



TABLE OF CONTENTS

Table of Contents	2
Mission Statement/Home and School Thought/Creed.....	3
Presidents 1953-2020	4
Agenda 2020	5
Business Procedure/Meeting Tips	7
Federation Board 2019-2020.....	8
Local Association Presidents/Co-Chairs 2019-2020	8- 9
Annual General Meeting Minutes 2019.....	10-15
Semi Annual Meeting Minutes 2019	16
President's Annual Report 2019-2020.....	17-21
Financial Report	22-29
Home and School Association Annual Reports 2019-2020	30-87
Proposed Resolutions 2020	88-92
Nomination Report 2020.....	93
Responses to 2019 Resolutions.....	94

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 1953-2020**

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



Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation
67th Annual General Meeting
Healthy Bodies = Healthy Minds
Monday, September 14, 2020, 6:30 – 8:00 pm.
Location: Live Virtual Zoom Meeting

TENTATIVE AGENDA

06:30 PM **Welcome to everyone,** Cory Thomas, President
Welcome to the 67th Annual General Meeting; the first virtual meeting of the PEI Home and School Federation.

Delegates / Board members

Hon. Brad Trivers, Minister Education and Lifelong Learning

Norbert Carpenter, Public Schools Branch Interim Director

Peter Rukavina, AGM Parliamentarian

David Wright, Accountant

Isaac Williams, Tech/Sound

Business Meeting:

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

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

1. Adoption of Agenda 2020
2. Adoption of Minutes 2019
3. President's Report
4. Adoption of Finance Report (Donna MacLeod/David Wright, Accountant)
5. Other Reports (Accepted as circulated)
6. Resolutions (Heather Mullen)
7. Nominations Report/Elections (Lisa MacDougall)
8. New Business
9. Adjournment of Business Meeting

Guest: Hon. Brad Trivers, Minister of Education and Lifelong Learning
Education Update / Q&A

08:00 PM Adjournment

NOTES

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.
2019-2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

<u>Name</u>		<u>Term Ends</u>
President	Cory Thomas	(AGM 2020)
Past President	Lisa MacDougall	(AGM 2020)
Vice President	Heather Mullen	(AGM 2020)
Treasurer	Donna MacLeod	(AGM 2021)
Secretary	Haley Zavo	(AGM 2021)

REGIONAL DIRECTORS – Families of Schools:

Bluefield	Vacant	(AGM 2021)
Charlottetown Rural	Andrea Richard	(AGM 2020)
Colonel Gray	Allie Keedwell	(AGM 2020)
Kensington	Darby McCormick	(AGM 2021)
Kinkora	Mary Macdonald-Pickering	(AGM 2020)
Montague	Erin Lundrigan	(AGM 2020)
Morell	Jonathan Ludgate	(AGM 2020)
Souris	Vacant	(AGM 2021)
Three Oaks	Leigh Dymant	(AGM 2021)
Westisle	Dionne Tuplin	(AGM 2021)
Executive Director	Shirley Smedley Jay	
Office Assistant	Allen Boland	

**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION INC.
2019-2020 HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS**

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>PRESIDENT/CO-CHAIR</u>
Alberton Elementary	Kelly Gallant Butler
Amherst Cove Consolidated	Sharon Kamperman
Athena Consolidated	Sally Bernard
Belfast Consolidated	Marcella Ryan
Birchwood Intermediate	Linda MacLean/Kim Gillis
Bloomfield Elementary	Jaclyn Gallant
Bluefield High	Stephen Wenn
Cardigan Consolidated	Twila Palmer
Central Queens Elementary	Rayanne Frizzell
Charlottetown Rural High	Tracey Willoughby
Colonel Gray High	Sandy Nicholson
Donagh Regional	Patti David
East Wiltshire Intermediate	Laura Hagen Grant / Gayle Stuart
Eliot River Elementary	Tanya Murphy
Ellerslie Elementary	Dionne Tuplin

(Cont'd President/Co-Chair)

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

Terri-Lynn Gallant
Rosie MacFarlane / Rachel Lowther-Doiron
Felicia MacLeod
Paula Pollard / Kathy Campbell
Becky Stewart / Tanya Goodwin
Erin MacRae-Forrest
Katie MacLennan
Patricia Cole
Donna MacLeod
Cathy Hennessey
Lori Neufeld
Erynn Cormier
Paula O'Brien
Luanne Inman
Mary Kouenburgh
Mandi Parsons
Leanne Feehan
Jeannie Burden
Karu Bate
Marilyn MacMurdo
Kristy Phillips / Joanne Clarke
Karma MacCallum
Darby McCormick
Cindy Gallant
Tracy Gallant
Krystal Jamieson
Ashley Higginbotham / Krysta Sheppard
Leslie Cudmore
Dale MacInnis
Rebecca Ellsworth
Mike Stanley
Nathalie Fraser / Jodie Zver
Doug Doyle (Contact)
Leigh Dymont
Teena Callaghan
Joelene MacLeod
Trine Vom Braucke
Karma MacCallum
Kelly Herget
Karen Wight

Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation Inc.
(Draft) Minutes of the 66th Annual General Meeting
Saturday, April 13, 2019
Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, Charlottetown, PEI

Call to Order

President Cory Thomas called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. opening with a welcome reading. Cory introduced the head table, Marion Murphy, Parliamentarian, Donna MacLeod, Secretary and Heather Mullen, Vice President and welcomed 75 delegates registered representing 36 schools and guests.

1. Adoption of Agenda 2019

MOTION: To adopt the 2019 AGM agenda as circulated.

Moved by Tracy Ellsworth.

Seconded by Lisa MacDougall.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Adoption of AGM Minutes 2018

MOTION: To adopt the minutes of the 65th Annual General Meeting, April 14, 2018 as circulated.

Moved by Tracy Ellsworth.

Seconded by Lisa MacDougall.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. President's Report

Cory Thomas provided highlights from his report in the 2019 Book of Reports (pg. 20-22). The Federation is continuing to advocate for a healthy school food program. Nine school pilots are lined up for the fall. Improving communications between locals and partners in education is important to the work in Home and School. Our website holds all federation information and is kept current. Another part of our communications plans led to purchasing Bannerbugs for Home and School Associations.

Resolutions become policy of the Federation and guide our work to advocate for improving PEI's education system. Queen Elizabeth Home and School presented a resolution in 2017 asking the government for AEDs to be placed in every school. The Federation took this to government and this year units were placed in all schools in the province. Awards are presented to school staff, crossing guards, school bus drivers, and Home and School volunteers. Consider nominating people who go above and beyond for our students in your school communities. Parent Leadership project grants are available annually. Check with the office or on our website to seek out ideas or read about successful projects. Thank you to board members for their work over the past year and to the executive director for here day to day work and dedication to the Federation.

MOTION: To adopt the President's Report as presented.

Moved by Tracy Ellsworth.

Seconded by Lisa MacDougall.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Financial Report

Heather Mullen, Treasurer and David Wright, Accountant presented the report on the financial position of the PEIHSF fiscal year 2018 referencing financial information in the *Book of Reports* (pgs. 23-31).

Clarification: Telus project was a grant to develop the *Help My Child website*.

MOTION: To adopt the 2018 Financial Review and Report as presented.

Moved by Tracy Ellsworth.

Seconded by Lisa MacDougall.

MOTION CARRIED.

5. Other Reports

MOTION: Other reports in the Book of Reports (pgs. 32-84) be accepted as circulated.

Moved by Tracy Ellsworth.

Seconded by Lisa MacDougall.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. Resolutions

Heather Mullen chaired the resolution portion of the meeting.

The following proposed resolutions were moved to the floor for discussion.

RESOLUTION 1-2019 School Renovation and Construction Recommended Guidelines Submitted by Three Oaks Senior High Home and School/Parent Council

WHEREAS the recent Three Oaks Senior High School renovation project (2016-2019) has been a challenge for many involved and many lessons have been learned, and

WHEREAS a number of students reported adverse effects parents feel were directly related to construction, and

WHEREAS there was an acknowledged removal of asbestos without use of hazardous material protocols in the very early days of the project while students, staff and custodians were present, and

WHEREAS the school year was shortened for two consecutive school years (one week in 2016/2017 and two weeks in 2017/2018) and the marks of students may be affected by reduction in the number of classes attended during the school year, and

WHEREAS a reduction in marks may mean the difference of being admitted to a post secondary institution of choice or even passing a subject and/or a school year, and

WHEREAS classes were at times affected by construction noise, occasionally to the point students could not hear teachers, and

WHEREAS some students are particularly affected by construction noise (e.g. students with ADD/ADHD), and

WHEREAS perception of a valuable school renovation project and morale of the construction staff and school staff was negatively affected, and

WHEREAS parents were not initially aware of the full effects of the construction project, and

WHEREAS some parents and students were reluctant to step forward to mention issues, and

WHEREAS quality of education for all students must be kept in highest consideration during construction and/or renovation projects;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PEI Home and School Federation request the Public Schools Branch, Department of Education, Early Learning and Culture and other government departments responsible for school renovations and construction to implement the following guidelines:

1. Any school renovation or construction is to be preceded by a public consultation meeting involving all stakeholders with minimum of one month of well-advertised notice to the school community. Advertising should include notice to parents via SAS school mail.
2. Public consultation meetings will be held to disclose to the fullest extent possible the scope and duration of the project taking into consideration:
 - a. any effects the project will have on school availability
 - b. proper notice of the presence of hazardous materials taking into consideration the renovation
 - c. whether or not the renovation or construction will change the number of instructional days the school will be available to students
 - d. school will be available to students
 - e. when the renovation or construction will make the school unavailable for extracurricular activities normally held at the school.
3. Establish a method to allow staff, students and parents to freely raise any issues related to the renovation or construction.
4. Removal of hazardous materials from affected areas of the school to be completed before students and staff are present and before other construction begins in order to avoid disturbance of those materials, even in non-construction areas, during the construction process e.g. dust falling from ceiling tiles.
5. Should construction be sufficient to require hoarding and be done while students are present that regular particulate air quality testing be done during the project. Test results are to be published for students and parents.
6. Regular construction updates should be made available.
7. Acceptable levels of noise should be agreed upon so as not to interrupt classrooms and those levels should be enforced.

DESTINATION: Public Schools Branch
Department of Education, Early Learning and Culture

MOTION: To approve Resolution 1-2019 School Renovation and Construction Recommended Guidelines as presented.

Moved by Leigh Dymont.

Seconded by Tracy Ellsworth.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 2-2019: Request for the Establishment of a Working Group To Research a Homework Policy for P.E.I.'S School System
Submitted by West Royalty Home and School Association

WHEREAS there is no homework policy in effect to guide teachers, parents and students in PEI school systems, and

WHEREAS the lack of a homework policy creates confusion amongst students when discrepancies of homework assignments occur from grade to grade or between teachers within the same grade level and school, and

WHEREAS there is strong evidence linking homework to successful student outcomes (Harris Cooper);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PEI Home and School Federation requests the Minister of Education, Early Learning and Culture and the Public Schools Branch establish a working group of stakeholders to research and create a framework for a Homework Policy for the PEI School System.

DESTINATION: Public Schools Branch
Department of Education, Early Learning and Culture

MOTION: To approve Resolution 2-2019 - Request for the Establishment of a Working Group to Research a Homework Policy for PEI's School System with friendly amendments as follows:

1. Remove the 3rd WHEREAS statement.
2. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PEI Home and School Federation requests the Minister of Education, Early Learning and Culture and the Public Schools Branch to establish a working group of stakeholders to research if there is a need for a Homework Policy in PEI's school system.

Moved by Karma McCallum.

Seconded by Tracey Ellsworth.

Voting Results: Against = 5 Abstention = 1

MOTION CARRIED.

The revised Resolution 2-2019 reads as follows:

RESOLUTION 2-2019: Request for the Establishment of a Working Group to Research a Homework Policy for P.E.I.'S School System
Submitted by West Royalty Home and School Association

WHEREAS there is no homework policy in effect to guide teachers, parents and students in PEI school systems, and

WHEREAS the lack of a homework policy creates confusion amongst students when discrepancies of homework assignments occur from grade to grade or between teachers within the same grade level and school, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PEI Home and School Federation requests the Minister of Education, Early Learning and Culture and the Public Schools Branch to establish a working group of stakeholders to research if there is a need for a Homework Policy in PEI's school system.

DESTINATION: Department of Education, Early Learning and Culture
Public Schools Branch

7. Nominating Report/Elections:

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

EXECUTIVE:

Positions:	Nominees:	Two Year Term Expires:
Secretary	Haley Zavo	AGM 2021
Treasurer	Donna MacLeod	AGM 2021

REGIONAL DIRECTORS: Families of Schools

Positions:	Nominees:	Two Year Term Expires:
Bluefield	Vacant	AGM 2021
Kensington	Darby McCormick	AGM 2021
Souris	Vacant	AGM 2021
Three Oaks	Leigh Dymment	AGM 2021
Westisle	Dionne Tuplin	AGM 2021

MOTION: To approve the PEI Home and School Federation board of directors for 2019-2020 as presented.
Moved by Karma McCallum. Seconded by Karen Clare.
MOTION CARRIED.

Note: Vacant positions will be filled by the Federation Board.

The new PEI Home and School Federation Board was inducted by Marion Murphy.

Outgoing board members were thanked for their contributions to the Federation during their respective terms of office.

8. New Business
No new business.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the 66th Annual Business Meeting.
Moved by Tracy Ellsworth.
Seconded by Lisa MacDougall.
MOTION CARRIED.

Cory declared the regular business portion of the meeting concluded at 10:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Guest speaker, Geoff MacDonald, Education, Early Learning and Culture, presented information on the Student Well-Being Teams.

11:00 a.m. Carousel Brainstorming Session was led by Kin Consulting.

12:15 p.m. Luncheon: Her Honour Antionette Perry, Lt. Governor, and Parker Grimmer, Director, Public Schools Branch brought greetings to Home and School delegates.
Steve McQuaid Volunteer of the Year Award was presented posthumously to the late Shirley McGinn and accepted by Brendon McGinn, brother of the deceased.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna MacLeod, Secretary

Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation Inc.
(Draft) Minutes for the 66th Semi-Annual Meeting
Tuesday, October 8, 2019, 5:45 – 8:00 p.m.
Gulf Shore Consolidated School, North Rustico, PEI

1. Call to Order

President, Cory Thomas, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed members and guests to the 65th Semi-Annual Meeting of the PEI Home and School Federation.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: To approve the Semi-Annual meeting's agenda for October 8, 2019, as circulated.

Moved by Karen. Seconded by Heather Mullen. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the Semi-Annual meeting's minutes dated October 23, 2018, as circulated.

Moved by Leigh Dymant. Seconded by Heather Mullen. Motion carried.

4. Treasurer's Update

Donna MacLeod, Treasurer presented the accountant's prepared Income Statement Jan. 1 to Sept. 30, 2019.

Revenues = \$89,184.10 Expenses = \$60,772.76 Net Income Balance = \$28,411.34 GICS = \$70,175.34

MOTION: To approve the financial update as presented by Heather Mullen, Treasurer.

Moved by Heather Mullen. Seconded by Heather MacEwen. Motion carried.

5. President's Report

Cory Thomas presented the following activities update since the Annual Meeting in April:

- Federation board met twice since the Annual Meeting
- Met with Hon. Brad Trivers, June 4 to discuss resolutions/policy and current PEIHSF activities
- Ongoing conversations regarding school food / school governance, July/August
- Request to present to Standing Committee on Education and Economic Growth: PEIHSF policy was forwarded to the committee

MOTION: To accept Cory's report as presented.

Moved by Heather Mullen. Seconded by Dionne Tuplin. Motion carried.

7. Adjournment of business meeting

MOTION: To adjourn at 6:15 p.m. by Karma MacCallum.

6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Vaping presentation led by Melissa Munro-Bernard, Health and Wellness and Sterling Carruthers, Education Healthy Schools Specialist
Information slides will be circulated to members.

6:55 to 7:55 p.m. Our "Best" Meeting round table conversations were led by board members regards: Conducting a Meeting, Sharing ideas through Live Story, How to Resolution/Policy Action and Celebrating Everyone/Networking.

