

**Mt. Stewart Consolidated School
Home & School Association Meeting
January 7, 2010**

ATTENDANCE: Paula Griffin, Mary McBride, Linda Craig, Patricia MacCormack, Wendy Murphy, Trudy MacDonald, Sherri Clark, Shauna MacLauchlan, Deborah Bradley, Trina Connors, Lynn MacDonald, Cindy Cousins, LaVerne MacKinnon, Bernie Lamphier, Mary MacDonald

Mary read the minutes from December 2009 and moved the minutes be approved as read. Bernie seconded this motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

There was no Treasurer's Report this month.

KINDERGARTEN REPORT:

There was no Treasurer's Report this month.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- There were 39 cookbooks ordered at the Christmas concert. It was decided to send a note home for each family. This note will request that each family reply with how many cookbooks they would like to purchase. It was made clear that if they ordered too many and could not sell them that they could be returned.
- There will be a meeting with Sandy MacDonald on January 19, 2010. Paula Griffin, Mary McBride, Maxine Doucette and Lynn MacDonald will represent our school.
- The Kursweil program is fantastic.
- We still need to make up our list of gift amounts, contributions, etc.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- We received \$3,000.00 toward our Playground Equipment Fund! The Christmas concert and 50/50 raised \$1,500.00 and the school fund donated \$1,500.00. What a great start to our fundraising.
- Grade 4 has made \$305.00, so far, with their store. All proceeds go to the playground equipment.
- Mike Pendergast entertained the children before Christmas. A great time was had by all!
- Homework Club will begin next week.
- We will have approximately 27-29 children in Grade 1 next year. This should mean that there will be two classes.
- The interviews have begun for our kindergarten teacher.
- The lunch schedule needs to be implemented. The teachers are attempting to have Grades 5-6 on the hill for three days of the six-day schedule and Grades 7-8 on the opposing days of the schedule. They are also going to schedule the ping-pong table and the intramurals. Sheila and Bernie are working on this schedule.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Jessie will begin a bakery and will be selling cupcakes. A schedule will be set up and parents will be advised when their children can purchase from the bakery.
- Grade 6 measured the pizza slices for several weeks and advised our pizza supplier that the slices were not all the same size. The pizza supplier told the school that this would be resolved.
- It was questioned if our school would host a dance. The money could make it a good venture. Linda Craig will look into the costs and venue.
- We received a letter from Kara Cousins. She is taking part in the Intercordia Canada Program. Linda Craig moved that we donate \$100.00 to assist her in her worthwhile efforts. Bernie seconded this motion.
- Linda Craig asked if the H&S had given any thought as to the Parent Engagement Fund. It was discussed and agreed that further discussion was needed and that we would like to have some ideas put forward.
- Linda also asked about Teacher Appreciation Week and what we have done in the past. Cindy explained what we have done in previous years and further discussion will be held at the next meeting to finalize this years' Teacher Appreciation.
- Paula Griffin asked if it would be possible to have the H&S minutes posted on the school website so parents that cannot attend meetings or miss a meeting can have a chance to read them.
- LaVerne updated the meeting on the calendar fundraiser on behalf of Linda Doyle and asked for volunteers to lend a hand. Paula Griffin, Linda Craig and Mary McBride volunteered to do the Tracadie area. All calendar information should be returned to Linda by January 25.
- It was decided that the cookbooks will be printed and bound on January 21 @6:30 pm at the school. Whoever can volunteer their time and talent to help out would be very much appreciated.
- LaVerne reminded the meeting of the upcoming ESD Zoning Meeting and encouraged everyone to attend and to tell other parents as well.
- The following are dates to remember:
 - February 1 - PD Day
 - February 15 - Islander Day
 - March 4 - Interviews (3:00 pm - 8:00 pm) pot luck for staff on this date as part of Teacher Appreciation
 - March 5 - No school

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 4, 2010 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned.