

## **Minutes from April 14<sup>th</sup>,2010 Home and School Meeting**

Following welcomes and introductions the meeting began. Angie apologized for not having agendas available.

### **President's Report**

- **Next Year's School Fundraiser**

Next year's fundraiser will involve working with the same company as we did last year. A cards/gift wrap catalogue will be used as well as a Jewelry Catalogue. Angie saw samples of the jewelry and said she was impressed by the quality and selection. She also noted a maritime elementary school with approximately 400 students used the jewelry program last year and took in over \$20,000.00 from this catalogue alone!

The plan is for the fundraiser to go home the first week of school in the fall.

- **Grade 6 Canteen**

The canteen is running well and grade six students continue to work in the canteen Mon-Thurs at lunch time. To date, the students have raised approximately \$500.00 to use towards a grade 6 end of the year celebration!!

### **New Business**

#### **1. Grade 6 Year-End Special Activity**

Suggestions requested from the group re ideas for activity.

Suggestions included:

- out of province day trip to a theme park
- school dance
- day trip to Cabot Park
- Slumber party/pizza party in school gym
- renting a soft serve ice cream machine to make DIY sundaes.
- day trip to Empire Theatres for a movie matinee with treats

-day trip to the beach

-making memorial bricks in a selected section of an indoor corridor (students' leave their marks with art work).

It was mentioned a quick survey of the grade six students for suggestions for an activity would be helpful/ insightful.

## **2. Important upcoming dates**

-June 18<sup>th</sup>—scheduled date for Elm Street's end of the year Field Trip. Grades 1-3 will be visiting Shining Waters and grades 4-6 will visit Sand Spit. No rain date has been given.

-June 21<sup>st</sup> ---End of the year BBQ. Each student will receive a hotdog, beverage and treat. Home and School will help with the preparations. This event is sponsored by the Credit Union in Summerside. Rain date June 22<sup>nd</sup>

-June 24<sup>th</sup> - Grade six closing ceremonies

-June 25<sup>th</sup> - Last day of classes for students

## **3. Treasurer's Report**

Our balance as of February 2010 is \$16,000.00

Angela Hynes apologized for not having a current balance available

As she hadn't received a statement from the bank.

## **4. Gym Equipment**

Angie had given Mrs. MacNeill catalogues to order equipment. Mrs. Mac Neill advised choosing mini sticks, basketballs, soccer balls, etc to benefit the maximum number of students. Home and School is waiting for the order from Mrs. MacNeill and will cover the costs of the purchases.

## **5. Heritage Fair**

Our school Heritage Fair is April 16<sup>th</sup>. Some classes from grades 5 &6 will be participating. Darlene learned that should a child advance from the school fair to the next level of competition (Provincial Heritage Fair), the child's project must be presented on a plastic display board...competition rules. Since these boards are approximately \$15.00; some families may not be in a position to purchase the boards. If the children do the work and succeed at advancing, they shouldn't

have to worry about the cost of a board preventing them from representing Elm Street. Darlene asked Angie to approve a recommendation to have Home and School cover the cost of purchasing these boards for all students who advance to the provincial competition. It was approved. Darlene contacted Mme. Marie-Anne Roy to let her know (so she could in turn let the kids know), H&S would cover the cost of presentation boards should they advance. This might act as a little incentive to some of the children involved. Darlene is to receive the number of students advancing from Mme. Marie Anne following the fair

## **6. Home and School Executive Openings for Fall 2010**

Two years terms will expire in June for the positions of President, Vice -President and Secretary. Any parent interested in taking on one of these positions should make their interest known to Angie.

A memo is to be sent home re the same.

### **Other issues open to the group**

Concerns were raised by several parents present regarding the possibility of Home and School losing the use of the multi purpose room in the Fall of 2010.

Several parents voiced opinions re not volunteering for hot lunch and breakfast programs should these need to be provided from the staff room.

Questions were raised concerning no parents coming forward to fill the vacant positions on the Home and School Executive, what will happen to Home and School?

Angie indicated she was willing to stay on until the fall fundraiser was complete. She would be available as a resource to the incoming President in the Past President role.

Angie agreed to bring the above mentioned concerns to Mrs. Beaulieu.

Meeting adjourned.