Respectfully submitted,

Haley Zavo, Recording Secretary

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION**Cory Thomas, President****Challenging Times in 2020**

The 2019-2020 school year has certainly been a challenging year. With the advent of the COVID-19 virus, this has caused a strain on many families and our families of schools. As a Federation, we are supportive of the measures taken by government and our Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. Heather Morrison, to slow the spread of this virus in our schools and local communities. Working together, being creative, patient, and listening to health care professionals, is very important.

In my two years as President of the PEI Home and School Federation, I have had the pleasure to work with two Ministers of Education and Lifelong Learning. Both former Minister Jordan Brown, and current Minister, Brad Trivers, have been great to work with. Both Ministers communicate and consult regularly with the Federation.

The Federation could not go about its work without a strong board of directors. We are fortunate to have a strong board of directors from across Prince Edward Island.

The work of the board would not have been possible without the knowledge, hard work, and determination of our Executive Director, Shirley Smedley Jay. I want to personally thank her for helping me and providing guidance throughout my term as President. I could not have survived without her! I would also like to thank Allen Boland for his part time work helping in the office. He was an invaluable asset to the office.

Advocacy

The entire premise of the Home and School movement is to listen, to learn, to share ideas and advocate for the best interests of all school students in PEI's school system. This was, is and will continue to be the focus of the P.E.I. Home and School Federation.

Impacting positive change in the education system is key! Action statements, in the form of resolutions, come from the parents, guardians, teachers, administrators and staff, request these changes for the benefit of all students. Resolutions rise out of learning about the education, health and well-being of student needs at the school level and work to improve PEI's education. These are extensively discussed and debated at the local level before being considered provincially at annual meetings. Approved resolutions form home and school's statement of policies and collectively represent the federation's position on key education policy issues facing the province of Prince Edward Island. Resolutions are forwarded to the appropriate destinations with request for change in the areas being addressed.

School Food

Hon. Brad Trivers, Minister of Education and Lifelong Learning, announced the School Food Pilots in the legislature on Dec. 4, 2019. The six school pilot program is supported by government and community partners and explores the use of a model where food is prepared at a central school and delivered to satellite schools using a pay-what-you-can model. Students will be engaged in producing the food, where possible. The Public Schools Branch school food policy is being revised.

A new non-profit organization is being set up to guide procurement and hiring chefs and cooks to deliver the program. A cost-shared program works to develop "a comprehensive and sustainable school food program that

(Cont'd President's Report)

will increase students' food literacy and provide them with food made from scratch using fresh, local, healthy Island products. The food literacy piece is particularly important, shifting the framing from a program that feeds "at risk children" to an education-based program that includes hands-on food systems education and promotes healthy school food environments.

The Federation is pleased with this announcement and will continue to advocate for a universal provincial school food program in PEI schools.

School Governance

On Dec. 4, Hon. Brad Trivers government announced that they were moving ahead with elected school boards. The minister appointed two retired principals, Mary Jane Ready and Norman Beck, to fill two vacancies as appointed board members. Government will be working with Elections PEI to move this forward.

MLA Karla Bernard invited PEIHSF to present to the Government's Standing Committee on Education and Economic Growth on March 31.

Annual Meeting

What percentage of students are able to reach their potential? [Education's Student Well-being Team lead](#), Geoff MacDonald, presented details to the 2019 Annual Meeting delegates and guests on PEI's new approach to supporting resilience and well-being in Island school-aged children and their families. The department's team approach embraces the connection between mental and physical health and puts the emphasis on mental health rather than mental disorder by shifting the focus from a deficit model of illness to health potential. Their goal is to empower the whole population rather than simply reacting to those in crisis. They work in schools advising, consulting and providing direct service to children and youth who are struggling with mental, social and physical health issues.

Semi-Annual

The Federation hosted its Semi-Annual meeting in October 2019 at Gulf Shore Consolidated School. Speakers, Sterling Carruthers and Melissa Munro Bernard, presented current information on Vaping. A workshop led by provincial board representatives followed with break-out sessions on the following topics:

1. Sharing of ideas through 'Live Story'— Dionne Tuplin
2. Conducting a Meeting: Cory / Allie
3. How to Resolution: Heather
4. Celebrating Everyone/ Networking: Haley / Erin

Department of Education and Lifelong Learning / Culture and Public Schools Branch

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

On June 4/19 the Federation executive met with newly elected Minister Brad Trivers and newly appointed Deputy Minister, Bethany MacLeod providing an overview of PEIHSF's advocacy work. We reiterated our

(Cont'd President's Report)

support to the minister for implementation of a healthy, locally sourced school food program. Heather Mullen will represent PEIHSF on the non-profit organization being established to guide the future of school food in PEI.

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

Cory Thomas represents the Federation on the Public Schools Branch Playground Committee. Shirley Smedley Jay is the School Food Environment Working Group representative with the Public Schools Branch.

The Public Schools Branch met with Cory/Shirley in September 2019 to discuss the launch of a new communications plan ready to go live in early October.

Youth and Vaping

The Department of Education and Lifelong Learning established a Vaping Working Group to address the current high rates of youth vaping in PEI. Melissa Munro Bernard (Health and Wellness) and Sterling Carruthers (Education and Lifelong Learning) chair this committee. Shirley SJ is the PEIHSF representative.

The tentative next steps of the Vaping Working Group include:

- PSB Principal Think Tank meetings held in January and February
- Distribution of the student-facing vaping presentation templates within the PSB
- French translation of the student-facing vaping presentation templates
- Connect with Addictions staff and explore their role in delivering public prevention education, including to students in the school setting
- Explore developing a webinar (Vaping 101 – similar to existing adult presentation) for viewing by a wide professional audience (e.g., school system, health-care providers, NGO partners, etc.)
- Expand vaping prevention education scope/audience and explore connecting this work with a broader public communications plan (move beyond the education system to reach the broader adult audience of PEI and meet parents where they are)
- An updated version of the adult vaping presentation template is prepared for Sterling and Melissa to use when doing presentations. (The newest results from the 2018/19 CSTADS survey were released in late Dec/19; data slides / accompanying notes have been updated to reflect this. The slides about cannabis have been removed; there are a lot of details up in the air right now re: flavours and sales of cannabis vaping products. Slides will be updated as new data is released. The student vaping presentation templates to be distributed within the education system via Sterling/Maribeth so that teachers have them to use as needed.)

PEI Lung Association's presentation to Vaping Committee - The PEI Lung Association's Youth Vaping Products online and adult influencers Toolkit was launched National Non-Smoking Week (Jan 19-25/ 20). Lung Association conducted two youth focus groups this past Fall about vaping. Julia Hartley provided a brief presentation of the findings at the meeting; a final report is being prepared and will be circulated to the group when it's available. PEIHSF and Sport PEI supported the Youth Vaping project funded by a Department of Health and Wellness grant.

PETRA – PEI Tobacco Reduction Alliance – Aimed at Youth

Laura MacDonald is the new Health and Wellness employee to work on PETRA / Smoking Cessation.

Bill 121, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco and Electronic Smoking Device Sales and Access Act*, was passed on November 28, 2019. The new PEI legislation will:

- Increase the minimum age for tobacco and e-cigarette sales to age 21 (with transitional provisions), making PEI the first province/territory in Canada to adopt this measure.
- Restrict sale of e-cigarettes to specialty (tobacconist) shops, making PEI the first province/territory/state in North America. E-cigarettes will not be sold in convenience stores, gas stations or grocery stores. Only persons aged 21+ will be able to enter the specialty shops, and any product displays may not be visible from outside the shop.
- Establish regulatory authority to restrict flavours in e-cigarettes. There will be a process prior to regulations being adopted to restrict flavours.

Welcome to Kindergarten

The Federation sits on the provincial Welcome to Kindergarten committee chaired by Ken Gaudet, WTK, PEI coordinator. WTK sessions will be hosted by elementary schools in the province for approximately 1,200 incoming Kindergarten students and their parents between April and the end of June. Dionne Tuplin is the PEIHSF's WTK representative.

Communications

Federation mailings: Presidents receive print copies a minimum of three times over the school year including: September - School start-up info (i.e. School Year Time Line, Membership Fee Form); October, - Semi-Annual Meeting brochure and related info; and March, - Annual Meeting/Conference Registration Brochure, Resolutions, Policy, Nomination Forms. Other information such as monthly updates, column, department directives, school board directives, etc. are e-mailed, to save on postage.

Media: The Federation speaks to the media on current issues related to education and are contacted on a regular basis for comment. Press releases are issued as events and issues arise; these are also circulated to Presidents/Co-Chairs and members. If you wish to be on the federation's email listing, please contact the office.

Monthly News Columns & Updates: The president's Home and School and You monthly column is published in The Guardian newspaper on the first Friday of the month cites current home and school news and events. The Federation works to promote and support parent involvement through providing monthly office updates and a monthly column published in The Guardian newspaper since January 1997. Our top priority is to remind Islanders that the Home and School message is about education and that our primary role is to advocate for "the highest standards of education for each child in the province." This message is well received by parents, teachers, educators and our elected officials and needs to be restated.

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

Awards

Three Extra Mile Awards were presented to celebrate Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week 2020. Congratulations to Lorna MacIsaac, Ellerlsie Intermediate school, Nena Matheson and Robyn Burgess, Montague Consolidated who went the extra mile in serving and teaching about healthy school food to and with students in their respective schools. Volunteer and Life Member awards are presented at the AGM. Nominations are open for School Bus Driver of the Year and Crossing Guard and are to be presented in June.

Parent Leadership Projects

Fourteen Parent Leadership project applications were received during this school year.

Topics include:

- Internet Safety
- Student Well Being Meet & Greet
- Embracing Diversity in Our School - What can we learn from our diverse student culture?
- Why Math Looks Different Now For Our Children Than When We Were Young
- Self Protection - A Guide for Families
- In the Kitchen: Meal Planning and Getting Creative
- Showing of documentary "Screenagers"
- What is keeping you AWAKE at night?
- Healthy Lunch Happy Family Project
- Empowerment Project/Diversity Event
- A total of approximately 10K will be awarded to local Home and School Associations.

Note: This is a combined President / Office Report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Vice President: Robin Smith; Treasurer: Melissa Woodacre; Secretary: Elaine Campbell Burwash
School Administration: Jerry McAulay, Principal; Elementary Liaison: Lorelei MacArthur

Athena's Home and School meetings are held on the first Monday of each month from 7-8 p.m. To-date, five meetings have been held, with four more planned for March, April, May and June. In addition to these meetings, Home and School members are active with special events, fund-raising and other initiatives throughout the year. We have had improved turn out this year at most meetings which is encouraging. At the first meeting of the year we came up with a calendar that outlined the activities/events/fundraisers for the year and had "leads" sign up for each, alleviating some pressure from having the president and other executive members being the key organizers every time. This has worked well in sharing the load.

Our Breakfast Program was bolstered this year by additional funding provided by a local grocery store which had not been used previously. Thanks to our generous volunteers, we are able to provide toast, cheese, milk, cereal and fresh fruit daily. Eggs and yogurt and smoothies occur once a week respectively.

Communications

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

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

Special Events & Fundraising

- We held our first ever "Welcome Back BBQ" in September which was a great success with students and parents. It corresponded with the grand opening of the new playground, so turn-out was good.
- We held a Home & School Gift Card Raffle Tree fundraiser in the fall with donated gift cards, which was surprisingly successful given the volume of fundraisers that time of year.
- We held our first ever Christmas Gift Mart which was a learning experience for Home & School, but so well received by students and staff!
- Our committee planned and ran a Winter dance for the Elementary students.
- Many parents helped out in February, as they do every year, with Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week activities. Highlights were: Home and School Taco Bar and Samuel's Coffee Bar in the staff room.
- We had special guest speaker, Jillian Stewart, come to share about Building Attachment and Self-Regulation. It was well attended and a great presentation.
- The remainder of the year sees an Art Party night for Junior High students in March, our annual fundraising Bingo in April, and another elementary dance in May.

BELFAST CONSOLIDATED HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Marcella Ryan, President**

Executive: Maddy Fortune, Vice President; Debbie Beck, Treasurer; Sarah Densmore, Secretary

Our association meets every second month of the school year. We have a small, but very dedicated groups of parents that meet with our Principle, John Munro, and Vice Principal, Michelle Vancolen. We hosted the Michelle Harris Genge, Director of Prince Edward Island Inter-ministerial Women's Secretariat to present the newly launched Cyber Safe Care website during our January 2020 Home and School Meeting.

In June 2019, the weather let us finally organize a dedicated crew of parents and staff to work on cleaning up flower beds, paint benches, sign posts, outdoor basketball nets and the wooden posts lining the parking lot of the school. We plan to do more beautification projects around the school this Spring.

Our biggest Home and School fundraiser, Recipes in a Jar, was a huge success this year. With a great effort by students, family and community, we raised over \$3515 which will help fund projects through the year. Home and School hosted a school wide ice cream party during the last day of school before Christmas break to thank all the students and staff for a job well done!

Our lunch room is coordinated by Sylvie DeSousa. With the rising cost of food, school administration along with Home and School decided during our January 2020 Home and School meeting that we would raise the cost of hot lunches from \$2.00 to \$3.50 to attempt to meet the weekly cost of food. The school still offers a free breakfast program for every student.

Our lice check program has a loyal group of volunteers to make the process quick and easy for the students and staff. We try to check the school a few times per year.

In February we celebrated Staff Appreciation Week with hot meals and desserts delivered daily during the week. Many parents gladly volunteered their time to make it a special week for the staff.

In the Spring, we look forward to helping school staff organize and fundraise for Belfast's 3rd Annual Spring Fling which is proudly presented as a free family event for our school community.

Our Community

We have a very active and involved community in Belfast. This is the 5th year that our breakfast program has been sponsored by the Montague Rotary Club. The Point Prim/Mt Buchanan Women's Institute plan to hold a free hot breakfast for students and staff. Donations have come from the Belfast Lions Club, Montague Rotary Club (Library Renewal Project). The estate of Hesta MacDonald has committed to donated funds to benefit the school library annually.

Belfast Consolidated hosted Bricks4kidz in the Fall 2019 and will host GoPlay (GoPEI) again in early spring 2020. We stay in touch with our school community through our Facebook page which is a hub of information from late school buses to current Home and School news. We also have a tab on the Belfast Consolidated Wordpress site which keeps parents current on meeting minutes and other happenings.

Our executive is looking forward to attending the Annual General Meeting this Spring.

BIRCHWOOD INTERMEDIATE HOME & SCHOOL COUNCIL**Kim Gillis / Linda MacLean, Co-Chairs**

Birchwood Home and School Council agreed to meet bi-monthly and has had 3 meetings so far this year, with another 2 meetings scheduled for March 25th and May 27th. These first few meetings have had a diverse parent attendance, with a core group of parents at each meeting and some first time attendees at each of our meetings. There has been school administration in attendance with the principal at all meetings as well.

Meeting Topics for Discussion

Birchwood's student population at the beginning of the school year was reported as approximately 570 students this academic year between the grades of 7-9, with approximately 23% of all students (130 students) identifying as English as an Additional Language (EAL) learners.

The size of the student population has led to concerns about the function of the school. Key areas of concern that continue to be brought up are:

1. Crowded buses
2. The need to focus on sustainable options such as water filling stations, and breakfast program infrastructure (commercial dishwasher and reusable cups, bowls and cutlery)
3. Lack of adequate teaching positions/resources for the French immersion stream at the school, resulting in situations such as:
 - a. having one grade 9 class composition that is a combination of early and late French immersion students,
 - b. the remaining grade 9 classes with large class sizes (in the high 20's), and
 - c. four French immersion classrooms in the school with English speaking homeroom teachers,
4. Lack of adequate classroom space and resources (folders, microphones, music stands, etc.) for the band program due to the dramatic increase in student population participating in band (sitting now at 200 students). The band room is not large enough to meet the needs - essentially the band room is the former bathroom for the gymnasium - it is small and very noisy because the floor is marble. Carpet would be a huge help, as would an extension to the room (take away from the stage area in the cafeteria?) but funds do not exist for these needs currently,
5. The need to fully support the development of a school community that allows new immigrant students to feel welcome and safe at Birchwood,
6. Confusion from parents/caregivers with respect to which student fees apply to what students (as fees depend beyond the mandatory student fee in September for extra-curricular clubs and sports team participation), and
7. Lack of financial assistance for families who are unable to pay school / extra-curricular fees.

