

**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
HOME AND SCHOOL
FEDERATION INC.**

52nd

**ANNUAL MEETING
Saturday, April 2, 2005**

BOOK OF REPORTS



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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 PRAYER

“Our Heavenly Father, we pray that our endeavors may at all times be guided by Thee. Give us knowledge that our thoughts may be well directed. Give us tolerance that we may respect the rights and views of others. Imbue us with understanding and clear vision, that we may always seek the highest good for our children, our homes and our schools. And grant us wisdom that we may ever choose the right.” Amen.

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, or 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.

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.

Approved AGM April 20, 2002

Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation Inc.
52nd Annual General Meeting
Saturday, April 2, 2005
RODD Charlottetown Hotel

AGENDA

- 8:15 am **Registration/Visit Displays**
- 8:45 **Welcome/Home & School Prayer/Creed/Thought**
Business Meeting - Parliamentarian: Marion Murphy
1. Adoption of Agenda 2005
 2. Adoption of Minutes 2004
 3. President's Report
 4. Adoption of Finance Report
 5. President's Report
 6. Other Reports (Accepted as circulated)
 7. Resolutions
 8. Nominations Report/Elections
 9. New Business
 10. Adjournment of Business Meeting
- 10:10 **- Nutrition Break/Visit Displays -**
- 10:30 **...Continued Business Meeting**
- 11:00 **Expectations for Learning Panel Discussion**
Moderator: Martha Ellis
Panelists: Sandy MacDonald, Parent/ESD Superintendent
 Wendy MacDonald, Parent/Consultant
 John D. Farrell, Parent/Teacher
- 12 Noon **Luncheon/Presentations**
Greetings:
 Maurice Poirier, President PEI Teachers' Federation
 Robert Maddix, Board Member PEI Trustees' Association
Luncheon speaker:
 Hon. Mildred Dover, Minister of Education
- 1:15 p.m. **"Long Live Kids" Workshop:**
 Linda Millar, Concerned Children's Advertisers
- 2:15 p.m. **Closing Remarks**

Note: Business Meeting & Nutrition Break/Displays - City Center

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, but all members can attend.
3. Each voting delegate shall have one vote provided their Association dues have been paid 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, then wait until the Chair indicates it is your 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 on the question.

TIPS TO DELEGATES

1. Plan to enjoy the meetings. As a representative of you 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 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 the Local 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 action taken, business transacted, and ideas and inspirations gained. Share info with your members - knowledge, ideas, pamphlets and other material acquired during the Annual Meeting.

Thank You!
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION INC.
EXECUTIVE & BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2004-2005

EXECUTIVE:

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| President | Martha Ellis |
| Past President | Ken Williams |
| Vice President | Katherine Linkletter |
| Treasurer | Wendy MacDonald |
| Secretary | Justina Doucette |
| Executive Director | Shirley Jay |

REGIONAL DIRECTORS:

| | |
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| Region 1 | Paulette Perry & Hal Perry |
| Region 2 | Eva Strongman & Mary MacKay |
| Region 3 | Ken Doiron & Linda Dennis |
| Region 4 | John D. Farrell & Francis Hendricken |

PEI HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION INC.
COMMITTEE DIRECTORY
2004-2005

Department of Education:

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| Elementary Standing Committee | Ken Doiron |
| Elementary Health Standing | Eva Strongman |
| Intermediate Standing | Mike MacDonald |
| Intermediate Health Standing | Mary MacKay |
| Senior High Standing | John D. Farrell |
| Diversity Standing | Katherine Linkletter & Ken Doiron |
| Computers For Schools/Libraries | Shirley Jay |
| Special Education Standing | Shirley Jay |
| Reading Recovery | Georgina Allen |
| Technology | Bill Whelan |
| School Calendar | Martha Ellis |
| School Improvement Plan | Martha Ellis & Wendy MacDonald |

Department of Health:

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| Healthy Eating Alliance | Wendy MacDonald |
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Other:

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| Newspaper column | Donna Lewis |
| Council for a Smoke-Free PEI | Shirley Jay |

DIRECTORY OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS 2004-2005

WESTERN SCHOOL BOARD

Home & School

Alberton Elementary
Amherst Cove Cons
Athena Consolidated
Ellerslie Elementary
Elm Street Elementary
Greenfield Elementary
Hernewood Junior High
Kensington Intermed/High
Kinkora & Area
ME callaghan
Miscouche Consolidated
O'Leary Elementary
Parkside Elementary
Queen Elizabeth
St. Louis Elementary
Summerside Intermediate
Tignish Elementary

President

Wendy Warren
Sharon Leard
Anna MacDonald
June Ellis
Mary Stewart
Angela Carragher
Donna Lewis
George Aitken (Contact)
Darlene Arsenault (Somerset/Kinkora)
Suzanne Murphy
Lori Colborne-Barry
Heather Knox
Cindy Mollins
Sue Urguhart
Suzanne Murphy
Arnold Croken
Deanna Keough

EASTERN SCHOOL BOARD

Home & School

Belfast Consolidated
Birchwood Intermediate
Bluefield Senior High
Cardigan Consolidated
Central Queens Elem.
Charlottetown Rural High
Donagh Regional
Dundas Consolidated
East Wiltshire Intermediate
Eliot River Elem/Westwood Prim
Englewood Consolidated
Georgetown
Glen Stewart Elementary
Grand Tracadie Elem.
Gulf Shore Consolidated
L. M. Montgomery Elem.
Montague Consolidated
Morell Consolidated
Mount Stewart Cons.
Parkdale Elementary
Prince Street Elementary
Sherwood Elementary
Southern Kings Cons.
Spring Park Elementary
St. Jean Elementary
St. Peter's Cons.
St. Theresa's Cons.
Stonepark Junior High
Tracadie Cross Cons.
Vernon River Cons.
West Kent
West Royalty Elementary

President/Co-President/Contact

Darlene White
Heather Pratt
Mary Miller
Sally Morrison
Denise Matheson
Heather Birt
Suzanne Beagan
Micheline Downe
Principal (Contact)
Ruth Morrison
Kim Matters
Susan Walsh
Marie O'Hanley
Krista Collier
Martin Dutton
Maxine Doran
Laura Lee Walsh
Maureen Forrest
Laverne MacKinnon
Eddie Ramsay
Wendy MacDonald
Jacinta Gallant
Teresa MacKinnon
Chris Mears
Tammie Smyth
John D. Farrell
Marcella Byrne
Lynn Thompson
Linda Craig
Kara McQuaid Duffy
Inge Dorsey
Mike MacDonald

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION INC.
MINUTES OF THE 51ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday, April 3, 2004

The 51st Annual Meeting of the Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation Inc. (PEIHSF) was held Saturday, April 3, 2004 at the Charlottetown Hotel in Charlottetown, PEI.

