirm that meetings are taking place with the PEI School Milk Foundation, PEI School Food Program Inc., the two education authorities and the Department of Social Development and Seniors to explore the feasibility of incorporating white milk and/or chocolate milk into the pay-what-you-can model offerings within the PEI School Food Program. The group is exploring cost implications, platform related issues, and whether the inclusion of milk would be a pay-what-you-can item or not.

**Resolution Number: 2025-2** – The SBIR positions have existed in PSB schools for many years. The staffing allocation is determined by the PSB. Some schools have created these positions within their resource allocation and there would be a variety of deployments of this type of position at various schools. For all staffing allocation decisions, the education authorities have the autonomy through the budget process to prioritize their needs and the Department will continue to work with the boards in the areas they identify as priorities for them.

In addition, there has been significant work related to student behaviours completed by the PSB and DEEY in the area of social emotional learning over the last few years. One example of this is the recent implementation of Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) framework in 19 schools in the 2024-25 school year. Eighteen positions were approved by DEEY to PSB which have enabled the PBIS rollout to proceed.

**Resolution Number: 2025-3** – The DEEY is supportive of seeing the federal government reintroduce the *Online Harms Act* to help protect children and youth as well as requiring social media platforms to be responsible corporate citizens in protecting youth throughout the country.

From a provincial perspective, the government is developing a Provincial Youth Cyberviolence Prevention Strategy. It is important that government and its agencies, parents, caregivers, and the community develop a shared understanding of how best to promote a safer online environment, and to equip youth with the tools to protect themselves from the occurrence of, and the lasting effects of, cyberbullying. Currently, interdepartmental work is underway to prioritize actions and required resources in order to move to the next step. The plan is to have the strategic action plan drafted and ready for approval in late 2025.

**Resolution Number: 2025-4** - The DEEY is committed to ensuring that data breaches are reported in an expedient time frame. An example of this would be the recent PowerSchool breach where students, parents/guardians, and staff were notified within two (2) days of the Department becoming aware of the incident. The DEEY is working with the PSB and CSLF to ensure that data protocols are in place to ensure only required information is collected and guidance is clear on the contents of text fields in PowerSchool.

The PSB has indicated that board office staff have completed security training and that the system has received training on how to avoid cybersecurity threats.

The Department works closely with Information Technology Shared Services (ITSS) and Access and Privacy Services Office (APSO) when purchasing new approved software applications.

On behalf of the Department of Education and Early Years, we thank you for your continued advocacy to support PEI's public education system.

Yours truly,



Robin Croucher  
Minister

c John Cummings, Acting Deputy Minister



**PEI SCHOOL FOOD  
PROGRAM INC.**

September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
14 Kinlock Rd, Unit 12  
Stratford, PE C1B 1R1

Dear Mr. Schult,

On behalf of PEI School Food Program Inc. (PEISFP), we thank you for your letter regarding the PEI Home and School Federation's "Resolution 2025-1: Add Milk Products to the PEI School Food Program". We appreciate your request for the Public Schools Branch, the Department of Education and Early Years (DEEY), the PEI School Milk Foundation (PEISMF), and PEISFP to explore the feasibility of incorporating milk and milk alternatives into the Pay-What-You-Can model offerings.

As a non-profit organization, PEISFP is responsible for the development and delivery of the provincial school lunch program. Using the Bon Appétit ordering system, we provide families with the opportunity to order nutritious meals every two weeks on a Pay-What-You-Can basis.

Over the past several months, PEISFP has been in active discussions with DEEY, the Department of Social Development and Seniors (SDS), and the PEISMF about the potential to integrate milk into the ordering system. We recognize both the benefits for students and families as well as the challenges involved. There are significant logistical and financial considerations that must be carefully assessed.

At the same time, in response to the Auditor General's Healthiness of Food in Schools report (published in Fall 2024), DEEY is in the process of updating provincial school nutrition policies. These updated guidelines will provide clear direction regarding milk and milk alternatives in schools. As PEISFP strives to uphold the highest standards of nutrition, it is important that our decisions align with this evidence-based policy framework.

PEISFP remains committed to working with our partners to further evaluate the inclusion of milk and milk alternatives within our program once the updated school nutrition policy has been released.

Sincerely,

Katelyn MacLean

Executive Director

Austin Clement

President

902 380 3663  
info@peischoolfood.ca  
PEISCHOOLFOOD.CA