Other issues that stem from the lack of full participation in fee payment has left the school in a shortfall for extras such as sports team uniforms, resources to repair/replace the gymnasium's score clock, resources to support the activities of the Outdoor Adventure Club and the school's band program.

Fundraisers

On Meet the Teacher night, the Birchwood Home and School Council organized a "pass the hat" to generate funds to help support important school initiatives such as the band program (identified as an

unresolved issue carried over from the previous school year) and sustainability (in particular, the need for access to water bottle filling stations at the school). This initiative generated \$996 in funds.

Approximately half of these funds collected (\$500) were directed to the band program to fund the purchase of new music, with the remainder (\$496) has been earmarked as a contribution toward the cost of a water bottle filling station in the school. The actual cost of these units is approximately \$1600 each.

More importantly, this request from Kim Gillis to the parent community during Meet the Teacher night generated a conversation and engagement with staff from the City of Charlottetown who agreed to donate a new water bottle filling station to Birchwood! This generous gift then prompted parents of the Home and School Council to submit an ask to the Town of Stratford for a donation of a water bottle filling station, and they agreed as well! What started as an ask to parents to leverage funds to contribute to the purchase of a single station turned into the installation of 2 water bottle filling stations (one outside the cafeteria and one located by the gymnasium), and the Home and School contribution being directed toward supporting the cost of a 3rd water bottle filling station. It is hoped in the coming years that a water bottle filling station may be installed on each of the 3 levels of the school, providing a station for each grade level in the vicinity of their classrooms.

Also, the Birchwood Home and School Council organized a bake sale in support of the band program and the school's Christmas Miracle campaign (to help contribute to fundraising initiatives already underway and organized by the school for families who could use some extra support) at the school's annual Christmas Band Concert, raising \$172 to be split between the 2 causes.

Other Highlights to Date

Birchwood Home and School Council co-chair Kim Gillis shared information and feedback from the PEI Home and School Federation's October Semi-Annual meeting, on topics such as vaping awareness and innovative initiatives from Home and School Councils from across the province.

Also, Birchwood Home and School Council received a grant from the PEI Home and School Federation to permit administration to host a number of parent engagement evening for parents and students.

1. The first event, organized by school administration, used some funding for refreshments for parents. Entitled "Parent Study Skills Night", several mini sessions were offered, covering the following topics: school goals and initiatives, Triple P parenting and coping with stress, introduction to SAS and Google Classroom, and study skills and time management. These were followed by a longer session focused on responsible digital citizenship for students which was delivered by Constable Tim Keizer and Outreach Worker Jane Wood.
2. The Home and School Council are pleased to be offering a parent/caregiver and student pairing art night at the school on March 4. Each painting pair will receive instructions on how to paint the beautiful image (see next page) on a shared 16x20 canvas. Pre-registration has started and there are spaces for up to 30 painting pairs.
3. Another upcoming planned parent engagement activity is to host a Parent Book Club during the winter/spring months in 2020. In January, parents voted amongst 4 book titles and the book with the most votes was selected as our Book Club book. The winning book is *The Teenage Brain*. Books have been ordered and the book club will get underway later in March.



The Birchwood Home and School Council submitted a resolution for the 2020 Annual General Meeting of the PEI Home and School Federation entitled "Request School Websites to be Hosted on PEI Government Server".

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

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

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

As well, the Birchwood Home and School Council organized a successful Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week from Feb 10-14, with a pizza lunch paid with monetary donations from families, a potluck lunch provided by families and a day with snacks and beverages also provided by family contributions. This initiative was very much appreciated by the staff.

After purchasing the pizzas for the teacher and staff lunch, there were enough funds from families left over for the Home and School to arrange for food to be provided for teachers the evening of March 5, as they will switch

(Cont'd Birchwood)

directly into 3 hours of teacher-parent interviews immediately after teaching students all day.

Birchwood Home and School Council recruited a new representative for the DAC (District Advisory Council). We thank Lindy McQuillan for her time and dedication to the "unofficial" role and now welcome Patrice Drake to the table as Birchwood's voice at DAC meetings. She has graciously stepped up but unfortunately, there have not (as yet) been any DAC meetings so far this 2019/20 school year.

The Birchwood Home and School Council Facebook page continues to be a popular medium to interact with parents who may not be able to attend meetings in person. Minutes of all Home and School Council meetings are posted online immediately following meetings and are available in several languages in addition to English such as Vietnamese, Chinese, and Arabic. Printed copies are available at the school's main office. The Facebook page also allows parents to connect and learn about initiatives at the school, including all the items mentioned above in this newsletter.

Next School Year

It is hoped that there will be an interest among the parent/guardian school population for the Home and School co-chair positions for the September 2020 school year. Both co-chairs will have students in grade 9 next year, which does not allow for continuity of a Home and School Council into the future.

The current co-chairs also believe the executive should include a treasurer in the new school year to alleviate the burden on administrative staff at the school for Home and School fundraisers and other initiatives, such as the collection of donations for the teachers and staff appreciation pizza luncheon.

In closing, our Home and School Council is very proud of our efforts and the achievements of our students and teachers and staff. This pride is the basis of our motivation to support Birchwood in whatever ways we can.

Kim Gillis and Linda MacLean

Co-Chairs of Birchwood Home and School Council

BLOOMFIELD ELEMENTARY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
JJ MacNeill, President

The 2019/2020 school year has been a year of transition thus far. We had a long term volunteer move onto Hernewood Intermediate with her youngest son. As anyone can attest, when there is a phenomenal volunteer who knows everything that has gone on in the school community for the past decade, all other volunteers let them take the lead and rightfully so.

When I took over the role of president, it was with the clear expectation that I could not; and would not, do this without a collaborative team around me. We decided to take the entire Home and School tasks, that may have traditionally been the sole responsibility of the president, and delegate them to other volunteers. Most people do want to help in some way with their school community. We gave bite size volunteer options, for instance posting on Facebook, which made it easier for people to commit. Most can commit to a small, regular task. Very few can commit to what amounts to another part-time job.

As with most schools, the bulk of our activities have centered on fund raising for a new piece of playground equipment. This has included some tried and true fundraisers for us. One is a cookie, fudge and water sale during the Christmas concerts. This is not a huge fundraiser but does bring in around \$200 profit with very little work.

We also facilitate a Christmas Flea Market which is a huge undertaking. On the assigned day, always during the last week of school before Christmas break, donations from the community cover the gym floor. Each class takes a turn shopping for Christmas gifts from the donated items. Each class will get to shop twice, the first time they may purchase only one item. The second time, they may purchase as many items as they want. Each item is \$1.00. The Flea Market brings in over \$1000 consistently, year after year.

We will also be selling ADL cheese packs again this year. We have always done well with this fundraiser and we expect the same when we hold the fundraiser in March.

Our Home and School Committee decided to take a different approach to any new fundraisers. We decided to not sell stuff but to focus on experiences. We hold a PJ and Hat day on the last Friday of every month. A child can wear PJs or a hat or both. The cost for this is \$2.00. We have found that since we only have the day once a month, we are always collecting over \$200. There is not the fatigue that seems to happen with a weekly fundraiser.

We have also thrown a school wide dance. We have one dance for K-3 and another dance for 4-6. We are extremely lucky to have teachers who were willing to chaperone each of the hour long dances and a music teacher who is also a DJ extraordinaire. The cost for the dance was \$5.00, which included admission to the dance, popcorn and a pop. Once we accounted for expenses, we made \$423. We will be throwing another dance during Winter Carnival Week, on Feb. 13 and another dance near the end of the school year.

(Cont'd Bloomfield)

During the Feb 13 dances, we will also be holding an internet safety presentation for the parents. We have not held a course like this for the last 4-5 years. We are preparing for 50 parents to attend. More information about how the course was received, what went right, and what can be improved on will be in my post meeting notes.

Breakfast Program is another huge activity that Home and School takes on at our school. We run our program 5 mornings a week. We have a great group of volunteers, but last year it was difficult to get enough adults to fill all the shifts. This year we have passed on the Tuesday and Thursday morning grab and go breakfasts to the Grade 6 Leadership students. With the help of the grade 6 teachers, the Grade 6 students are responsible to serve the school community breakfast. They have taken this responsibility seriously and a job well done has been the result. We truly could not run the breakfast program without them.

There is also a school committee planning a celebration for Bloomfield Elementary 50th Anniversary happening this June. While Home and School is not planning any of the events, we have been asked to be available to help with volunteers.

The remainder of our activities has been helping out with the activities. Whether it is serving food at the back to school BBQ, grilling hot dogs on the last day of school before Christmas break, or decorating the school for special occasions, our volunteers are working day in and day out to make our school a positive experience for each and every child. At the end of the day, that is the whole reason why we exist as a Home and School.

JJ MacNeill

President of Bloomfield Elementary Home and School

BLUEFIELD HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Catherine Enman, President

Our Bluefield Home and School Association meets about 5 times during the school year.

During the school year we encourage parents and members to take part in school sponsored activities and P.E.I. Home and School Federation sponsored activities.

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

- Several of our members attended the Semi-Annual at Gulf Shore
- Bluefield Home and School hosted a potluck supper for the staff during both parent teacher interviews. The event was successful and muchly appreciated by teachers and staff.
- We setup a table in the lobby during the parent teacher interviews in November for parents and students to donate food and gift cards, etc. for Christmas families.
- We held an information evening for the Bluefield family of schools on Vaping.
- We held a luncheon for the Teachers and Staff during Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week. The event was successful and muchly appreciated by teachers and staff.
- We encourage members to attend the Annual Meeting in April.

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

CENTRAL QUEENS ELEMENTARY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Rayanne Frizzell / Julie Corbett, Co-Presidents

Executive: Cavelle Sentner: Secretary; Kim MacLeod: Treasurer; Carrie Barlow: Past President

Meetings are held the third Wednesday of every other month in the school library at 7 PM. We sent home volunteer sheets to the parents with a letter attached telling them about Home and School and providing some volunteer opportunities for the upcoming school year. We got a great response from parents who were interested and willing to help.

For fundraising this year, we have partnered with the school, so ALL fundraisers are joint efforts (in the past Home and School did some and the school did some). We also offered parents the option to make a donation to the school and not feel obligated to participate in the fundraisers! We partnered with Smith's Christmas Trees to sell Christmas Wreaths and we hosted our annual fudge and bake sale during the school Christmas Concerts. Parents/Grandparents/Guardians are great to prepare a wide variety of baked goods for this event.

We also partnered with the Hunter River Lions Club to host a pancake breakfast. We will have an evening Bingo with classrooms creating the prize theme baskets in April and we will be partnering with Island Pride on a flower basket fundraiser in the spring. The fundraisers we complete raise funds for such things as providing bussing to school skates, free lunch for all staff and students on Winter Fun Day, art lessons with local artist Maurice Bernard for all students and a special event with Bricks 4 Kids for all classes.

As volunteers, our members contribute to our school in many ways. To name a few:

- In November and March, we provide supper to our staff on Parent Teacher Interview night.
- In February, we have a staff appreciation coordinator who organizes décor, treats and special prizes for our staff over the week. We do a buffet lunch one day for all of the staff to enjoy, and we encouraged parents to help their child be creative in showing their teacher their appreciation.
- Each Tuesday, we provide a healthy snack for the students.
- Members aid in the library throughout the year.
- Members help with the book fair which is held twice a year.
- Our school purchased the hotlunches.net system for ordering lunches again this year. A volunteer manages this system and prepares the reports for the school.

Our average attendance at our Home and School meetings throughout the year is 10-15, and we stay in touch with the broader membership via email and our Facebook page. We are looking forward to a positive year end and building on our successes for next year.

CHARLOTTETOWN RURAL HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Tracey Willoughby / Patricia Callaghan, Co-Chairs

DAC Rep: Vacant

At Charlottetown Rural Home and School, we work with the school administration. We have scheduled meetings 6 -7 times a year or more if needed.

We discuss school curriculum, fundraising needs, school goals, better communication between home and school, healthy lunches etc.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation this year included a luncheon for the teachers and staff and prize draws. All 32 bus drivers also received a special treat and were included in the prize draws.

Fundraising

We do a pass the hat at Meet the Teacher night in September. This is our only fundraising initiative and proceeds go to cover costs for Home and School fees, graduation and we give a monetary donation towards scholarships.

COLONEL GRAY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Sandy Nicholson, President**

Executive: Secretary: Tracy Ellsworth; DAC Representative: Alison MacDougall

We are pleased that Colonel Gray Home and School is now in its fourth year of operation. We continue to have wonderful co-operation with the administration, staff, students and parents at the school. While the group has not been active hosting events within the school, I believe that parents have enjoyed being able to meet with administration and staff regularly to discuss issues that are important to the school community.

While we continue to struggle with numbers for our home and school meetings, there is no lack of parent involvement within Colonel Gray as there are many ways to be active in the school. Whether through the music program, athletics, Colonel Gray Foundation, Safe Grad or Prom, parents and guardians are regularly attending meetings and activities at the school.

A highlight for Colonel Gray this year was an extra PD day that was added on December 11, 2019 to address diversity within Colonel Gray. Colonel Gray brought together all teacher, staff, administrators, bus drivers and members of home and school for a day of learning and sharing. The morning was spent listening to several speakers discuss immigration, diversity and culture on Prince Edward Island. In the afternoon, Orlando Bowen, from One Voice, One Team was the guest speaker. He was incredibly motivating and all in attendance were inspired by his story and his message. The following day, Orlando lead a session for the entire school and again, students found him incredibly inspiring. If anyone has the opportunity to attend a session with Orlando Bowen, it is highly recommended.

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

Executive: Vice-President: Tracey MacDonald; Secretary: Nancy Power; Treasurer: Samantha Lavery

September was our first meeting of the year. A new Executive was elected, which had one new member join our board.

Friday hot lunches started. We have volunteers who come into the school and prepare a hot lunch for students and staff. Cost is \$3.50. It is on a four week schedule of rotating meals.

A Community Calendar is our only fundraiser and the campaign starts in May and finishes in June. The order has to be placed by the end of September. These usually return in November and then volunteers deliver to the customers.

We held a Halloween dance for all of Donagh students. We had prizes for the best dressed and a treat went home with each student. This was a huge success. A parent had to stay with their child; no drop offs.

In December we held our annual Christmas Dinner for all Staff and Students. Home and School purchases the fresh local turkeys and parents donate all the fixings. This is a tradition that EVERYONE looks forward to every Christmas season. We also purchased gift cards for the Christmas families. At the Christmas concert we held a 50/50 draw. The proceeds went to the Christmas families. This was a huge success.

In January we put Carol Arbing's name forward for the Extra Mile Award. We had a lot of letters come forward to add to our package.

For Teacher/Staff Appreciation a meal has been planned for each day. Parents have volunteered to purchase or prepare item/items. Gift cards were purchased for the bus drivers.

In February there has been a parent engagement planned around internet safety. There will be speakers coming in to talk to the parents and students. Each child will go home with a book.

Our 3rd Annual Family Skate Night will be held in April. This is a huge success every year. Home and School purchases the ice surface and beverages. The parents bring cookies or treats to share.

The school plans a field trip in June for all staff and students to go to Shining Waters and Sandspit. Home and School helps out with the cost of bussing.

The last day of school, Home and School treats all staff and students to a free lunch. We either purchase pizza or prepare the meal in our kitchen. This hasn't been decided yet.

We communicate with our parents through a school newsletter, hot lunch program and our Donagh Home and School Facebook page. Thank you.

EAST WILTSHIRE HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Laura Hagen-Grant / Gayle Stuart, Co-Chairs

East Wiltshire Home and School Association meets 4-5 times during the school year. There are usually 12-20 members in attendance. The meetings are always led by our principal, Ms. Cole with Mr. Cusack and Mrs. Woodford as the teacher reps.

The main purpose of the meetings is for information sharing. Topics covered range from new programs, staffing changes and curriculum to cafeteria offerings, class trips, and student body concerns/challenges. The format of our meetings is very informal where everyone has opportunity to ask questions, raise concerns, and express opinions. Parents can also stay informed on a daily basis using information posted on our school's website in the Daily Announcements, or via its Facebook page.

Throughout the school year:

- Our membership takes a keen interest in all things East Wiltshire. The very well attended meetings are evidence of this.
- Members volunteer to work the door at school dances. Dances are a very popular activity for our students and we appreciate the large number of EWS staff who attends each dance, providing a safe and enjoyable environment for students.
- We are proud to always have members represent EWS at both the Semi-Annual and Annual PEIHSF meetings and report back to the membership.
- We are also supportive of the excellent breakfast program at the school that offers hot food daily to students and has a strong community, student, and parent volunteer base.
- A highlight of each school year is the Staff Appreciation Luncheon which takes place during Staff Appreciation Week in February. Parents sign up through an online form to donate food and a buffet style lunch is provided to staff. EWS staff always shows great appreciation for this event.
- April will be wellness month at the school as the Association uses its Parent Leadership Grant from the PEIHSF to promote physical and mental health all month including a special Wellness evening planned for EWS families.
- The Association is disappointed by the delay of a universal school lunch program. However, East Wiltshire is looking forward to results from the current pilots underway and hoping for an Island-wide program in the fall of 2020 so all Island students can have a healthy, locally sourced lunch.
- An ongoing concern for our Home and School is the size of EWS student population and our aging building. The school is now operating at full capacity and attention should be drawn to the absence of space available to staff to deliver programs as they feel necessary. Students are receiving instruction in areas of the school not intentioned for classroom work. Unfortunately, EWS was not a priority when the School Review was completed three years ago. We are disappointed to hear of the cancellation of the school assessment that was planned for PEI schools this year as we were hoping it would help address some of these issues.

ELIOT RIVER HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Tanya Murphy, Chair

Executive: Amy MacFarlane, Treasurer; Kelly MacDonald, Secretary

The Eliot River Home and School continues to advocate on behalf of parents, students and staff for improvements in the infrastructure at the school.

Angela Campbell is the new Eliot River representative on the Family of Schools District Advisory Council for the Bluefield family of schools. This group has not met to date but as they do she will follow up with regular reports at our Home and School meetings in order to keep everyone up to date.

As a way to raise funds to cover annual and convention fees, our association held a Best Seats in the House fundraiser for the grade four Christmas concert.

Home and School supports the annual scream park buy donating treats for purchase the night of the scream park. Volunteers from Home and School are on site the evening of the scream park to help with canteen services. This is a very successful event and brings about a great deal of community support.

Our association supported Staff Appreciation Week. Various treats for all Eliot River staff were generously prepared by Eliot River parents. We also purchased 5 gift cards and names were drawn and gift cards given to the winning teachers the Friday of Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week.

For the first two weeks of February, all students were encouraged to nominate a teacher (any adult in the building) for all they do to help our students and community. Yellow slips were delivered to each class and were available in the office. Slips were drawn on February 14th for gift cards from our Home and School association. This is a similar process the school uses for “Pawsitivity” nominations with students.

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

A representative was unable to attend the Semi-Annual meeting at Central Queens and we will aim to send someone to the Annual Meeting in April.

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

ELLERSLIE ELEMENTARY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Dionne Tuplin / Erin Veale, Co-Chairs

Executive Members: Brittany Fitzgerald, Secretary; Cindy Gorrill, Treasurer

Our meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. We send announcements in our monthly newsletter as well as on our Facebook pages inquiring about volunteer opportunities for the 2019-2020 school year. This year, we have 12 active members on our committee, including a teacher liaison.

At the end of the 2018-2019 school year, we were honored to present Melanie Phillips with the PEI Home and School Federation's Bus Driver Award in May. It was a great ceremony; the kids did an amazing job with love letters and posters, and we presented a scrapbook to Melanie as a gift from the school and community. We held a Home and School Logo Contest, asking students to submit their best artwork that represents our home and school. The winner was William Veale (Grade 5), who received a certificate with the new logo and a \$25 gift card from Indigo. We also had 6 students with perfect attendance for the 2018-2019 school year. Each student was presented with a certificate and a \$5 gift card from Indigo.

Members of our committee attended the Semi-Annual Meeting held in October and the meeting was very helpful. We brought back lots of ideas and nuggets to use in our meetings as well as ways to continue our activities for Ellerslie Elementary and our community.

Projects

- Orange Shirt Day was another success and well received by the students and staff again this year.
- The Terry Fox Run was also another successful event.
- Ellerslie has been hosting a Pumpkin Decorating Contest for the past two years and every year gets better and better. Members of the community are welcome to submit pumpkins for display to the school and many entries were received this year. This year, the teachers participated and competed for "Kids Favorite" (won by Sydney Trowsdale) and the classes competed to "Guess the Teacher" (Miss Jeffrey and Miss Rayner's classes won). Tracy Arsenault (Mrs. A) and Jason Cormier were in charge of this event.
- We asked parents to submit books, board games and puzzles (in excellent condition) for all grades and classes during Parent Teacher Interviews in November.
- Our annual Elf on the Shelf in December was another great success. Every day in December, students would try to find the elf answer a trivia question and submit their answers in a jar. The winner was selected by the end of the day. \$300 in books were given out to the kids. This is always loved by the students as they look forward to this tradition.
- Home and School covered the cost of our annual School Skate in December.
- On February 13, Ellerslie hosted a "Kindergarten 101" for the parents of the incoming Kindergarten students in the Fall. The purpose of this meeting was to help the parents learn what to look for and to better prepare their children for Kindergarten. While the parents met with the teachers and staff, members of the committee were responsible for watching their children. We offered snacks, reading time and we played games with the kids to help the time pass by quicker. Some Ellerslie students were also on hand to keep the children busy and the hour went by quickly because of this. This was well received by the parents and may be something we do in the future.

(Cont'd Ellerslie)

- 13 of our Grade 6 students participated in the Active Leaders PEI Day on February 20th at UPEI. Home and School paid for the registration and the students had a great time.

Fundraisers

- We held another Logo Contest at the beginning of the year, this time for our school clothing. We had many participants submit entries once again, and this year's winner was Nicole Bury (Grade 5.) Because of all the great entries, we decided to use them all for our school clothing. Brittany Fitzgerald came up with a few collages that were quite amazing.
- We held a Santa's Little Helper Fundraiser in October. Order forms were sent home with the students and we had a \$6,500 profit.
- We partnered with Coles Bookstore at the County Fair Mall for a fundraising event. On Wednesday, November 27th from 5:30-7:30, anyone who shopped at the bookstore, 20% of the sales went toward the Home and School in the form of gift cards. There were sales of \$632.98 and we earned \$138.60 in Indigo Gift Cards.
- We held a Bake Sale during our Christmas Concert. We asked parents to bring in pre-packaged items ready to sell for \$1.
- Last year, Home and School provided each teacher with \$200 to go toward their Wish List items. This was well received by the teachers last year, so we decided to do it again this year. We added a caveat, asking the teachers needed to submit a Funding Request Form detailing what was needed, explain the benefits and provide receipts for their purchase(s) in order to receive their refunds.
- We are currently holding 2 Spring fundraisers "Spring is In the Air" (flowers catalog) and "MySaver" Coupon books that are running from February 27-March 9.
- We are also hosting a Spring Craft Fair and Bake Sale on Saturday, April 25th from 10am-4pm in conjunction with Camp Phoenix.
- We are planning on doing yearbooks this year which will be scheduled for distribution in May or June.

Our volunteers continue to contribute to our school in many ways

- Every Wednesday, volunteers help with the Breakfast Program's Grab and Go.
- We provide hot dogs, drinks and snacks during our end of the year trip to Shining Waters.
- Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week was held February 10-14. Volunteers did not disappoint this year. Our theme days were: Monday: Breakfast foods, fruit and juice; Tuesday: Tacos; Wednesday: Soup, sandwiches, sweets and juice; Thursday: Chili, buns, and 2 sweets; Friday: Salads, sandwiches, 2 sweets and juice. Dillon's Convenience Store also provided pizza.

Bev Annand has been on our custodial staff for many years and is retiring at the beginning of March. On March 4th, there will be a surprise Retirement Party for her, and we anticipate it will be a great send off for all her dedicated years at Ellerslie Elementary.

We nominated Stephanie Wallace, our Administrative Assistant, for the 2020 Extra Mile Award. While she was not recognized by the Federation, we decided we would do our own recognition for her. We are in the process of scheduling this in April. There were 169 love letters submitted by the students as well as letters of support from our principal Jason Cormier, and our Co-Chairs, Dionne Tuplin and Erin Veale. We, as a committee, also decided we would have our own Extra Mile ceremony to recognize the efforts of our teachers, staff, etc.

We are looking forward to the Annual Meeting and Convention in April.

ELM STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Naomi Harvey / Terri Lynn Gallant, Co-Chairs

Executive: Secretary, Holly Macleod; Treasurer, Julie Hogan

We started the year off with our annual fundraiser. This year we chose Vesey Seeds with all monies that were raised going back to our students.

We celebrated National Childs Day on Wednesday November 20th. We bought ADL chocolate milk and asked the parents to make homemade chocolate chip cookies for all the students.

In December we held our annual gift mart where we ask for donations of new and gently used items and then the students get to come shopping for their family for a cost of a loonie.

In December we helped cut the cost for our students to go watch the Western Capitals hockey team play and have their lunch there. They really enjoyed it.

Then came February when we celebrated staff appreciation week. The staff was treated to snacks, treats and a potluck which they always look forward to the most.

Next, we are looking forward to warmer weather with two big events. In June we will host our annual fun day where we give the students lunch and the staff put on activities for the students. Finally, to wrap up the school year, we help with the cost of their end of year field trip. The details for this year's trip have not yet been finalized.

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

Treasurer: Cathy Lantz

Englewood School and the Covid 19 pandemic:

The 2019-20 school year started out like any other and our Englewood Home and School Association held regular meetings and carried out ongoing programs and initiatives. Our last regular Home and School meeting was held on March 11, 2020. We discussed the resolutions slated for the annual meeting of the Home and School Federation, expressed support for a new “calm down” room in the school, planned activities for bus driver appreciation day, and discussed potential dates for the self protection course to be held with parent leadership grant funding. Something a little different was discussed that night as well – how prepared was the Public Schools Branch to deal with the Covid 19 pandemic? Specifically, were there plans in place to deal with a potential case of corona virus in a student, a student’s family or a teacher or staff member at the school? The following day, the co-chair of Englewood Home and School Association sent a letter (attached to this report) outlining these concerns to the school principal, who in turn, forwarded it to the Public Schools Branch. We never did get a response because the provincial government and Chief Public Health Office quickly began implementing measures of social distancing to control the spread of Covid 19 in PEI. It began with a travel advisory for parents and staff prior to March break, followed by the cancellation of all school-related travel, and the closure of school for two weeks following March break. This delay was further extended until May 15, prompting the Department of Education to initiate online learning activities in early April. It has recently been announced that school will not resume for the 2019-2020 school year. The administration and staff at Englewood School have taken extraordinary measures to reach out to students and families during this difficult and stressful period. A video showing teachers and staff at home during the pandemic was posted on our Home and School Association Facebook page and brought smiles to many faces.

Communications:

The Englewood Home and School Association is a small group of parents and school administrators/teachers who are dedicated to providing an enhanced and enjoyable learning experience at Englewood Consolidated School. We maintain a Home and School Facebook page which is popular with parents and staff as a way to distribute information about school events and promote our Home and School Association meetings. Our Facebook page is updated regularly with school announcements, delays, closures etc. There are currently 185 members in the group. The value of the Facebook group was evident during the Covid 19 pandemic. It provided an excellent platform for administrators and teachers to reach out to families with important information, as well as cheerful messages.

School Food Initiatives:

In the absence of a provincial school lunch program, our Home and School Association provides hot lunches which are prepared at the school twice weekly. We also continue to order pizza and garlic fingers for delivery on Fridays. Our Home and School Association Treasurer, Cathy Lantz, is the coordinator and chef of the lunch program. Another parent in our Association, Rebecca Kewley, has arranged donations to provide a free hot dog lunch, complete with milk and dessert, once each month. The parents, students and staff at Englewood School greatly appreciate Cathy and Rebecca’s contributions.

In 2019, teachers and staff members at Englewood School took the initiative to start a “grab and go” breakfast program. Home and School volunteers assist with purchase and delivery of the food (primarily fruit, granola bars, cereal, toast) and we have provided financial contributions as well.

(Cont'd Englewood)

Fund Raising:

The primary fund raiser for our Home and School Association is the sale of coupon books in spring and fall. An epicure fund raiser was also added in 2019. Money raised is directed towards areas of the school in need of assistance. This year, we will partner with the school for the purchase of a new water fountain that enables children to fill water bottles. We are also purchasing materials needed for the construction of a Gagaball pit in the playground.

Participation in Provincial Home and School Activities:

Englewood Home and School Association actively participates in provincial Home and School activities, with representatives attending the semi-annual and annual meetings. Unfortunately, the annual meeting was cancelled due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week:

Englewood parents enjoy treating teachers and staff of the school to an annual luncheon during teacher/staff appreciation week. In 2019, our Treasurer and lunch program coordinator, Cathy Lantz, prepared the meal at the school. In 2020, parent volunteers provided food and supervision, which allowed teachers and staff to have a sit-down lunch together. We also show our appreciation to the Englewood bus drivers by providing coffee and muffins at the school during bus driver appreciation week.

Other:

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

Englewood Home and School Association was successful in attaining a Parent Leadership Grant which had been obtained to support the hosting of a self-protection workshop for teens and their parents. This workshop was to be held in March, 2020.

Volunteer Recognition:

The Englewood Home and School Association would like to recognize two outstanding volunteers within our school community.

Cathy Lantz has served as Treasurer of our Association for many years and has done an excellent job of keeping track of our finances. As if this wasn't enough work, she volunteered to cook hot lunches for two days per week. In 2019, she prepared a gourmet meal for the teacher/staff appreciation luncheon. Cathy's extraordinary efforts have been greatly appreciated.

Mike Connolly is a well-known figure in the PEI sporting community. A former athlete himself, he now dedicates an immense amount of time coaching youth sports. In 2019, Mike coached the Englewood cross country team, the boy's soccer team and the boy's basketball team. The boys won the 2019 'A' Soccer championships – the first time an Englewood School team has won the banner. Congratulations to Mike on his coaching successes and a huge thank you from the Englewood community for your volunteer service.

Summary:

The Englewood Home and School Association would like to thank all of those who contribute to our fundraisers, as well as parents, teachers, and school administrators who attend our regular meetings. Although this year has been unusual and stressful, our school community has stuck together and remained strong. We are hopeful that the 2020-21 school year will see a return to more normal school activities.

(Cont'd Englewood)

Email sent to Randy Reardon, Principal of Englewood Consolidated School and subsequently forwarded to Parker Grimmer and Erin Johnston of the Public Schools Branch
March 12, 2020

Hello Randy:

The Englewood Home and School Association has been following the Covid 19 pandemic closely and has questions about the Public School Branch's planning for a potential outbreak in Prince Edward Island. We want to ensure that school principals are kept in the loop and are prepared to roll out a plan should a student or staff member at Englewood School test positive for the Covid 19 virus. I would expect that there is a greater discussion happening at the Department of Education around potential widespread school outages. However, things within an individual school can quickly change if a student, parent, teacher or staff member tests positive for the virus. Some of the questions we have are:

Who would coordinate testing of other teachers and staff, as well as children and families, if a child or teacher at a school tests positive for Covid 19?

What steps are now being taken to promote hand washing/sanitizing in classrooms and at the entrance to the school?

If a child displays symptoms of high fever and coughing, what measures are in place to handle this?

Is the cleaning staff equipped with the knowledge and tools to properly disinfect the school in the event of an outbreak?

There are also implications for family of schools should one have a positive case of Covid 19. Would the PSB look at a school family closure or expanded testing?

Thank you for taking our concerns to the Public Schools Branch. The Englewood Home and School Association is prepared to work with the school to distribute information as needed and help in any way possible.

Sincerely,

Rosie MacFarlane
Co-Chair
Englewood Home and School Association

GREENFIELD HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Tanya Goodwin / Karla Love, Co-Presidents

Executive: Becky Stewart (Vice- President); Jocelyn Mills (Secretary); Krista Peters (Treasurer); Jeff Nichols (District Advisory Committee Representative)

In the fall and beginning of winter, the Greenfield Home and School Association met bi-monthly in September, November and January. Our next scheduled meeting is in March. We will continue to meet every second month over the remainder of the school year.