Ken Williams, President, welcomed the delegates, and led in the recital of the Home and School Prayer. The Board and Executive members were introduced -all present except Ken Doiron. The meeting's parliamentarian, Marion Murphy, was introduced. Marion is a past president of the PEIHSF.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ken Williams presented the agenda with one addition - Under Business Session add 10. Heart and Stroke Foundation presentation.

MOTION: To accept the 51st Annual Meeting's Agenda as revised.

Moved by Tami Martell. Seconded by Eva Strongman.

Motion carried.

2. ADOPTION OF 2003 50th ANNUAL MEETING'S MINUTES

The minutes of the 50th Annual Meeting of the PEIHSF were presented as circulated in the 2004 Book of Reports. Ken Williams noted one omission in last year's minutes. The PEIHSF and Hon. Chester Gillan, Department of Education, recognized Shirley Jay for her many years of service with the Home and School.

MOTION: To accept the 50th Annual Meeting's Minutes as amended.

Moved by Suzanne Murphy. Seconded by Cindy Mollins.

Motion carried.

3. PRESIDENTS REPORT

Ken William's report was circulated in the Book of Reports. He presented a power point presenting with updates citing the many activities, committees, etc. the PEIHSF is involved with.

Ken said his fairwell and thanked everyone for all their help during his term as President with special thanks to Bonnie McDonald , Shirley Jay and his family.

MOTION: To accept the President's report as presented.

Moved by Ken Williams. Seconded by Wendy McDonald.

Marion Murphy put the motion to the floor for adoption.

Motion carried.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

Wendy MacDonald, Treasurer, presented the PEIHSF 2004 Finance Report which is included in the convention kits. Wendy noted the year end has changed from March 31 to December 31 thus will be reviewing the PEIHSF's Financial Position for the nine month period ended December 31, 2003. Reports presented included:

◆ Statement of Operations Ending Dec. 31/03 \$5,591. Ending Mar 31/03 \$206.

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| ◆ Statement of Fund Balances | Ending Dec. 31/03 \$15,606. | Ending Mar. 31/03 \$10,015. |
| ◆ Statement of Financial Position | Ending Dec. 31/03 \$19,618 | Ending Mar. 31/03 \$13,636. |
| ◆ Notes to Cash Flows | Ending Dec. 31/03 \$18,495 | Ending Mar. 31/03 \$13,104. |

Wendy responded to questions from the delegates. The budget is secure for the next four years as stated in letter form by the former Minister of Education, Chester Gillan.

MOTION: To adopt the Financial Report as presented.

Moved by Wendy McDonald. Seconded by Paulette Perry, Region #1 Director.

MOTION CARRIED.

5. OTHER REPORTS

Other reports were circulated in the 2004 Book of Reports.

MOTION: To accept reports as circulated.

Moved by Suzanne Murphy, St. Louis. Seconded by Cindy Mollins, Parkside.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. RESOLUTIONS

Ken W. chaired the resolution portion of the meeting noting he will begin with resolution #2, followed by #3, #4 and then #1.

RESOLUTION 2/2004 CELL PHONE USAGE

Submitted by the PEI Home and School Federation

WHEREAS Prince Edward Island currently does not have legislation banning the use of cellular phones while driving, and

WHEREAS research in Canada, the US and the UK clearly shows that the use of cellular phones by drivers has a profound effect on driving behaviour, and

WHEREAS the Canadian Medical Association, at its 1999 annual meeting, passed a resolution urging its members to lobby governments to ban the use of cellular phones in motor vehicles, and

WHEREAS research has shown that the risk of being involved in some type of traffic incident while using a cellular phone was nearly four times that of the average driver, and

WHEREAS the safety of all Prince Edward Island children and youth is dependent upon the safe driving practices of all Island drivers,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PEIHSF request the government to introduce legislation banning the use of cellular phones while operating a motor vehicle by the year 2005.

DESTINATION: Minister of Transportation & Public Works; Minister of Education

BACKGROUND: New England Journal of Medicine -

<http://content.nejm.org/cgi/content/abstract/336/7/453>

Government of NFLD & Labrador - News Releases (see websites)

<http://www.gov.nl.ca/releases/2002/gsl/0430n07.htm>

<http://www.gov.nl.ca/releases/2002/gsl/1122n08.htm>

MOTION: To move Resolution 2/04 - Cell Phone Usage to the floor for discussion.

Moved by Tami Martell, Region 4 Director.

Seconded by Eva Strongman, Region 2 Director

DISCUSSION: Martin Dutton and other delegates spoke for and against this resolution.

Friendly amendments were proposed as follows:

To change “**banning**” to “**restricting.**”

To change “**operating**” to “**driving.**”

Friendly amendments were accepted as follows:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PEIHSF request the government to introduce legislation restricting the use of cellular phones while driving a motor vehicle by the year 2005.

A vote and count was taken.

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 03/2004

HEALTHY LIVING

Submitted by the PEI Home and School Federation Board

WHEREAS good nutrition is essential for the healthy growth and development of children, promotes their capacity to learn, and reduces their long-term risk of chronic disease; and

WHEREAS rates of childhood overweight and obesity are rising nationally and are higher in Prince Edward Island than in most other provinces; and

WHEREAS research into the eating habits of school aged children in PEI indicates that many children consume lower than recommended amounts of milk, fruits and vegetables, and have high intakes of less recommended foods; and

WHEREAS children spend a substantial portion of time in school and consume about one-third or more of their weekday food intake in school; and

WHEREAS the school setting can thus have a major influence on children’s eating patterns and nutrition knowledge; and

WHEREAS the PEI Home and School Federation is an active partner in the PEI Healthy Living Strategy, and in the Prince Edward Island Healthy Eating Alliance, established to develop a comprehensive strategy to encourage Island children to enjoy, understand, and benefit from healthy eating,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The PEIHSF supports the mission and work of the Healthy Living Strategy, including the initiative of the Healthy Eating Alliance to establish healthy eating guidelines for Island elementary schools; and

The PEIHSF supports further work by the Healthy Eating Alliance, under the auspices of the Healthy Living Strategy, to develop healthy eating guidelines for intermediate and senior high schools; and

The PEIHSF calls on the Department of Education to place priority on developing a current, relevant health curriculum, including nutrition and active living, and to work with school districts and community partners to provide teachers with enhanced resources to support the curriculum; and

The PEIHSF urges school districts to place priority on working in partnership to complete the development of healthy eating guidelines, and to encourage and assist their schools to participate fully in implementing the guidelines.

DESTINATION: Ministers Health/Social Services & Education; School Boards

MOTION: To move Resolution 3/04 - Nutrition to the floor for discussion.

Moved by Wendy McDonald Seconded by Suzanne Murphy, St. Louis

DISCUSSION: Wendy spoke on the resolution as circulated. Much discussion ensued with friendly amendments proposed as follows:

Revise title of resolution to “**Healthy Living.**”

Revise all references to Healthy Eating Alliance to read - **“Healthy Living Strategy”**

Revise Be it Resolved statement: ...relevant nutrition curriculum to read -

“relevant health curriculum including nutrition and active living.”

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 04/04 SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN PHARMACIES

Submitted by the PEI Home and School Federation Board

WHEREAS in Canada, 129 people die every day from smoking related illnesses, and
WHEREAS the smoking rate in 2003 for 20-24 year olds was quite high at 32% and statistics for males in the 15-19 year old category show that 23% of use tobacco products, and

WHEREAS it is unethical for a health care professional to be selling medications for illnesses on the one hand and promoting and selling the product that may cause that illness on the other hand, and

WHEREAS all forms of advertising and packaging of tobacco products that have the effect of promoting tobacco as an acceptable, non-harmful product, particularly among children and youth are unacceptable, and

WHEREAS the health and well-being of children and youth in this province is of the utmost importance;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PEIHSF urge the Prince Edward Island government to introduce legislation banning the sale of tobacco products in pharmacies, and in businesses which include a pharmacy.

DESTINATION: Ministers Health/Social Services & Education; School Boards

MOTION: To move Resolution 4/04 - Sale of Tobacco Products to the floor for discussion.

Moved by Dale McInnis, Birchwood Seconded by Georgina Allan, Past President

DISCUSSION: Much discussion followed. Ainslea Cardinal, East Wiltshire, not sure whether we should interfere with the sale of products, can't see how it will have a whole lot of effect.

A vote and count was taken.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 1/2004 SCHOOL COUNCILS

Submitted by the PEI Home and School Federation Board

WHEREAS the Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation ("the Federation) has existed for over 50 years as the voice of Island children;

WHEREAS the Federation represents some 50 local Home and School Associations on Prince Edward Island and has the largest membership of any volunteer organization on Prince Edward Island;

WHEREAS the Federation has a long history of advocating on a variety of issues affecting the well-being of Island school children;

WHEREAS the government of Prince Edward Island has, by virtue of its ongoing relations with the Federation, recognized the Federation as a major player in the field of education on PEI; and

WHEREAS the province's current statutory provisions relative to school councils do not accurately reflect the role and stature of home and school on Prince Edward Island;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PEI Home and School Federation be authorized to undertake a review of current statutory provisions regarding

School Councils, with a view to advocating, as appropriate, for amendments to provincial law which would more accurately reflect the actual role played by the Federation and local Home and School Associations on Prince Edward Island.

DESTINATION: Department of Education

MOTION: To move Resolution 1/04 - School Councils to the floor for discussion.

Moved by Patrice MacDonald, Tracadie Cross. Seconded by Janet McQuaid, Tracadie Cross

MOTION CARRIED.

7. NOMINATION REPORT/ELECTIONS

Georgina Allen, Past President presented the a full slate of officers in her Nomination Report, circulated in the convention kits.

The new Executive and Board of Directors for 2004-2005 are as follows:

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| President | Martha Ellis |
| Vice President | Katherine Linkletter |
| Region 1 Director | Hal Perry |
| Region 2 Director | Mary McKay |
| Region 3 Director | Linda Dennis |
| Region 4 Director | Francis Hendricken |

Following parliamentary procedures, Georgina called three times for further nominations from the floor. No other nominations were put forward.

MOTION: To accept the 2004 Nomination Report as circulated.

Moved by Georgina Allen. Seconded by Justina Doucette.

MOTION CARRIED.

Congratulations to you all!!!

Board Members whose terms are up this year include: Tami Martell, Region 4 Director; Bonnie MacDonald Region 3 Director; Georgina Allen, Past President. Each outgoing Board member was presented with a gift. Hugs were given all around by Ken Williams. Good Luck girls in all you do!!!

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Volunteer of the Year Award was awarded at this time to **Lissa Profit** from St. Louis Home and School Federation. Ken Williams read a great script written by Suzanne Murphy noting some of Lissa's untiring efforts for Home and School over the past ten years. The Home and School plaque was presented to Lissa. Hats off to you Lissa!

8. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Business meeting was adjourned by Ken Williams, President.

10. HEART AND STROKE FOUNDATION, PEI

The PEI Heart and Stroke Foundation led delegates in a 5 minute physical activity break. Everyone received a skipping rope and participated in a skip rope routine. The PEIHSF supports the Foundation's Jump Rope For Heart program which exists in a number of Island schools. Skipping is an excellent activity for young and old.

11. LUNCH BOX NUTRITION

Katherine Linkletter introduced Amanda Rogerson, Registered Dietician, who works with Sobeys. Amanda spoke about Lunch Box Nutrition & Snacks Made Easy. Handouts were made available for delegates to pick up on the registration table.

12. NUTRITION BREAK/DONAGH FIDDLE PROGRAM

Ken announced the nutrition break would commence and urged everyone to view the many displays set up in the break room. The Donagh Fiddle Program students also were present to perform for the delegates over the break. Ken thanked the Grade 9 students and their teacher, Ronita Baird for a great performance. Displays were well attended.

13. SUCCESS STORIES

Success stories are reports on good programs being offered in schools across the province by Home and School Associations in conjunction with school administrations. Presentations included: West Royalty - Mike MacDonald; Hernewood - Donna Lewis; Dundas - Kandy Johnson; Gulf Shore - Martin Dutton.

14. ROOTS OF EMPATHY

Roots of Empathy was presented by Brenda MacDonald and Roma MacQuarrie along with a mother and baby. This program exists in a number of schools promoting empathy among students. It was well received.

15. LUNCHEON

The luncheon meal was delicious as usual. Greetings were presented by Maurice Poirier, President, PEI Teachers' Federation and Marie Dionne- Sullivan, President, PEI School Trustees' Association. The luncheon speaker was Hon. Mildred Dover, Minister of Education.

Our new President Martha Ellis presented Ken Williams, outgoing President, with a gift and thanked him on behalf of herself, the Board and Shirley Jay, for his work and dedication for the Home and School organization. We salute you Ken - Live Well, Laugh Often and Love Much!

Respectfully submitted by,

Justina Doucette, Recording Secretary

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION**Martha Ellis, President**

The Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation looks back on a very busy and exciting 2004-05 school year with our on-going and new projects. We have a 13 member provincial board and approximately 50 local member associations representing over 10,000 parents having school aged children in Prince Edward Island. We are the only provincially recognized voice for parents in Prince Edward Island and are recognized as an official partner in education. The Department of Education invites PEIHSF representatives to sit on all curriculum standing committees and others as the need arises. These committees/ reps include:

Department of Education Standing Committees:

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|---------------------------------|---|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| Elementary | Eva Strongman (interim rep) | Elementary Health | Eva Strongman |
| Intermediate | Mike MacDonald | Intermediate Health | Mary MacKay |
| Senior High | John D. Farrell | Technology | Bill Whelan |
| School Calendar | Martha Ellis | Special Education | Shirley Jay |
| Computers For Schools/Libraries | Shirley Jay | Diversity | Katherine Linkletter/Ken Doiron |
| School Improvement Plan | Martha Ellis/Wendy MacDonald | | |
| Healthy Eating Alliance | Wendy MacDonald | Newspaper Column | Donna Lewis |
| Smoking Prevention | Shirley Jay (Council For Smoke-Free PEI/PEI Tobacco Reduction Alliance) | | |

Home and School reps sit as the voice for parents of children in the PEI school system. Over this school year we have met with the PEI Teachers' Federation president and executive director, Eastern School Board superintendent and our Minister of Education. It is important for member Associations to know that we have opportunity to provide input to improve public education through meaningful involvement at all levels of educational governance.

Wendy MacDonald and I met with Sandy MacDonald, ESD superintendent last October and attended the School Improvement Plan consultation meeting. Wendy also sits on the PEI Healthy Eating Alliance where policy has been developed giving guidance for a phased-in healthy food plan in our school system, island-wide. We are part of the PEI Tobacco Reduction Strategy (PETRA) which is a government initiated effort to reduce tobacco use among youth. The departments of health and education provide human resources to carry out the mandate of this diverse group of partners which include: School Boards, Cancer Society, Lung Association, Heart Foundation, Council For a Smoke-Free PEI, and more. Giant steps have been taken in the province through various projects over the past couple of years. These efforts have been realized because of the hard work of the Council For a Smoke-Free PEI. We have been a member of this small but focused group of individuals for over fifteen years.

Public awareness is essential for the Federation. The media contacts our office about all current educational issues. We do our homework before responding. This allows parents, teachers and the community at large to better understand what we do for parents, teachers and students on PEI. A big thank you to Donna Lewis for writing our monthly column "HOME & SCHOOL & YOU" to keep the public up-to-date on our news. Send your news to: oystergir@pei.sympatico.ca

This year we are quite excited about a partnership project with the Department of Education. We were approached by the Department of Education's Diversity Committee to do a diversity project.

The board approved the project and to-date we have received funding from Heritage Canada to put on 3 one-day Diversity Youth Forums across the province. We will bring all grade 8 students together to discuss diversity. Students will participate in break-out sessions with a number of topics on this subject. These will be facilitated by educators and other skilled community members. A Diversity Food Fair will be occur over lunch with various multi-cultural group displays and musical entertainment. We are seeking high profile keynote speakers (i.e. hockey players, our recent Special Olympian gold medal winner). We have an ever-changed society and really don't know our neighbors. Guidance counsellors agree that Grade 8 is a good age level to discuss diversity. This project further demonstrates our key involvement in the education system.

Our Semi-Annual was held in October with great success. The PEI Teachers' Federation generously shared one of their Fall convention guest speakers, Betty Hollas. Ms. Hollas, educator/author gave a one-hour workshop on " How to Communication and Invite Cooperation and Not Conflict" at our Semi-Annual meeting with 150 parents and teachers in attendance. Presidents and our provincial board met with the Minister of Education, Deputy Minister and Director of Programs to discuss resolutions and other matters of concern in the education system. This is an annual meeting where parents have the opportunity to meet face-to-face with education.

We continue to work on a strategy that will eliminate the confusion between Home and School Associations and Parent Councils. Our new block membership fee structure seems to be working well. This does not afford us any more funds but allows us the opportunity to officially say that we represent a much larger number of parents having children/youth in our school system.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week was celebrated in many schools in PEI. We appreciate the Guardian doing the insert in the newspaper. An exciting award being initiated this year is our new educator or staff personnel recognition award titled "Extra Mile Award." We will select two recipients to recognize in 2005. The names will be announced by end of May. There are many educators who go above and beyond their regular call of duty.