Activities

Welcome Back Greenfield Picnic

The 9th annual picnic was a great success again this year. Many families attended as we ensure an affordable event by only charging \$1.00 per meal. Many parent volunteers helped out by collecting tickets, serving food, and cleaning up after the event. The Credit Union donated hot dogs, buns, drinks and condiments, Greenfield Home and School supplied cookies, and Cavendish farms supplied fries from their fry cart. Activities that took place that evening were: karaoke, and outdoor play and sports. All of our donations and support were greatly appreciated for this event.

Santa's Helpers

This fundraiser is similar to Dielman's but with a new supplier. It was well supported by Greenfield School families again this year and remains one of our major fundraisers. Most of the money raised went towards our yearly expenses, such as; art lessons, music program, physical education, classrooms, and end of the year field trips. We had no issues with this company, they were easy to deal with and the fundraiser went well overall. As mentioned below this fundraiser was combined with popcorn sales. Once we have a breakdown of the money raised by both we will assess if it will be recommended for next year.

Papa Jacks

This was a new fundraiser this year. We did it at the same time as the Santa's Helpers. It is popcorn sales. The company was easy to deal with and we had no concerns. Once we have a breakdown of the money raised by both we will assess if it will be recommended for next year.

Greenfield School Calendars

We sold Greenfield School Calendars again this year, with the school's contact information, bell schedule, lunch menu, and PD/Holidays listed. Local businesses were approached to sponsor a month in exchange for having their logo featured on that month's page. The calendars were sold to staff and families for \$10 each. Sales were up from last year. We decided to switch printers to a Charlottetown company and had no issues. The money raised went towards our yearly expenses again this year. As of right now, we plan on selling the calendars again next year.

(Cont'd Greenfield)

Breakfast Program

Greenfield has a very successful breakfast program that operates five days per week for all students. This year we remain financially secure; however, getting volunteers can still be a struggle at times. There are many loyal parents and grandparents, who help out regularly, and the teachers are great to fill in if needed as well. We have also continued to invite a few grade 6 student volunteers to help spread butter for toast, and a few members of the Summerside Capitals hockey team came in to help one morning again this year.

Christmas Hampers

The Christmas Hampers Committee, in conjunction with the St. Eleanor's Lions Club, had another amazing year! The money collected from various fundraising events held in the fall was used to purchase gifts for 15 families (including 39 children) this year in the Summerside area. Greenfield parents, students, and staff helped with this project which is a real community event for the school. The community was a great support for this by donating many items for raffle baskets that we sold tickets on. We also had a Halloween dance for grades 3-6, Gator Giving Days (PJ Day, Crazy Hair Day, Jersey Day and Xmas spirit day) with toonie donations every Wednesday in November, a bake sale during our Christmas concert, Candy-O-Gram sales and ticket sales for the raffle baskets with all proceeds going towards our hamper families.

Teacher/ Staff Appreciation

This year, Home and School hosted a coffee break every Wednesday in February. Coffee from Samuel's Coffee House and snacks brought in by parents were provided to staff once a week for a month instead of every day during Teacher/Staff appreciation week to spread things out a little more. This year we are also planning a potluck lunch for staff which will be held on March 6th for the Professional Development day during parent teacher interviews at the school.

Cookie Dough Campaign

This year we are using a new company for our cookie dough. It is through Maritime Fundraising. We are currently in the process of running this fundraiser again and anticipate it being another successful year.

Greenfield Playground Committee

We continue to try to raise funds for our playground. We do struggle with having a designated committee to take on this effort. However, funds continue to be designated towards this cause as we have developed a plan for our younger student playground and hope to be able to replace the out of date equipment in the next year.

GULF SHORE CONSOLIDATED HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Erin MacRae-Forrest, President

Executive:

Past President: Julie Walsh

Vice-President: Peggy Doucette

Treasurer: Marsha Doucette

Secretary: Marsha LeBlanc

At the first of the year, our executive attended Meet the Teacher Night. We explained how each parent is already a member of the Home & School and it exists for many reasons. Our primary reason is to ensure that our children receive the best learning environment possible. We do this by maintaining open lines of communication with the staff so that parents have an understanding of the school and its workings. Problems can be solved and ideas can be heard.

Meetings are important but making connections with other families in our school is just as important.

This year we asked that each class/grade have a classroom representative who would attend meetings regularly and act as a liaison between home and school and the parents of that class. This has helped to increase our attendance at meetings and also has helped get more people involved in discussions, initiatives and events.

We host six meetings during the school year which take place the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in our school's science lab. We continue to post information on the Gulf Shore Home & School Facebook Page. This page has been a great way to share information and reminders with all parents, guardians and teachers.

Initiatives**Milk & Hot Lunch program**

We have been utilizing the hotlunches.net to provide online purchasing for all milk and hot lunches. We have a couple of volunteers that work with the executive that are responsible for menu selection, negotiating, communication & online organization. We are blessed to have such great community members & local businesses that we use for all our lunch items.

Food for Thought Cupboard

Thanks to donations & funding we are able to keep our fridge & cupboards stocked with healthy foods. These items are available for any student who either does not have access to food or who has forgotten their lunch that day.

Terry Fox BBQ

Every year we provide BBQ hotdogs & juice boxes for all students after the run.

Student Head Checks for Lice

Periodically throughout the school year we have H&S volunteers come in and do hair checks for our students.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week

Home and School recognizes the great teachers and staff at Gulf Shore and appreciates their kindness and dedication to our children's education. We use an online signup sheet (signupgenius.com) where parents/guardians can access and signup to provide a sweet treat, healthy snack during this particular week.

Teacher/Staff Supper Potluck

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

Smoothie Bar for Junior High

Smoothies were made and served to our junior high students during their lunchtime break.

Christmas Healthy Snack

For our grades K to 6, we made fruit kabobs so that all students would have a healthy snack during the evening of our Christmas concert.

Weekly Fruit Bowls

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

Guest Speaker

Paige Martin from Green Everlasting

This non for profit organization who strive to educate those on environmental issues happening today and what they can do to help solve them. Paige spoke on the little things we can do in our everyday lives that can make a difference.

Family Fun Night

We teamed up with the Gulf Shore Choir and THE ISLANDERS! Choir members sang O' Canada, while families enjoyed a great game of hockey.

Playground update

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

Fundraising

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

(Cont'd Gulf Shore)

Provincial Meetings

Gulf Shore Home and School sent representatives to October's Semi-Annual Meeting of PEI Home and School Federation.

Covid -19 update

Many families are feeling the stresses of the unknown we have faced in recent weeks. From the pains of isolation & financial pressures to becoming educators overnight.

We are so lucky to be part of the Gulf Shore family because we know we have not been forgotten. From personal calls from teachers, to read aloud books and video messages from our principal. Weekly check-ins, open lines of communication with helpful hints and what additional resources are available to parents. We even enjoyed a staff virtual sing aloud video!

Community businesses & non-profit organizations within our community have also been chipping in and helping to provide food for those in need. Others offering to drop off food items to those in isolation. We even had a family open up their accommodation business to allow those in need of a space to self-isolate. The community has come together to ensure that our children are not only fed but happy and safe.

We hired Creative Kitchen to host a virtual cooking demo so we could even spend time "together". Any member of the Gulf Shore Home and School Family could join a virtual zoom cooking class and learn how to make an entree and dessert while connecting to fellow families at the same time!

This is going to be a year to remember for many reasons but we can feel the support of our school and know they are trying to make it a memorable one (in a good way). Many school events scheduled to happen will look totally different but because of the innovative thinking of our school these special moments will still happen. For starters our yearbook has been completed and will include a section of photos of at home learning and silliness submitted by our students.

Although we are apart, we would like to thank the families and businesses within our community who have risen to the challenge of joining together - from afar.

KINKORA REGIONAL HIGH HOME AND SCHOOL / PARENT COUNCIL
Donna McLeod, President/Treasurer

Executive: Ryan McAleer, Principal

We have bi-monthly meetings in which our Student Council Advisor Kevin Stewart and a student council representative share a report about what is happening in our school. As well, our principal shares information about school policies, upcoming events and school initiatives and school goals. Our meetings are a chance to gather valuable feedback from parents.

- Blazer Beef Supper is our major fundraiser for the school. It is well supported by students, parents, community and school staff. We also did a pie fundraiser.
- In October KRHS held a PTSD and Mental Health Awareness month, in which we posted facts to educate everyone on the realness of these illnesses.
- KRHS hosted a Vaping presentation to local parents and community on the health consequences of vaping.
- KRHS hosted a meeting about School Food Project. Our high school will serve as a centralized kitchen and prepare and distribute meals to our other two local schools. Food samples were provided.
- For our Exam Breakfast parents provided and served nutritious snacks to students before scheduled exams.
- For our Teachers/Staff Appreciation week, parents organized homemade treats and lunches for staff and bus drivers.
- We also held a Student Wellness Day with guest speakers and team-building activities, wellness choice sessions and a free lunch.

Our Parent Council has a wonderful group of parents, educators and community that strive hard to ensure our students and teachers have a positive environment for learning at Kinkora Regional High School.

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

Executive: Jennifer Barry, Treasurer; Gail Edgett, Secretary

The new school year started off with Rae Sherren and Cathy Hennessey handing over the reins to Cara Dempsey and Alicia Packwood. We also had Gail Edgett, take over for Theresa Sheehan. This will be Jennifer Barry's last year with us, so we are on the search for a new treasurer. We did meet as a new team in August to create a plan for the new school year and set up our bi-monthly Home and School meetings.

Our first "event" was an ice cream social we held during the Meet the Teacher night. We were able to lay out some new initiatives to the parents and had some great one on ones before, during and after the meet the teachers. We were able to sign up some volunteers for our Ways and Means committee, our Fundraising and Events committee, as well as recruiting a handful of parents to meet the following weekend, to set up new benches and picnic tables we were able to purchase at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

Construction on the new addition to the school was completed in October and a grand opening ceremony was held December 12, with members of the Provincial government, local MLA's, Charlottetown town council members and Public Schools branch members. It was a wonderful event that was live streamed so that all of our parents/guardians could participate in the ceremony.

We held the first of (we are hoping) three speakers events. It was held October 9, with the subject being Online Safety and Awareness. It was unfortunately poorly attended, which is why we are debating holding any more sessions.

This fall, we participated in the coupon booklet campaign for the second year in a row, with great success. We were the 2nd highest seller for the booklets in the province. To date, we've held 3 Home and School meetings and 2 Events and Fundraising meetings. The first E&F meeting in October, was to plan our first ever Holiday Shoppe. Parents/Guardians came together in a huge way, and donated enough gifts, wrapping paper, tape, ribbon and labels so that all 470 of our children at the school, could go home with 2 gifts each. The students came in 2-3 classes at a time and were able to purchase 2 gifts (items were priced between \$1 and \$3). We had a huge team of volunteers, who then wrapped their gifts to take home that day. We look forward to doing this again next year.

We have a series of fundraising events coming up. A lunch credit raffle, a drive-a-thon, a spring coupon booklet event and our annual Family Fun day (May 30th). As well as making available for purchase, some clothing pieces with the school's name and logo/mascot. All of these initiatives are to help fund repairs of playground items damaged or lost during the renovations, as well as to purchase and update some new playground equipment.

We have put together a Playground committee, consisting of a parent and teacher-based team. Our goal is to

(Cont'd L. M. Montgomery)

raise approx. \$100,000 in the next year to have some pieces in place or repaired by June of 2021. We are 40% of the way to our goal at the moment.

For the first time, we received some money from the Home and School Federation for the Parent Leadership Grant. We chose In the Kitchen – Meal planning and Getting creative. Our first session, meal planning was held early February. We had 10 people sign up to do the event, but only 6 attended.

We brought in a new vendor in our lunch program this year as a healthier option for students. It did well. However, the vendor failed to deliver lunches one day and was late 2 other days. We ended our contract with them just before Christmas. We are still offering many hot lunch options, such as chicken strips, pizza, subs, spaghetti, tacos, grilled cheese sandwiches, as well as gluten free options.

We also created an account with an app called FlipGive. Doesn't cost anything to parents. For anyone wanting to shop online, you log into this app first, find the company you wish to purchase from. That company will "give back" a percentage of the purchase to your group. We opened this up in October / November, and have raised just over \$750, just from parents/guardians, etc. making purchases online.

As with every year, we offer financial support to the school for the Winter Carnival, Christmas Families and the Science Fair. We were also able to purchase music shirts for our singing strings and choir. Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week was a huge success this year, with an overabundance of treats, food and gifts for the amazing team at LM, all donated by our wonderful parent community.

We agreed as a new committee to be more open and active with our parents/guardians, teachers and students. We have increased our activity on Facebook and created an Instagram account and send out communication on a regular basis via the school newsletter and email system to ensure that everyone is involved.

Our parents and school community is already very excited for this year's Family Fun Day, with planning already under way. It's a fun and exciting year for us as we build momentum and focus for our playground. Though we may not have many parents attend our planning meetings, we are always thrilled by their commitment at our events and their continued support towards their children's education.

M.E. CALLAGHAN HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Lori Neufeld, President

Executive: Treasurer: Tasha Ashley

The M.E. Callaghan Home and School group continues to meet every 4 - 6 weeks. Our first meeting in September centred around an update on school enrolment and activities and projects for the upcoming year.

At the beginning of the year, our committee was brainstorming ideas to raise funds for the Home and School to make upgrades to various items throughout the school and offer support for trips and school activities. We had a couple of parents step up to organize a ticket sale fundraiser which will be closing shortly, with the draw made on February 14th, 2020. We are planning to use funds for things such as water bottle filling stations, uniforms, a foosball table and new benches in our lobby as well as other incentives for each grade level if possible.

We were also able to organize an on-line clothing store for students to purchase school clothing on a trial basis and plan to continue with this as it was quite successful.

Our committee is once again planning to show appreciation for our teachers from Feb. 10 - 21 with treats on alternating days. We will help provide entertainment for the students with Minute-To-Win-It games for the teachers during the lunch hour on Feb. 19th.

We will once again apply for a grant to be able to hire a tutor to offer our 10 week "Summer Tutoring Program" to students that would like to maintain or improve on their skills for the upcoming school year with a focus on numeracy and literacy. The program was a great success this past summer and the tutor received a lot of positive feedback and was asked to continue tutoring some students throughout the year.

A big thank you to Tasha and Jen for all of the hours you have spent painting an inspirational mural and trying to brighten up the walls!

The principal has been very helpful in providing information about what is happening at the school and requesting input about different aspects of school life such as what kinds of presentations should be brought to the students, updates on building issues/maintenance, attendance, student surveys etc. We appreciate the many hours you spend trying to keep everything running smoothly.

MISCOUCHE CONSOLIDATED HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Erynn Cormier, President**

Executive: Kellie Arsenault, Vice President; Tracy Jones, Secretary; Chantelle Clements, Treasurer

School Administration: Scott MacDonald, Principal; Sue Gogan, Vice Principal

Breakfast Program Coordinator: Erynn Cormier

Miscouche Home and School holds meetings on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. We start by covering the previous topics and our financial status. Erynn then will go through topics to deal with and bring forward any parent concerns or questions. We do not meet in December, March or June. All members are active in fundraising as well as being homeroom liasons. We just started having the classroom reps and will continue to establish a layout and expectations.

Communications

We start the year attending the Meet the Teacher night. Erynn and Kellie share about the role of Home and School and what we do to financially support the school. We speak of the Breakfast Program as well, and ask for volunteers. We then host our first meeting after the event.

During the school year, we communicate with parents via Facebook, school newsletter, hand outs to parents and announcements on the school website.

Fundraising

This year we have done a couple fundraisers. We sold Christmas ornaments and cookie dough. The Christmas decorations were not successful, so we quickly added cookie dough which did help. We did a Christmas gym this year for the students to purchase for their families. It was a huge success thanks to donations from the community and families.

Initiatives

The Home and School helps with Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week meals as well as food for the second parent-teacher meeting. We host a BBQ at the end of the year for the students. The end-of-year trips are sponsored, in part, by us.

Last year we were able, with the help of Standard Aero and the principal, to get a water bottle filling station in our Junior High wing. We are hoping to add to it this year. We asked for an accessible swing to be added to the playground. One is on loan to us currently. We also added Spark bikes to the school.

Breakfast Program

We have been trying with little success to get volunteers for our program. We have five parents that help on a regular basis. We have difficulty some days getting anyone. Teachers have been great to help get things out on those days. We did not receive our major funding this year from PC Children's Charity and are currently re-applying. We will be doing another fundraiser to help with that program. We also have asked for donations of food from parents and the community.

We would like to thank our volunteers and teachers for their support.

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

Executive: Nancy Robertson, Vice President; Susie Myers-Garrett, Treasurer; Rae-Anne MacDonald, Secretary; Betty MacDonald, Principal

The MCS Home and School meet approximately bi-monthly on a Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. Childcare is provided. Attendance generally consists of the Executive, the Principal and half a dozen parents. Two new members were elected in September 2019. Rae-Anne MacDonald joined as secretary and Nancy Robertson as Vice President.

The MCS Home and School provided welcome back coffee and pizza for the staff at the beginning of the year. The Home and School also purchase books for each classroom, chosen by the teacher, through Scholastic during the two book fairs held each year.

“Monty” the school mascot was purchased with funds from Home and School and has been a welcomed addition. Monty is a fox whose motto is “Freeze, rewind. Do it Again!” This reminds children to be aware of their actions and to never give up! Monty also reminds students of the school’s mission to provide an environment of Safety, Unity, Respect and Fair Play (S.U.R.F.)

This year was kicked off with new fundraisers, a K-6 fall/Halloween dance. Children were allowed to wear their costumes and it was a huge success! It was a high energy dance party that everyone enjoyed and had great feedback from parents.

The Breakfast program continues to be extremely popular with students; volunteers are seeing approximately 120 students enjoy breakfast every day. This wouldn’t be possible without the support of the Montague Rotary Club. The hot lunch program is also very popular; however, the implementation of the healthy lunch program initiative with the province is welcome!

Staff Appreciation Week had extra meaning this year with the presentation of the Extra Mile Award to two staff members. Robyn Burgess and Nena Matheson were presented with the awards on February 14th by Heather Mullen. Shirley Smedley Jay and Parker Grimmer were also in attendance. The association was ecstatic to see these ladies win this award. There was a short assembly with letters of appreciation read by students, plaque, flower presentation and celebratory cake. In addition to this event, throughout the week there was a potluck (donated by parents), a coffee and snack break (donated by parents and H&S) and all school staff were given a bouquet of tulips. Many staff members commented that “tulip day” is their favorite day of the year!

Looking toward the spring there are a couple of fundraisers in the planning stages including the annual Spring Fling. Fundraising this year decreased significantly over last year. 2018/2019 funds were being raised to purchase new playground equipment. Emphasis in the spring will also be put on planning fundraisers for 2020/2021, brainstorming ideas to increase parent involvement and grow the volunteer base.

Prepared by Paula O’Brien

MONTAGUE INTERMEDIATE HOME AND SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL
Submitted by Principal Luanne Inman

Executive: Luanne Inman, Principal; Linda Thistle-McKenna, Counselor; Jimmy Morris, Vice Principal; Lindsay Hume, Parent Chair

Schools in the Public Schools Branch have been asked to focus their work around two main goals: literacy and numeracy, but continuing to keep wellness and public confidence as areas of concern. Grades 4-12 have been asked to identify a writing goal. At Montague Intermediate, our teachers are focused on co-constructing success criteria in an effort to improve student writing. During our School Goals Days, our teachers work professionally on how to incorporate co-constructing into their classes. Many teachers have said that although this process can take some time, they are seeing improvements in their students' writing. Also, because the students are active participants in the process, they have a greater awareness of how to produce a well-developed piece of writing. Teachers have also been using the Workshop Model on instruction in their classes. Our language arts teachers have been working with Erin Vaive, Literacy Coach from the Department of Education. She has been most helpful, especially for some of our new teachers. We will continue to work on these skills during our School Goals Days.

Our math teachers continue to incorporate high yield strategies into their math classes. Our math curriculum is front loaded – meaning that our teachers focus on the foundational learnings for the first half of the school year. This year, our math teachers have been working closely with Laura Brake, Math Curriculum Specialist at the Department of Education. She has guided our teachers through a number of activities using the provincial data to help guide their organization of activities and instruction. During our School Goals Days, our math teachers meet and discuss ways to make connections in the classroom with the foundational learnings. As well, math teachers attend Professional Development workshops over the school year and learn about new ways to deliver the math curriculum. Teachers continue to use the foundational quizzes provided by the Department of Education. This helps guide their reach back instruction.

We continue to offer a highly successful peer tutoring program. This program takes place right after lunch in a time we call Cross Curricular Academic Period. Grade 9 math teachers identified a number of strong math students who could tutor students in grades 7 and 8. Teachers refer students to the program, and some-times students refer themselves. Days 1, 3, and 5 have been identified as Grade 7 tutoring days, and Days 2, 4, and 6 are for our Grade 8 students.

Student engagement with our community is a focus at Montague Intermediate. This year, we have sixteen students involved in the Big Brothers, Big Sisters Program. These students walk to Montague Consolidated each Thursday where they engage in a number of activities with their "littles." The Riverview Manor opened next door to our school. We have twelve Manor Mentors who visit residents and read books, play cards, paint nails, play music or whatever activity the resident would like to do that day.

(Cont'd Montague Interm.)

Our Student Council has organized a number of fund raisers this year to help those in need. They donated turkeys during the CBC Turkey Drive and we collect non-perishable food items at each dance to donate to the Southern Kings & Queens Food Bank. At Christmas, council members volunteered to prepare the Christmas Baskets given to those in need. This was an eye opener for many, but they felt good that they were helping people in their community.

At the beginning of October, our students attended an assembly organized by the Live Different Group. Their message is to encourage students to develop resiliency and compassion for others. Their goal is to have young people recognize the power within their own personal stories and how they can use their experience to grow and find purpose and positively impact the lives of others. Our students really enjoyed this animated assembly.

In October, our liaison officer, Cst. Hugh Panelas, gave an information session on the legalization of cannabis to our student body. In November, Cst. Panelas met with each homeroom class to discuss internet safety and the dangers of sharing pictures with others. In January, the MADD Group came to Montague Intermediate to present *Over the Edge*. This presentation was for our grade 9 students as they will soon be drivers. The video is a powerful dramatization about the tragic consequences of impaired driving.

Our Student Well Being Team nurses, Sherri Ferguson and Juliana Barry, teamed up with Laura Ranahan (Community Mental Health) to offer two groups for some girls at our school. The first group was called a Skills Group and they used Dialectical Behaviour Therapy strategies to work on improving relationships with others. The second group was called Distress Tolerance, and again they used Dialectical Behaviour Therapy strategies to help student deal with intense situations, without making the situation worse.

We had our Remembrance Day Assembly in November. The highlight of this event is a shared lunch with our veterans and special guests. In December, Mark Campbell, Outreach Worker with the Student Well-being Team organized our annual Christmas Dinner. This is a great event and all money raised is donated to the Southern Kings and Queens Food Bank. We have had two dances so far, with three more planned. We had some of our students take place in the Honours Band Days in Charlottetown at the end of January. Our band students are now preparing for the Atlantic Band Festival which takes place in Halifax at the end of April. We continue to register sports teams in all sports offered in the PEIASA. We are very fortunate that our staff members volunteer to coach our young people. We have a ski trip planned for the Mark Arendz Provincial Ski Park. And before you know it, we will be planning end of year field trips.

MORELL CONSOLIDATED HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Natasha Wilson, President

Executive: Shara Kenny, Treasurer

The majority of the work of MCSHSA during the 2019/20 school year has focused on supporting parents and staff to re-engage in home and school activities and providing feedback to the Public Schools Branch school review process. Since September 2019 the MCSHSA has met four times with its parents, staff and member.

Initiatives

School Breakfast Program Funding

The association applied for, and was successful in receiving, a grant to support a school breakfast program; the program successfully runs four days a week.

School Movie Trip

In 2019 the association provided funding to support a school movie trip, curling and bowling.

Spring Fundraiser

We are currently working on a spaghetti dinner.

Teacher Appreciation Week

On February 2020 parents and students provided snacks and treats for all staff members – a small token of appreciation to recognize all the big things our school staff does for our students every day.

School Review Process (SRP)

Facilitated the process for parents and staff to obtain information about the SRP, gather information about our family of schools, and provide feedback to the Public Schools Branch through written and public presentations. The association also worked closely with the other home and school association and parent advisory group in our family of schools to gather ensure issues across the school family were identified, understood and brought forward.

It has been an extremely busy year for our newly established association. Our goal has been to provide a strong base on which the association can thrive and grow to best support our students, staff and parents regardless of what our family of schools looks like in the future.

Respectfully Submitted,
Natasha Wilson, President

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

Executive: Trudy MacDonald, Vice President; Marla MacDonald-Gidney, Treasurer; Crystal Jay, Secretary

Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month, at 6:30pm, with 10 + people in attendance. Our meetings usually last about an hour. Topics discussed at every meeting include occupational health and safety concerns, parent engagement and our breakfast & lunch programs. We also discuss things like provincial assessment results, fundraising, special events and other things happening around our school and community as they come up.

This year for Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week we tried something new. We decided to provide lunch every day of the week...

- Monday - soup day
- Tuesday - chilli day
- Wednesday - sandwich bar
- Thursday - lasagna, catered by a local business
- Friday - sweets and coffee bar (with leftovers)

We had a great response from parents and our sign up list filled up fast. Everything was delicious and the staff were extremely appreciative and quite enjoyed not having to pack a lunch all week!

We are in the process of planning a Parent Engagement Night, involving guest speakers and information on topics facing our children/teens, such as vaping, screen time and anxiety. There will be an art component to it, as well as, food/refreshments served. This is still in the planning stages, but we hope to have it at the end of March/beginning of April.

Our fundraisers for this year include Mabels Labels (online fundraiser), selling the Spring Saver BoGo coupon books as well as a Community BBQ and Concert, which will take place the beginning of June. Some of the things that our fundraising efforts have gone towards this year include purchasing skis and snow shoes for outside gym classes, helping with the cost of field trips, a school-wide pancake breakfast before Christmas and helping out with other events around the school. In hopes to get better parent engagement/attendance to events and information nights, we have started having a draw for a GC at every event.

We continue to run a Facebook group, that we share news from the provincial office, events happening at the school, events taking place in the community and any other school related news. If a parent has a question, they can ask it here. This has also been a great help in connecting with volunteers. It is well run and very well received. Parents, guardians, volunteers and staff members use it often. We have a great group of volunteers; that includes parents, grandparents, community members, seniors and even a great-grandparent, that help out with our breakfast and lunch programs as well as our library! 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 members continue to be very supportive of our association and vice versa. I have enjoyed my second year as president and hope for continued success for our home and school!

O'LEARY ELEMENTARY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Sam Shaw-Veniot / Krista Locke – Ellis, Co-Presidents

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

The O'Leary Home and School committee meets approx. every two months throughout the school year to discuss a wide variety of topics as well as we receive updates from the principal and vice principal about what's going on in the school. We also post on our Facebook page regularly so that everyone is involved and is aware of what is taking place in the school. We also host a hot breakfast every Thursday and have a snack for the students three other days of the week. We have Home and School volunteer's helping out with this and also many local volunteers as well.

During the month of September, we held a back to school BBQ for students and teachers. We welcomed back some of our current students as well as welcomed some new students to the school. During the BBQ we have an assembly in the gym to begin, and Home and School representatives tell a bit about what we are all about and encourage new members to be part of the Home and School as well. We also helped with the food. We had our first meeting this month as well for the school year.

In the month of October students bagged groceries at our local Co-op store on a Friday evening and Saturday and raised money to purchase some new FM sounds systems. Our goal is to have each teacher equipped with one of these, as they have been quite beneficial to our classrooms. We are also raising money for a few more smart boards for the classrooms.

November (and the end of October) a fundraiser was held where students were given books which had various items in them such as wrapping paper, gift bags etc. This fundraiser went quite well. It was the first time doing it. We had another fundraiser where the student's sold Savings passes - we received 50% of the profits!

December brought our Christmas concert, where we held our annual bake sale. We hosted a flea market, and each student enjoys purchasing items.

January, we had another meeting where we discussed various topics, such as our Spring Fair, the valentine's meal, Winter carnival and Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week.

February was a very busy month. During Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week, we hosted a meal for the wonderful teachers, custodial staff, EAs, and bus driving staff. The feedback from the meal was wonderful. We held a Valentine's feast for the students, and each enjoyed a meal and dessert. The student's always love this! During this month we also had our annual winter carnival where a variety of activities were held during the week for students.

(Cont'd O'Leary)

During the month of March we will be hosting a play and learn session where students and parents are welcome to come to the school, where we will have an educational guest speaker and afterwards the students and parents are welcome to stay and play some rounds of bingo and have a light healthy, nutritional lunch.

The remainder of the year looks to be a busy one. We have a Spring Fair planned for May where many local vendors sell products and we charge an admission which helps us to raise more money to help out and supply our school with the necessary items. Our Grade 6 class will be travelling to Mount Allison for their year-end trip. We will be doing some fundraising for that trip.

We are very happy with the current work that is taking place in the school and look forward to continuing on with the year and working with the school for our children's well-being and learning. We are also encouraging new parents, guardians, etc. to join our Home and School Committee.

PARKDALE HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Karu Bate, President

Activities

- Facebook page and emails provided to attending parents at meetings.
- Breakfast program-volunteers to make purchases and serve food
- Provincial Assessments – frequently discussed at monthly meetings either through the Principals report or in the general meeting minutes
- Bake sale and 50/50 at Christmas concerts.
- Christmas Ornament fund raiser
- Annual Bingo event
- Staff Appreciation week: Coffee, Snacks, Chocolate throughout week. Gift bags for Bus Drivers, Custodian and Secretary, Home and School and parents provided lunch duty supervision to allow staff to enjoy lunch together.
- Changed focus from a large playscape project into a focused playground extension for older kids to play on.
- Home and School Attendance was high at the beginning of the year. School provided a staff member to watch children while home and school meetings occurred assisted greatly in attendance.

PRINCE STREET HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Keir Lowther / Robin Aitken, Co-Chairs

Executive: Heather MacEwen, Treasurer; Jane Ledwell, Secretary

Since the beginning of the school year our Home and School has met three times. At our meetings we have always had our Principal and Vice-Principal in attendance. We are fortunate to have a diverse community within our school, and this diversity has been represented at our Home and School meetings. Though our meetings are small we have lively conversations that lead to initiatives and fundraisers that foster a meaningful connection between “home and school”. Our goal for this year’s fundraising efforts is to raise money to put towards the purchase of audio visual equipment in the classroom, which has a direct impact on students’ learning.

WestJet has donated two tickets to anywhere the airline flies. We have printed 3000 tickets, the printing donated by KKP, and we have begun to sell those tickets. We anticipate selling all 3000 by the draw date of February 28th, 2020.

Our focus this year has been on making every fundraiser and event meaningful, so we are favoring quality over quantity. In November we had our first Family Engagement Night and showed a movie in the school gym. We sold WestJet draw tickets and concessions as a way of fundraising. The event was very well attended and we had upwards of 100 people. We are hosting a second Family Engagement Night with Wendy Poirier on January 29th, who will be doing a read-aloud night in the library for children and families. We are aligning this activity with Family Literacy Day.

We will be hosting a third Family Engagement Night with a Games Night in the gym in February.

We have several other initiatives in the planning stages and are looking to have an engaging and educational spring at Prince Street School, in the areas of occupational therapy and giving parents the tools to help improve gross and fine motor skills at home as well as presenting an introduction to the Triple P - Positive Parenting Program. We will be ending the Home and School’s annual program of events with a family barbecue at the school.

The community’s volunteer support at Prince Street School continues to be an asset to both the school and its students. The breakfast program is now funded until the end of the school year through the generous support of community donors. The school is also supported by the efforts of parents, volunteers and members of the Trinity Clifton United Church, who all come together to support the breakfast program. Members of Trinity church also support the school through ensuring holiday stockings are stuffed and treating the entire school to an old-fashioned turkey dinner before the holidays in December and host an annual pancake breakfast to support our breakfast program.

Our meeting minutes can be located at the following website <http://princestreetschool.ca/> The school has a very active Facebook page that is facilitated by teachers, administrators and a parent volunteer. In addition, our twitter account is @princestschool.