We hosted the Concerned children's Advertisers "Long Live Kids" Atlantic Launch and the Atlantic Home & School Caucus the last weekend in October, 2004. Supporting and equipping parents is essential. Our challenge is to do this more effectively. We obtained funding to put on four Executive Training Workshops and successfully trained over 50 volunteers. Thank you to Linda Dennis for her work on this project. The feedback was very positive with requests for more training.

We lost a great Home and School pioneer, Dr. Helen MacDonald, the first Home and School president, aged 91. She was a mover/shaker in the 40's and 50's making changes in the education system on PEI and continued to speak out over the past decade. We will miss her.

Our work is on-going but we are up for new challenges! "Parents & Teachers Educating Children Together!"

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Shirley Jay

This year has been a very busy one for the provincial office. I believe it is the busiest one in my twenty years having worked for the PEIHSF. Communication is still a high priority - always working to improve in this area. Local Associations and individual members are encouraged to contact the provincial office. It is important to be current on what is happening in our school system. Internet is a great way to get messages out quickly and efficiently to the membership.

Resource materials were mailed to local Association presidents at the beginning of the school year in September. The president's directory is updated on an on-going basis. We currently have only six without email addresses. The provincial Board met five times over the year to take care of Federation business. They plan the Semi-Annual and Annual Meetings, initiate new projects and focus on up-to-date educational issues.

Day-to-day office routine involves dealing with phone call requests from the membership, from government departments and other partners in education. Every President should contact the provincial office early in the school year to find out what provincial can do you. We are here to answer questions and if we don't have an immediate answer, we will check into the situation and get back to you. The membership requests include organizational queries, orders for supplies, problem-solving, program suggestions, speaker requests, etc. January, February, and March are busy with preparations for the Annual Meeting. The Annual Book of Reports is compiled, policy documents are updated, new resolutions reviewed and award nominations considered. Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week is held in February.

Projects keep us very busy. This year the Executive Training Workshops, Diversity Youth Forum and finishing up a Safety Project filled our hours and then some. I have to say that I am very pleased to be working on all of these projects - each one is important. The Diversity Youth Forum is a major undertaking and very rewarding. We will miss Myra Thorkelson from the Department of Education on this project and welcome her replacement, Roberta Clark.

Presidents are encouraged to call the provincial office and regional directors for updates on Home and School and education news. Some presidents call on a monthly basis, prior to their local meetings, to ask for current education updates. It is important for parents to be aware of what is happening in your child's school and just as important to contact your child's teacher on a consistent basis. Become informed about your child's school, curriculum, safety and related education issues through your Home and School Association.

We have been fortunate to have Shawna Lannigan work with us for 3 months through the Job Creation program. Shawna assists with office reception, mailings, annual meeting preparation, project detail and when other tasks are completed, she reviews some of our many files, to do some data entry on our historical records. We have a history book for the first 20 years of the Federation's formation and need to work on the next 32 years. She is always willing to take up any task that arises in the office and I appreciate her great work ethic.

Parents and Teachers Education Children Together!

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ELEMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE
Interim Rep: Eva Strongman

Chair: Clayton Coe, Elementary Education Coordinator, Department of Education

Recent Updates:

A Health/Physical Education Specialist is being hired in the English Programs Division. This consultant will be reviewing the provincial health curriculum from grades one to nine.

Students from sixteen elementary schools participated in a Student Leadership Conference at UPEI in February. Each school sent up to ten grade five or six students to learn events, programs and activities that they can bring back to their school. The focus was to reach students before they get to Intermediate age. The skills learned will help to get children more active on the playground.

Eight schools are participating in the PEI ArtsSmarts program for 2004-2005. Their projects were selected from 41 proposals. Money was awarded for artists and materials. Some of the projects are PEI wildlife wood dioramas, clay sculptures, film and play production, and songwriting.

Two Language Arts summer institutes are being offered to new primary and elementary teachers. These institutes normally are held early in the school year. This will give new teachers more time to prepare for the school year and also cut down on missed classroom time.

There are presently five schools participating in Year Two of a Three-Year Elementary Science Curriculum Implementation Update. Grades one through four and seven, eight and ten are completed. Pilots are now underway at the grade five and six levels. Grades four-six in all the schools will be receiving money to purchase new hands-on science resources.

New reading materials are now being added to Grades 1-3's Guided Reading. The Language Arts Committee has added over 170 new titles, including both fiction and informational text, in all grade-appropriate reading levels.

The Computer Information Technology Department is updating their guides to keep up with technology and integrate IT to curriculum outcomes. Each grade level will receive a new document.

Social Studies curriculum is also being updated and is still in its working stage. Schools are presently using old (1970's) resources.

Youth Justice is hoping to work with the Department of Education to produce a program on Restorative Justice aimed at Grade 5 & 6 students.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(CIT) COMMUNIQUE:**

Bill Whelan, Committee Representative

In 2002, the Department of Education drafted a Strategic Plan on Communications and Information Technology (CIT) in the Public School System with a mission to make CIT "an integral part of the PEI public school system, contributing to student learning outcomes in grades 1-12". This document is available on the Department's website (www.gov.pe.ca/educ). Many aspects of the plan have already been implemented, most notably the establishment of email accounts for all students (grades 4-12), the design of school websites, and the development of computer-based learning tools.

This comprehensive plan if fully implemented would potentially provide primary and secondary school students on PEI with the skills set needed for success in the new knowledge-based economy. For this plan to be fully realized, there needs to be continued support from parents at each stage of the development and implementation. Currently, the PEI Home and School Federation is represented on the 12- member Minister's Advisory Committee on Communications and Information Technology (CIT) whose mandate is to facilitate the development and implementation of the Strategic Plan and to make recommendations to the Minister of Education. At the local level, we have identified a couple of ways in which Home and School Councils can be actively involved in this exciting initiative.

Technology Committees (TC's) are to be established at all Island schools with a mandate to plan, promote and implement CIT initiatives. Many schools have already established TC's. Home and School representation on these committees is encouraged. Moreover, parents through the local Home and School Council may be able to help establish a TC if one does not already exist in their school. Parents of children in the local school can represent a wealth of resource information about communication and information technology.

Home and School Councils can play a primary role in liaising with teachers, CIT school leaders, parents and students in supporting and promoting the integration of technology-based learning in the school. This could be achieved by 1) including a "Technology Facts and Figures" column in a Home and School newsletter, communicating to parents and students new technologies introduced in the classrooms/school and 2) inviting CIT representatives (from the school and/or Department of Education) to attend Home and School Council meetings to update parents on activities and address any questions or concerns .

For more information on this initiative or to obtain a list of CIT representatives, you can contact Bill Whelan, PEI Home and School Federation delegate on the Minister's Advisory Committee (902.628.1176 or bwhelan@ryerson.ca)

Department of Education
SENIOR HIGH STANDING COMMITTEE
John D. Farrell

The Senior High Standing committee meets approximately 4-6 times a year and deals with issues related to grades 9-12. The committee is chaired by Barbara Trainor and has a cross representation from the various schools and districts on the island. The committee must approve any local pilots (new courses being taught in high schools) before the school can offer it and the committee must give final approval for province wide implementation. Two new courses being piloted and will eventually be offered are Food Services 801 and Career Futures 801. The committee is also kept informed on all new developments in respect to curriculum changes and curriculum direction.

Department of Education
INTERMEDIATE STANDING COMMITTEE
Mike MacDonald

The Standing Committee for Intermediate Curriculum is devoted to issues relating to grades seven to nine, which it discusses at three meetings per year. This committee is responsible for: The coordination of programs at the intermediate level; Assisting in coordinating implementation of recent reform recommendations; identifying priorities; developing outcomes; on-going review of programs; recommending curriculum committees; standardizing curriculum documents and making recommendations to the director on program needs. The Department of Education Chairperson is Barb Trainor.

Department of Education
DIVERSITY STANDING COMMITTEE
Reps: Ken Doiron, Katherine Linkletter

The Diversity Education Standing Committee is a committee formed under the PEI Department of Education and is chaired by Myra Thorkelson. The mandate of the committee is to act as an advisory body to the Diversity Education Consultant.

The committee co-ordinates, reports, reviews and advises on issues related to diversity equity education.

The PEIHSF was asked and has partnered with this committee to organize the Diversity Education Youth Forum Project. This is a series of one-day events which will be held in three locations across the Island in May, 2005.

This forum will involve all Grade 8 social studies teachers and students and addresses curriculum outcomes in social studies. Grade 8 was selected to promote good citizenship, respect and awareness of diversity in our community. Teachers will follow up with classroom sessions in their schools.

As the lead partner in this project, the PEIHSF responsibility is to take part in the planning of this event and to provide feedback and make final decisions on all aspects of the project (ie. speakers, topics, displays, etc.)

2005 DIVERSITY YOUTH FORUM PROJECT**Shirley Jay, Program Coordinator**

The PEI Home and School Federation agreed to partner with the Department of Education Diversity Committee on a Diversity Youth Forum Project. Funding has been awarded from Canadian Heritage with other funding sources secured including "United Way, Rotary Club of Charlottetown Royalty, RCMP, Community & Cultural Affairs and Aliant. This is an exciting project where we are bringing all grade 8 students and their social studies teachers together to discuss diversity and the fact that our neighbours are ever-changing. Follow up focus groups will be done in the schools in social studies classes.

Myra Thorkelson, Department of Education Aboriginal and Diversity Consultant and the Diversity Standing Committee chair, was working on the project until her retirement Feb. 28/05. She was replaced with Roberta Clark who is doing a great job. We will bring the students together for three forums - May 3/05 - Lennox Island for all Western region students (700), May 4th - UPEI Fieldhouse, Charlottetown for 1,000 Eastern region students and May 5th - Georgetown Theatre & Arena for the remaining Eastern students (350). The day will begin with opening remarks by the Premier or Minister of Education and a First Nations representative followed by a high profile keynote speaker. Students will have previously selected preferences for breakout sessions which will occur before and after lunch. During lunch a "Diversity Fair - Get to know your Neighbour" will involve various displays with entertainment by Gary Beals, Canadian Idol runner-up 2004.

EXECUTIVE TRAINING WORKSHOPS**Linda Dennis**

We secured funding from Volunteerism Network of PEI through Canadian Heritage to organization four volunteer executive training workshops. The locations were: St. Louis and Elm Street for western region and Spring Park and Tracadie Cross for eastern region. The total attendance was 63. Evaluations determined that our volunteers wanted this type of training. They liked the information that was presented and asked for more training on an on-going basis for new volunteers. This project was very successful.

SMOKING PREVENTION**Shirley Jay**

Last year, our provincial government passed legislation pulling tobacco out of al 19 provincial pharmacies by June 1, 2005, but the province held off on its plans to ban retail displays in stores, or "power walls" that showcase tobacco products until the court ruled on the Saskatchewan case.

It is our hope that the provincial government will move forward with this initiative, so that children won't grow up thinking that cigarettes are as harmless as the hockey cards or bubblegum displayed beside them. Legislation will make it harder for young people to obtain tobacco products, and hopefully, send a strong message that allowing our Island youth access to tobacco products is wrong.

ATHENA CONSOLIDATED HOME AND SCHOOL
Anna MacDonald - President

Mary Lynch - Treasurer Lori Burnell, Susan McGuigan - Co-Secretaries

This past year has been a successful year, with lots of good things happening. We hold a meeting each month, usually the first Tuesday of each month. During these meetings we discuss issues relating to the school and it's students as well as what events have happened since the last meeting and planning for what is coming up next.

In September we held our elections and planned for our Halloween cookie bake sale in October. Parents bring in homemade sweet treats that the children purchase on a day near Halloween for .25 ea.(max.4 ea.) The children have a great time choosing. In November the Home and School volunteers run the annual book sale during the Parent/ Teacher interview times. We also put out the school Logo-Wear so the parents can see it and know what they are ordering when the forms go home.