Respectfully submitted by:
Keir Lowther and Robin Aitken

NOTES

QUEEN CHARLOTTE INTERMEDIATE HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Karma McCallum, Chair

The Queen Charlotte Intermediate School Home and School Association strives to create a positive relationship among staff, students and parents that encourages engagement and support. We meet on a bi-monthly basis, offering parents a casual and welcoming atmosphere in which to voice their thoughts, concerns, and to share their experiences in supporting their children in school.

Some of the issues discussed have been:

- Breakfast program
- School Success Plan
- Mental Health Issues: School Well-Being Teams
- Assessments
- Bullying
- Fundraising possibilities
- Technology and Cell Phones
- District Advisory Council News
- The issues surrounding school size, overpopulation and any possible expansions.
- EAL Learners and the Growing EAL Population: how to offer support

A few parents and students attended the **PEIHSF Semi-Annual Meeting** in October. The session was informative and great discussions were had.

We are hoping to include a student in the **PEIHS Annual Meeting** in April. It would be a first time for a Queen Charlotte Student to attend convention with Home and School. It would add an interesting and unique perspective to discussions.

The **Breakfast Program** continues to be offered at QCIS. It is run by parent and teacher volunteers.

Snacks were provided during **Staff Appreciation** week. There were many food donations. The staff was very appreciative. The staff luncheon will be hosted on March 6th. The luncheon was hosted a later date again last year with great success. We believe we will continue this tradition.

QCIS Home and School is also considering some fundraising options to support the school and students.

As always, staff, students and volunteers at QCIS are busy with extra-curricular activities that foster personal and learning growth beyond the classroom: Duke of Edinburgh Program (graduates of Bronze level in May, 2020), Science Fair, a parent led effort at QC, has had success at Provincials in April and Nationals in May (the past 3 years has seen Q.C. students win the Junior Division and go on to represent PEI at Nationals, with last year's participant winning a silver medal), band concerts, sporting activities, school and band trips, guest speakers, and peer mentoring opportunities.

Respectfully,
Karma McCallum

SHERWOOD HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Amy Bysterveldt, Chair

This year we experienced a lot of changes within our Home and School committee. After many years of volunteering, the executive made the decision to pass the baton and a whole new executive was formed. The new team implemented a few changes in the events traditionally hosted by our Home and School.

It was decided that we would retire our June school carnival. This biannual event was historically a big success, both as a fundraiser and as a community event. It did, however, require significant volunteer involvement (60+ volunteers) and the committee felt they needed to replace this with something that asked less of our busy Sherwood parents and staff. A huge thanks to Shelley Morrison for creating the event and running it successfully for many, many years.

To increase parent community involvement in a less labor-intensive way, we instead hosted a “Meet the Teacher BBQ” in September 2019. Local sponsors coupled with committee volunteers came together to host what turned out to be the best attended Meet the Teacher night to- date. In what felt like an outdoor block party type event, parents and staff were invited to mingle, enjoying food and local entertainment. We even brought out a bubble machine for the young children, which was a huge hit. We received a grant to help cover the cost of the event.

In December we invited the Sherwood community to a Christmas movie night, hosted in the School gym. It was promoted as a family night, and attendees were encouraged to bring PJ's, blankets and camp chairs to enjoy the evening. Our committee ran a small canteen (candy canes, popcorn, etc.) to offset the cost of the movie licensing fee. Though the event was very well attended, we found that the excitement of the event led to a little more noise/ rowdiness than anticipated. Should we approach this again next year we will encourage families to remain seated together and use larger speakers. We would also improve the event by asking families to bring along a donation for the food bank.

In January we nominated one of our fantastic EA's Joan Gallant for the 2020 Extra Mile Award. Unfortunately (because there are so many amazing teachers to choose from) she wasn't selected. We will try again next year!

In February our committee came together to celebrate Teacher/Staff Appreciation week by decorating the school staff room. This year was “Space” themed, with banners and posters made by parents acknowledging that Sherwood staff is “Out of this world” (complete with a Star Wars photo booth). The staff had a lot of fun with it, sharing many pictures on social media. We also sent out a request to parents, who supplied many, many treats to the staff room over the course of the week. Lunch was provided at the end of the week as well.

In early March we are hosting our main fundraising event, a cash draw with over \$1800 in cash prizes for the lucky winners. Each student is sent home with eight \$10 tickets for the draw that they have the option of selling.

(Cont'd Sherwood)

This is our third year running this fundraiser and we have found it to be hugely successful. It typically raises over \$6,000, requiring limited volunteer involvement.

On the schedule before June, we plan to host a “Home Alone” course geared towards providing 10+ year old’s with skills on how to safely be at home without a parent, delivered by Saint John Ambulance. We are also planning to host a family fitness night in the school gym.

In an effort to continue to improve school spirit, in March and April we will also be selling school T-shirts through our online Hot Lunches program.

The Sherwood Home and School committee continues to host a monthly open meeting with parents, the school’s Principal and Vice Principal. These meetings provide an open and informal setting dialog between the parent and school community. It is at these meetings that we decide what events we want to host for the year, as well as what financial needs the school may have that we can help support.

Sherwood has been approved for a new school in the next couple years. Keeping that in mind, our committee has been limited in our spending for improvements in the current facility. In the past we’ve provided smartboards for classrooms, equipment for playgrounds, etc. This year (and likely next year as well) our plan is to save our funds so that we are ready to fill any needs that arise within the new school. That being said, we did provide each teacher with \$100 to be used at their discretion for ongoing needs in their classrooms.

Thank you,

Amy Bysterveldt, Chair

**SOMERSET CONSOLIDATED HOME AND SCHOOL/PARENT COUNCIL
Parent Council**

As a Parent Council we have been holding meetings every 6 – 8 weeks. At our meetings we have been discussing goals, issues and concerns that impact our school. One topic of discussion that has been discussed is the Food Pilot Project that our Family of Schools has been chosen to participate in. Earlier in the school year our school name has been officially changed to Somerset Consolidated, which was a recommendation brought forth by our Parent Council.

As a Parent Council we have done fundraising to help support the needs of our school. We have held Gojo sales and our annual Christmas Bazaar, which both have been a great success. We have been very fortunate to have a donation made to our council from Standard Aero and will putting that donation towards our toast program.

We provided treats to our staff during staff appreciation week and plan to do a Bus Driver Appreciation in the spring.

Our Parent Council will be sponsoring an Art Day for our entire school in April/May, 2020. In June we will present prizes at our Grade 8 graduation ceremony.

Our Parent Council and School Administration look forward to continuing to have open lines of communication and dealing with any issues as a whole to help make our school an amazing place for our children to grow and learn.

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

Secretary: Heather Ching

Treasurer: Liz Chaisson

Members at Large:

Kelly Harris, Lisa O'Keefe –MacAulay, Tara Hill-Burke, Kirsten Mallard, Susan Haley, Noppawan Chimsung

We started the 2019/2020 school year with everyone in the committee maintaining the same positions as last year. As with every year, our goals have consisted of focusing on the needs of all students from grades K-12. Parents, our principal, vice-principals, and teacher representatives discussed a variety of issues/topics. Some of these include teacher/classroom needs, playground development, fund raising opportunities, grant applications, school/education enrichment, and our school goals.

This year, we continued to focus on the topic of volunteer recruitment. Although our committee has enjoyed many dedicated members in the past, many have begun to phase out as their children advance on in school or as schedules become busier. Therefore, we really feel the need to expand our group and hopefully gain fresh ideas and perspectives. During the last school year, we found it difficult to attract new members. Therefore, one of our goals was to continue our efforts using different strategies. As a result, we gained a couple of new members over the last couple of years and have increased interest from others. Due to our low membership and the busy schedules of our current members we decided to replace our regular meetings with email correspondence when issues or requests arose. This strategy seemed to be effective and members enjoyed the freedom that it allowed.

There is still some work to be completed to the exterior grounds namely to our "back playground". Even though we installed a new set of swings in the summer of 2017, we recognize the need for additional equipment. Therefore, we had two fundraisers last year and are currently discussing how to best spend these funds. In addition to whatever playground equipment we choose to install in the future, we helped buy some sports jerseys and books.

During the week of February 10th – 14th daily activities were planned to celebrate Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week. As always, the support of parents and local businesses who donated their time, food, supplies and door prizes was overwhelming! We truly enjoy this week every year and take full advantage of the opportunity to show our teachers, support staff and bus drivers how much we really do appreciate all that they do for our children. We were also pleased to celebrate Mrs. Krystal Mills who won the Souris Regional School Excellence Award this year with an assembly involving the entire school. Krystal is a very dedicated and respected member of our staff. She has taken on projects that were beyond her comfort zone with great success and very much deserved this award.

The Souris Regional Home and School Council has a wonderful group of parents and educators on our committee. This group continues to work hard so that our children and teachers have a positive environment for learning. This group of individuals have allowed us to form a strong Home and School connection. We look forward to what's in store for us in 2020/2021.

SPRING PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Leslie Cudmore / Angela Lawlor, Co-Chairs

Executive: Norman Dewar, Treasurer; Bourlaye Fofana, DAC Representative

Initiatives

Breakfast and Snack program:

- Elizabeth Gallant has continued her position as Breakfast Program coordinator for 2019-20.
- Our breakfast program has expanded to 5 days a week.
- We purchase nutritious snacks (e.g., apples, granola bars) for the school to distribute to children as needed.
- We receive funding from the provincial government and also use Home and School fundraising dollars to support these programs. We also received a private donation of funds to help support the breakfast program.

Events and Activities:

Spooktakular Bake Sale

The Home and Sale partners with the school during their annual Halloween ‘Spooktakular’ event and coordinates a bake sale. Proceeds from the sale were used to support school initiatives.

Canadian Parents for French – Spring Park Chapter

The committee organizes activities such as French Movie night. The committee’s goal is to make events ‘self-sustaining’, i.e., to put funds into future events.

Christmas Shoppe

This is an annual Home and School event where students have the opportunity to purchase gifts for their family at a small cost (\$1.00-3.00). Gifts are donated by the school community, and parent volunteers collect and sort the items prior to the Shoppe. Parent volunteers also run the event as it takes place over the course of one school day. This event raised over \$1000.

Teacher and Staff Appreciation

Home and School ordered a lunch for teachers and staff on February 14th. We arranged for parent volunteers to supervise students so that teachers and staff could take a break and enjoy the lunch.

ST. LOUIS ELEMENTARY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Rebecca Ellsworth, President**

Executive: Katie Hutt, Vice President; Raeanne Arsenault, Secretary/Treasurer

We continue to have a small but mighty Home and School Association. We have regular meetings throughout the year with lots of great discussions and ideas on topics such as:

- Fundraising
- School trips/ activities
- Teacher/ Staff Appreciation
- Breakfast/ Lunch programs

We continue to provide our breakfast program every Friday as well as a Grab n' Go basket every Monday morning. The feedback around our breakfast program has been very positive.

We also continue to have a group of parents and community members who come in every Tuesday and Wednesday to provide hot lunches. The students enjoy the variety we provide and appreciate having a warm lunch on these days. For the second year in a row, for French week, we had some volunteers come and cook a traditional Acadian meal for our staff and students which was a great hit! Everyone enjoyed it!

Monies generated from our programs goes toward things such as:

- Books for reading programs and classroom libraries
- Water Bottle Fountain which was installed in the fall
- Cultural trip to the College of Piping in Summerside
- Carpets/mats for students to sit on during classroom activities
- Support for the newly revived music program at the school
- Support for a Ski Trip/Outdoor activities for our K-6 students

We also start every year off with our annual Run-a-thon! The money raised for this goes toward indoor and outdoor gym equipment!

For Teacher/Staff Appreciation we had treats brought in and we also do a potluck with beautiful homemade dishes and desserts!

There is always lots going on at St. Louis Elementary and we continue to enjoy being a part of this association.

STONEPARK HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Michael Stanley, Chair

Executive: Giselle Dalton, Vice Chair, Tracy Ellsworth, Treasurer

Our Home and School communicates through our blog located on the school website which has links to the PEI Home and School Federation's website. We post minutes, meeting dates, volunteer requests and updates from the PEIHSF there. We use Google docs for Teacher/Staff Appreciation week events and end of year closing. It is very easy for all to use.

Our most recent activity was for TSAW. This week was organized by some of our parents, and contributed to by many more, and was well received by the staff in the school. We had a hot luncheon which the staff look forward to all year. We also had draws and treats throughout the week.

Fundraising: The usual fundraiser we do is "Passing the Hat" at the first Meet the Teacher night in September. This usually is enough for us to have our Ice Cream Social/ Meet the teacher night, TSAW, and end of year closing event which benefits every student and their family when they reach grade 9. We have contemplated a second fundraiser this year to help build funds for our Home and School for any upcoming projects. There have been initial talks with community groups and municipal reps to develop 'The Bowl' at Stonepark to be a multi-use sports facility. This is in its very early stages, but we are hopeful of what may come from these discussions.

We look forward to the annual PEIHSF AGM, discussing the topics there and meeting the reps from all our Island's schools.

THREE OAKS SENIOR HIGH HOME AND SCHOOL/PARENT COUNCIL
Saralie Vriends-MacEwen, Chair

Three Oaks Senior High Home and School (TOSH) holds regular meetings and communicates with parents through a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/111123616026430/>

The Presbyterian Church next to Three Oaks provides Kraft Dinner for TOSH Students on Thursdays. An estimated number of 120 students attend lunch. Kraft Dinner can be dropped off any time at the TOSH office with all donations going to the Presbyterian Church.

Three Oaks continues to offer a breakfast program five days per week as well as a lunch program for students in need. It cost a little over \$9400 last year for breakfast and lunch programs. Three Oaks received approximately \$5000 in funding this year to help offset costs. The breakfast program is entirely run by TOSH students who freely give of their time to ensure their fellow students are well fed to start their day. The lunch program is worked by a small group of very dedicated teachers who ensure those who really need it do not go without.

The annual Staff Appreciation Week lunch was held on Wednesday Feb. 12th. Many donations were graciously accepted with a wide range of delicious and healthy foods being offered to the staff, along with a large amount of desserts! Thank you to all parents for your donations and to TOSH Parent Council members for volunteering to help out with setting up and cleaning up for the lunch. Coffee and snacks were provided to school staff and also to bus drivers this year on Monday, February 10th.

Each year for the past several years TOSH Parent Council has organized a parent session. Previous topics have included Mental Health, School/Community Supports for Mental/Physical/Sexual health, Marijuana being legalized and Being a Good Digital Citizen/Social Media Awareness. This year the topic will be Vaping and will occur [April 8th](#). As this has become a tradition, TOSH culinary students will prepare a wonderful variety of healthy snacks and some sweets for the attendees and parents.

Three Oaks High School welcomed the Summerside Police Department who are now be located on the school premises during the school day, similar to the two programs currently running with Charlottetown Police Officers at Colonel Gray High School and Charlottetown Rural High School. This position is possible with the support of the City of Summerside and the Province of Prince Edward Island. Our School Resource Officer is Cst. Brett Montgomery.

Respectfully submitted,
TOSH Parent Council

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

Executive: Stephanie Gaudet, Treasurer

It has been another successful year for Tignish Home and School. We have met numerous times as a committee and had some fresh ideas and new faces, which was great to see. Meet the teacher was held Wednesday September 11.

Fundraisers this year:

- Dieleman Catalogue fundraiser
- We received \$1000 from the Tignish Co-op's 50/50 committee
- During Co-op Week, paper apples were sold for \$2 each and all money went back to the Tignish Elementary Home and School; Community support was overwhelming.
- Tignish Elementary Home and School developed our own coupon booklet "Hot Summer Savings" with many local businesses participating.
- We held a Test Drive event sponsored by the Summerside Township dealer on October 12th. Despite a wet day it was well attended. "High on the Hog" food truck parked at the school which drew in a big crowd.
- We used the app "Flip Give" to help fundraise for our school. With every online purchase through the app, the Home and School will receive a percentage of the proceeds back. This fundraiser lasts 365 days from the day it is downloaded and has a \$1000 cap.

All monies raised in our fundraisers go towards the snack program, purchase of soccer balls or anything else that the school needs. Maurice Bernard, Art lessons for Grade 6 art project were funded by Home and School. We donated monies to help with the purchase of new books for all classes to ensure students have appropriate reading material at all reading levels. Summer reading program, funding is provided for two university students, if needed.

Our reading program runs July and August and is offered to pre-K students up to our grade 6 students. It is well attended and feedback from parents and teachers is very positive. It helps to ensure students maintain their reading skills over the summer and continue to work on areas that a student may be struggling with. Student success is our main goal.