Home and School orders winter and summer hats, visors and t-shirts with the school logo on them - at cost- to the children and staff of the school. Makes a great Christmas gift. In December we had our annual Ye Olde Christmas Shop where children purchased gifts from a shop we set up just for them. Junior high students wrap the gifts for free and the children get to bring a surprise gifts home for their families. We purchase for this shop all year. It's a great success, the children are so excited and it's a great fund raiser. In January we held our first annual Book Exchange. The children brought in books they had read and were willing to trade in and in return were able to get the corresponding amounts of books back to read. It took some logistical doing but it worked well.

There were a lot of big smiles as the children left with their "new" books. February is Teacher Appreciation Week and there are big plans underway with a teacher baby picture guessing game, treats, meals and special gifts for every teacher and support staff right through to the bus drivers. In March we help with the Science Fair, setting up the room and in general making sure it runs smoothly. We usually have an informational parent meeting on a topic of interest held in April and early plans are in the works for that. May and June is the beginning of the outdoor grounds and garden care, with many of the students and staff helping out during the warming days. In June we will complete the final stage of our "Pennies for Learning" where we are collecting pennies to save for a new encyclopedia set for the school library. Each class competes to see how many pennies it can collect and the winning class gets a movie and popcorn.

Through out the year we hold Sobey's grocery receipt draws. We will be applying for another Greening Spaces grant this year to help with making the grounds of our school more visually pleasing as well as more healthy for our children. Our school is in the process of making more healthy eating choices available to our children and we encourage this and have made this a part of our discussions during our meetings.

Each of the activities we are involved in has a main coordinator who then has team of people who are willing to help for that event. Recognizing that many parents may have neither the time or willingness to help with everything or even come out to all or any of the meetings we decided to send out forms at the beginning of the year. On the form the parents are asked to fill in the areas in which they can help. We collate these and pass them out to the people coordinating each event, providing them with a ready list of people willing to help with that particular event. It works well. We average 8-10 people at the meetings but actually have a much larger team who are willing to help when needed.

I wish to thank each member of our executive for all their hard work and for the support of our principal and teachers, as well as all the parents who have helped out in the past year, without them none of these events could take place. Our students and school are richer because of you!

CENTRAL QUEENS ELEMENTARY
Presidents - Denise Matheson & Connie Macdonald

The Central Queens Elementary Home & School Executive members include Michelle Newton, Dana Coles, Laura Fanning, Cheryle MacLean, Pat Dykerman, Lynn Clow, Bonnie Wigmore, Scott Glendenning, John Sylvester, Joanne Clow, Melanie Smith & Bethany Bagnall

Central Queens has a membership of 220 people. Our executive is very active in the school and working with our children's education:

- Teacher/Staff appreciation week - provided daily snacks and dinner
- Maurice Bernard art lesson sponsored
- School skate sponsorship
- 2nd annual spring fund-raiser of a Family Bingo Night which enabled us to purchase a new TV & VCR and funding for our \$100/classroom wish list.
- Spring General Meeting was a student talent showcase
- Brown bag Olympics
- Selected as one of the elementary pilot schools for the healthy eating alliance/snack program
- Said good-bye to our administrators Ken Gaudet and Derek MacEwen in June 2004
- Nutrition committee has been successful at changing our weekly meals at Central Queens. We now have a varied menu of hot items such as spaghetti, baked potatoes, chicken on a bun, chili, and chicken noodle soup
- Fall General Meeting welcomed Katherine Linkletter and Laura Fanning who spoke about healthy lunches and active living
- Family Dance fall fund-raiser to purchase a new stove to provide healthier hot lunches
- The home and school has a continual presence in the areas of pizza days, Friday hot lunches, token sales and head checks
- Annual Christmas Concert fudge sale fund-raiser

We are extremely proud of the Central Queens Elementary Home and School Executive and the work they do throughout the year.

CHARLOTTETOWN RURAL HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
President Heather Birt

Co-chairs: Mary Ann Burke-Matheson & Heather Birt

Treasurer: Joanne Tierney

Additional Executive: Ann Koughan & Tanya Craig

Our main activities for the year include:

1. Host "Meet the Teacher Night" in September enabling parents and staff to begin building communication bridges.
2. Organize "Graduation Information Night for Parents" in November to provide parents of potential graduates with information on graduation requirements, post secondary education opportunities, graduation events and traditions.
3. Provide parent chaperones for school dances.
4. Give Christmas gift for staff.
5. Organize "A Week of Treats" for Teacher Appreciation Week in February, with parents sending treats each day for morning break in the staff room.
6. Hold annual "Night Out" raffle as a fund raiser to fund all annual expenses, with the majority of the funds raised going toward the "Graduation Reception for Families" and prizes to graduating students.
7. Organize and host "Graduation Reception for Families" providing light refreshments and social time for graduates, staff, families and friends following the graduation exercises in June.
8. Donate a number of prizes to graduating students.

DUNDAS HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Kandy Johnston & Micheline Downe Co-Chairs**

Our Home & School Executive consists of the following members: Co- Chairs- Kandy Johnston and Micheline Downe Treasurer * Paula Fay Matheson Secretary - Susan Glover

We meet the last Tuesday of each month and have approximately 8 meetings per year. There are usually between 10-15 people in attendance consisting of parents, teachers and principal. We feel this is a very good turnout for a small school and are pleased to see some new members this year who bring lots of great ideas to the meetings.

Dundas Consolidated is once again participating in the DARE program. Our Grade 7/8 students travel to Montague Jr. High one afternoon per six day cycle to participate in Industrial Art, Home Economics and Tech Arts. This is very much enjoyed by all students. The LOVE program is also in place and well liked by both students and volunteers. Our school is one of the lead schools in the development of the draft policy for Healthy Eating. The super snacks program continues to be used every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. All students can enjoy "healthy snacks" on these days during morning break and get to try some new foods they may not normally eat at home. The school has also recently had a third phonic ear system installed.