We have been able to once again provide students with a healthy snack every 2nd Thursday. Occasionally, we have done this every Thursday. We offer fruit parfaits, cheese/crackers/grapes. With the generous donation of blueberries from Wyman's we make the students' favorite smoothies. We have been blessed with dedicated volunteers for this program as well. In January as part of the weekly lunch order, we now go in on Tuesday's and make chicken wraps/carrot sticks. We have received wonderful feedback from students/staff and parents. Six volunteers are needed to prepare the wraps.

(Cont'd Tignish)

Tignish Elementary takes care of ordering for their school lunch program. Tignish co-op and MJ's bakery deliver lunches. In December Home and School purchased a fridge. This has made it easier to shop in advance and buy things in larger supply when on sale.

In January, as part of the weekly lunch order, we go in on Tuesdays and make chicken wraps and carrot sticks. We have received wonderful feedback from students/staff and parents. Six volunteers are needed to prepare the wraps. Lunch order forms go home with students once a month.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation week was held Feb.10-14. Monday was making your own sandwiches. Tuesday was dip day. Wednesday was potluck day we have parents offering a wonderful variety of homemade main dishes and desserts. We offered coffee and tea. Thursday was leftovers and a fruit tray. Friday was muffins and coffee. All was organized by Home and School. Our parents always ensure this week is successful and special for our staff.

Tignish Home and School has a Facebook page to circulate announcements and enlist help from volunteers. 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 snack. 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 with our hugely attended Christmas Concerts. Our children have a great school and community environment to learn and live in.

VERNON RIVER HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Joelene MacLeod, President

Executive:

Vice President: Miranda MacLeod

Secretary/Shadow Secretary: Donna Serres/Julie Anne MacDonald

Treasurers/Shadow Secretary: Jen Drake/ Katie McQuillan

District Advisory Council Member: Deb Sieon

Lunch Coordinators: Jodi MacKenzie and Christina Powers-Burt

Topics Discussed At Local Meetings:

Fundraising Requests/Expenses for this year:

- Our main focus of this years fundraising was for our schools kitchen renovation.
- Replacing basketball nets in the playground will be our next fundraising project.
- Grade Nine Trip and Graduation.
- School Year End Field Trip and Activities.

Fundraising Events/Activities:

- Halloween Dance – Raised \$1200.00
- Christmas Craft Fair – Raised \$500
- Comfy Couch Fundraiser Christmas Concert – Raised \$320.
- 2nd annual Spring Carnival – Will be held May 23rd, 2020
- Big Comfy Couch / Best parking spot draw for Spring Concert
- Christmas Craft Fair – All funds donated to a local family in need.
- We had \$500 donated to our Kitchen renovation project by the VR Lions Club, and \$700 donated by several of the areas Woman's Institutes.

Reports:

President – This year was my second year as President for the Vernon River Home and School. The goal was to continue the effort in 2018-2019 and build on the momentum we had started. By the first meeting of the year we had established a shadow executive for the 2019-2020 year, something that we had struggled with previously.

Over the summer we had found a manufacturer to build the cabinets for our school kitchen renovation. They were able to install the cabinets in November 2019, and through fundraising and some help from the PSB, we were able to purchase all new appliances. Our new kitchen is now being used, on a regular basis, as a prep area for the school's breakfast program, and for our grade 9's new Home Economics program. The Home and School also uses it regularly for our smoothy days.

Our 1st Annual Spring Carnival in May 2019 was a huge success. We had a great day and amazing community turnout. After expenses (and there were a lot of expenses with it being our first year) we made over \$1500, which exceeded our expectations. We are planning the 2nd annual for this May. In

(Cont'd Vernon River)

June we had Freezie Friday's. Every Friday we sold Freezie's for 50 cents. This was a huge success and we definitely underestimated the amount of Freezies we could sell. We made over \$500 selling Freezies!

We held an Adult Halloween Dance this fall which was again a huge success. For an event that took very little effort we raised over \$1200. We plan on holding it every year.

The Comfy Couch fundraiser at our Christmas Concert was again a quick and easy way to earn a little extra money.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week Activities:

This year every member of the executive chose a day in which to "treat" our teachers. On Monday all of the staff at the school received key chains with inspirational teaching quotes on them. On Tuesday they received scratch cards and candy that read "we won the lottery having you as our teachers". Wednesday was a storm day, but on Thursday we had fresh flowers for all the staff and Teachers survival kits done up. On Friday all the staff received their choice of nail polish and a nail file with a note that read "manni thanks!" or Post-it notes and sharpies with a note that said "take note: you're awesome at what you do!"

We put out a message via our FB page to all parents to show our teachers how much they are appreciated. Many parents dropped off baked goods, treats, and cards for the staff.

We also got the students involved this year with a different thing they could do for a teacher every day. We put up posters, and made an announcement every morning.

Monday: High 5 a teacher

Tuesday: Draw a picture for a teacher

Wednesday: Dress up like a teacher

Thursday: Say Thank You to every teacher you see

Friday: Write a nice letter to a teacher

Parent Engagement Nights:

This year we held a parent engagement night in the fall for the junior high aged students and their parents. We had Julia Hartley with the PEI Lung Association come in and talk to us about vaping and e-cigarettes. Despite a lot of advertising we didn't have a big turnout but the information gained by those who were there, was invaluable. We have also asked the junior high teaching staff to discuss this topic during school hours. We have also applied for the PEIHSF Parent Engagement grant, and hope to do our topic of Healthy Lunches very soon.

Website:

- ☐ The Home and School has a link on the VRCS Website. This site lists the executive members and contact information. It also has information regarding our Hot Lunch Program.
- ☐ We also have our Home and School Facebook page to communicate our meeting dates/times, as well as, to post our minutes from the meeting. All information from school newsletters goes on the Facebook page, along with any reminders of events going on (i.e. PJ day tomorrow). We also use this page to communicate our fundraising events. We sent home a newsletter at the start of the year encouraging parents to "like us", and will do so again at the Welcome to Kindergarten.

COVID-19 Report

- When COVID-19 hit Prince Edward Island and the schools were issued notice to close for the two weeks following March Break, the Home and School's Facebook page became a hub of information for both the parents and the staff. Typically the H&S Facebook page was primarily used to give information to parents about what was going on in the school. The information, given by the school to certain members of the executive, was then posted to our page.
- Once COVID-19 hit the teachers of the school became extremely active posting information on the page as well. It was their main source of quick and important information. There were educational webpages put up, activities for the children to do at home. Inspirational videos by teachers were posted and we were even able to have a Virtual School Spirit week! It became quickly evident how important this page was and how great it was to have a very active page with lots of followers now using it; already established. The work we had put into this page over the last two years really paid off when we needed it the most. In times of uncertainty communication is key.
- With schools closed, a lot of the fundraisers spoken of above will no longer be possible. We're hoping that we may be able to move our Spring Carnival to the Fall. Our financials are in an OK position, but fundraising will be definitely necessary in the fall. How easy that will be has yet to be determined. It is one of the many unknowns we will be facing.
- The Home and School Executive is planning on doing some thank you notes to our teachers via sidewalk chalk! The next time the teachers are permitted to go to the schools we plan on going to the school the night before to write lots of thank you notes on the school parking lot just to show them that we appreciate everything they're doing.
- In hindsight, something that would have been nice to have been done is scheduled times for the students and parents to pick up their belongings. I believe this may have been done at some schools and not others. Ours has not done it yet, and it is probably the most frequent question I've had parents ask me, especially as the weather has gotten nicer and they want to get their children's indoor sneakers.

WEST KENT HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Mireille Ozon, President

Executive: Diana Tutty, Secretary; Julie Carroll, Treasurer

Parent and school communication is our primary focus and meetings are the way we facilitate this. We discuss the happenings in the school and encourage discussion and feedback. Meetings are attended by Principal Tracy Ellsworth, Vice Emily Waye, two alternating teachers and parents/guardians. Our meetings average from 12-20 attendees (including the executive). We offer babysitting at the meeting as an incentive for parents to attend and have introduced speakers at each meeting this year.

September 16, 2019 – Welcome back!

October 28, 2019 - Featured Speaker Loan - presentation on life in Vietnam

December 9, 2019 - Featured Speaker Megan Miller, Palliative Care Physician QEHI, who discussed helping children cope with grief (due to death or loss of any kind) especially at this time of year. Travis Saunders, PhD in Health Sciences UPEI, who showed us the dangers of sedentary behavior in our kids, and creative ways to increase their daily activity.

January 20, 2020 - Featured Speaker Diana Tutty, MEd. French Immersion teacher and Curriculum Leader at the Department of Education, PEI. “How can I help my child with math when it seems so different than how I learned?”

Scheduled - March 2, 2020 - Featured Speaker Jane Wood, Youth Outreach Worker with Justice and Public Safety, will be discussing the role of the youth outreach worker, other supports in and around the school community, and how to have difficult conversations with children about sensitive safety issues.

April 20, 2020, June 1, 2020 - We post meeting minutes on Facebook and our Home and School website after meetings. Meetings comprise a variety of topics with discussions including but not limited to: health and safety, school development, diversity, extracurricular programs, school space concerns, playground issues, school concerts, reviews of programs/initiatives/assessments occurring within the school, staff wish lists and school beautification. We encourage input from all attending members and endeavor to communicate the agenda prior to the meeting so that those unable to attend can contribute if they wish.

Outside of the meetings our main communication tool is Facebook, we have posted 125 times to date and work closely with the school to keep the school community updated on what is going on in the school. Posts are scheduled in advance when possible. We work closely with the Schools Librarian and counselor to ensure that grants, projects and events are promoted and well attended (INDIGO Fundraisers, Adopt a school, Literacy week, Literacy pumpkin decorating, pink shirt day and book fairs). We also maintain a website that contains general information about who we are, meeting agenda and minutes and events. We contribute to the school's monthly newsletters and communicate via the school's daily blog.

Parent leadership grant application - West Kent Elementary Empowerment Project to engage with our School community to bring empowering messages to our school bathrooms. We were honored to have won and will commence the project in the spring.

Extra Mile Award Application – we solicited letters from staff, parents and students to nominate one of our amazing teachers. We were not successful in our bid this year.

A playground committee has been formed to raise funds for an accessible playground. We work closely with

(Cont'd West Kent)

the committee to help raise funds where we can and promote the initiative.

Fundraising/Events

Ice cream social incorporated into the Terry Fox run. Frozen treats for students, parents and
Halloween Sock Hop Halloween costume dance for students (Poster below).



Holiday Shoppe is a store that allows children to purchase two donated gifts for \$1 each. Funds raised go to support families in need. Volunteers help children with shopping and wrap gifts.

Teacher Appreciation - Ask parents to bring in treats for staff and provided a lunch and volunteer playground monitors. Encouraged students to praise staff and deliver thank you cards, presented each staff member with a token of appreciation. The Home and School committee puts together a gift for teachers. This year we asked all the children for 1 word that describes their teacher and create a framed word cloud in the form a heart to present to teachers and staff.

Fall Fair Carnival event with games, shows, silent auction, 50/50 and food. Funds raised go to enhance activities in the school (\$200 Garden Project, \$600 Hackmatack Book Club (& TD Author visit), \$400 Special in class projects, gr. 6, 4 and 3, \$300 Grade Six Closing Events, \$500 Assistive support material for Resource Department, \$3500 Teacher requests, allocated by school administration).

Health, Wellness and Safety

Encourage fresh fruit to be available to students throughout the year. The school utilizes snack funding for this and if it depletes, Home and School funds this. Traffic safety - working with cross guards, city police and local ward members to improve the safety of students to and from school.

Hot Lunch Program

Maintaining hot lunch program, programming system, liaising with school and caterers; secured our hot lunch supplier to provide samples of the food at our September meeting to give parents and attending children an opportunity to sample available options.

WESTWOOD PRIMARY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Angela Campbell, Chair

Executive: Amy MacFarlane, Treasurer; Laura Steeves, Communications; Kelly MacDonald, Secretary; Jennifer Kelly, Teacher Representative

Our goal this year was to continue to increase parent engagement through events at the school and fundraising activities. Our executive met several times throughout the school year.

Fundraising

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

Our fundraising activities for this year included:

- Recipes in a Jar fall fundraiser;
- Mabel's Labels fundraiser which is ongoing throughout the school year;
- Family fun night in October celebrating our mascot Westy's birthday including a magic show, basket raffle, 50/50 and lots of fun games and activities for the kids. This was a very successful fundraiser.

Other Activities

- Our association supported Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week; various treats for all Westwood staff were brought in by Westwood parents.
- We purchased magnets with our Home and School information to hand out at Meet the Teacher night, as well as held a contest to encourage likes to our Facebook page
- Local fitness instructor Tracey Gairns Brioux is coming to our school this spring to do a family fitness night for parents and students.
- We continue to improve parent communication by updating our Westwood Home and School Facebook page.

Contact

westwoodhsa@gmail.com

Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation

Proposed Resolutions 2020

Resolution 2020-1 School Principals/Vice Principal Administration Allotment Submitted by Mount Stewart Consolidated Home and School Association

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

WHEREAS the principals of a small school is most directly responsible for maintaining the relationship between the school and the community, they develop a strategy for school-community relations, and

WHEREAS principals ensure that their schools allow both adults and children to put learning at the center of their daily activities, and

WHEREAS principals focus on building a sense of school community, and

WHEREAS principals play a major role in developing a "professional community" of teachers who guide one another in improving instruction, and

WHEREAS principals that are teaching courses in schools with under 200 students are required to attend the same meetings and Professional Development as other PEI principals as well as Professional Development in their subject matter,

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

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

DESTINATION: Department of Education and Lifelong Learning

BACKGROUND:

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

1. Alberton Elementary – 118
2. Amherst Cove Elementary – 118
3. Belfast Consolidated – 109
4. Cardigan Elementary – 100
5. Georgetown Consolidated – 57

6. Kinkora High – 156
7. Morell Consolidated – 175
8. Morell Regional High – 149
9. Mt. Stewart Consolidated – 188
10. O’Leary Elementary – 109
11. Parkdale Elementary – 174
12. Somerset Consolidated 151
13. Southern Kings Consolidated – 188
14. St. Jean Elementary – 107
15. St. Louis Elementary– 112
16. Tignish Elementary – 174
17. Vernon River Consolidated – 183
18. Donagh Regional – 206
19. M.E. Callaghan Intermediate – 207

RESOLUION 2020-2 PEIHSF Resolution Electronic Form
Submitted by Bloomfield Home and School Association

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

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

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

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

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

DESTINATION: PEI Home and School Federation

**Resolution 2020-3 Comparative Analysis of Report Cards
Submitted for the Prince Street Home and School Association**

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that further to the Public Schools Branch report card survey distributed last spring (2019), the PEI Home and School Federation request the Public Schools Branch (and/or Department of Education and Lifelong Learning) engage parents and school communities through the PEI Home and School Federation to have input into the evaluation framework for report card models.

DESTINATION: Public Schools Branch
 Department of Education and Lifelong Learning

**RESOLUTION 2020-4 Request School Websites to be Hosted on PEI Government Server
Submitted by Birchwood Home and School Association**

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

WHEREAS there is no guide for ensuring consistency of look or feel of school websites across the province, and

WHEREAS parents, caregivers, students, and other stakeholders have a range in experience and familiarity with navigating websites, and

WHEREAS ensuring ease of access to school information for parents and students enhances and increases the quality of the school experience, and

WHEREAS the security of the information and images on school websites require safeguards from hacking,

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

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

DESTINATION: Public Schools Branch
 Department Education and Lifelong Learning

**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION
2020 NOMINATION REPORT**

Submitted by: Lisa MacDougall

EXECUTIVE:

Positions:	Nominees:	Two Year Term Expires:
President	Heather Mullen	2022
Vice President	Andrea Richard	2022

REGIONAL DIRECTORS: Families of Schools

Positions:	Nominees:	Two Year Term Expires:
Charlottetown Rural	-	2022
Colonel Gray	-	2022
Kinkora	Krista Murphy	2022
Montague	Craig Goodick	2022
Morell	Mary Kendrick	2022

The following One Year Terms Expire 2021

Bluefield	Rosie MacFarlane
Souris	-
Three Oaks	-

Responses to 2019 Resolutions