Our fundraising has this year consisted of a Christmas wreath sale, fudge sales at concerts and an upcoming bottle drive. The proceeds are used to help supplement the cost of field trips and year end school trips. We have also provided the treats from Santa and had pancake breakfasts for students and staff. We have given a sizeable donation to the library for the purchase of new books and bought floor hockey equipment.

The parents are great to volunteer for our lunch program. A sign up sheet is sent home and all parents are asked to fill in whichever days they can volunteer to cook. This has been very successful. On Mondays we have pizza and garlic fingers, Tuesdays and Thursdays are ice-cream days, Wednesday is "healthy dogs", Fridays are white meat chicken burgers and salads. The last week of each month chicken fingers are also available.

Last spring we were fortunate to have a local fitness instructor provide a "Fit Kids" after school program one day a week. Many of the students participated in the program which included exercising, nutrition, etc.

For Staff Appreciation Week we are planning a cold plate lunch and parents will provide treats for the week. Our Home and School works well together and we are fortunate to have such a supportive group of both parents and staff.

ELLERSLIE ELEMENTARY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**June Ellis, President**

Executive:

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| June Ellis | President | Lisa MacDougall | Secretary |
| Teresa Williams | Treasurer | Bernie Moran | Principal |

The following is a summary of the activities which have taken place over the last year at Ellerslie Elementary School.

We had a few meeting cancellations due to either inclement weather or lack of participation.

As part of our healthy eating, we decided to discontinue offering hotdogs to the students. We will attempt to introduce healthier choices over the year. Ellerslie School was selected as one of the schools to take part in the Healthy Eating Alliance.

Members organized a successful Teacher Appreciation week with a meal provided and treats and cards throughout the week.

Home & School organized a guest speaker from the Cadets to speak to the Grade six class. In March, the video "With all Due Respect" featuring Ron Morrish was shown. Unfortunately, there was poor attendance. It was felt pointless in having guest speakers come in due to the lack of interest in attending.

The school participated in ice sports and skates throughout the winter with Home & School providing the hot chocolate. We had decided to have the canteen closed and serve hot chocolate as we find a higher participation rate in the skating. However, due to inclement weather, the trip to Mill River was cancelled.

The artist, Maurice Bernard put on an art program for each class and formally instructed students who signed up for his course. It is a wonderful opportunity for children to be taught art by a local artist.

We are fortunate to have volunteers coming in to work with the children. They are involved in listening to children read and assisting in math and spelling areas.

The school had another successful science fair once again. The children continue to enjoy noontime and after school sports events. The children raised \$1,000.00 for Easter Seals Tour. Great input from the students and staff.

The Grade 6 closing was organized and put on by the Grade 6 class. This was ideal as it took a lot of the pressure off the parents and gave the class a real togetherness in the planning for their event. Bernie Moran was welcomed back as Principal again in September. She is an exceptional individual and keeps the communication lines open. The students, staff and Home & School are extremely fortunate to have her.

The beginning of the new school year came with a renewed interest in parents coming out to Home and School. However, this soon dwindled off and left mostly just the executive at the meetings. The second annual ADL frozen food fund raiser was held. It once again met with tremendous success. With some of the money raised going to purchase a new swing set. The Terry Fox Run was held at the school and there was a great turn out. It was a very well organized event with money raised for a worthwhile cause.

The principal and teachers have put in place help classes for students wishing to stay after school for extra help. This is proving to be very successful with lots of participants.

Lisa and myself had the pleasure to attend the semiannual meeting held in Charlottetown. As always, I found it to be very informative and well worthwhile attending.

(Cont'd Ellerslie)

A new after school recreation program was brought into the school. It experienced a high participation rate. After school soccer and badminton will be offered in the new year. Remembrance day services were held at the school with many active participants. One of our students received an inclusion award for her poem on a fellow autistic student. It shows the great empathy and hard work the students and staff give to those students with learning disabilities. It was truly an inclusion message that we are proud of.

Ellerslie School is a hub of activity offering a meeting place for many events; from Community meetings to walking clubs and exercise clubs and community school.

Once again, I feel that we are blessed with wonderful staff members at our school. The principal works exceptionally well with our Home and School and goes out of her way to give the very best to her students.

The parents and volunteers are very giving people and willing to help out wherever they can whether it be helping out with teachers' appreciation events, helping to tie skates and being their for their children's accomplishments.

ENGLEWOOD HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Kim Matters – President

Members of Executive:

Kim Matters (President), Marion Toole (Vice-President), Neila Auld (Treasurer), Barb Stewart (Secretary), Beth Shaw, Ida MacDonald (Directors).

This past year we scheduled 4 meetings, plus 2 Executive meetings. At the time of this report we have had two of our meetings. The first had Roberta Larsen (Dietician and Englewood parent) and Mary Acorn (also a Dietician) from the Healthy Eating Alliance discuss and display fat and calorie content of common (unhealthy) lunch food and snacks. The second was spent organizing a “Healthy Eating Committee” for Englewood that includes Neila Auld (Chair), Marion Toole, Roberta Larsen, MaryBeth MacDonald, Tammy Craig and Janet MacDonald.

Lunch and Snack Program

Our first initiative – and the primary one for this year – is the snack and lunch program at Englewood. It began shortly after Christmas break. Basically, what we are offering is:

Monday – macaroni & meat sauce (with a lasagna offered once a month) (\$1.50)

Tuesday – Free vegetable tray to each of the 9 classrooms at “little recess”

Wednesday – Pizza (alternating ground beef, chicken and ham toppings each week) - \$1.50

Thursday – Free fruit tray to each of the 9 classrooms at “little recess”

Friday – Baked Potato w grated cheese and butter choices (with a Homemade Vegetable soup offered monthly) (\$1.50)

The fruit and vegetable trays include a selection of 3 items (varying each week) plus cheese pieces.

We have also stocked the canteen with some healthy choices to purchase – homemade muffins/cookies (donated by parents), fruit cups, frozen yogurt/pudding tubes, cheese strings, apples/oranges, peanut butter/cheese & crackers, “fruit to go” chews, bottled water and 100% pure juice boxes. The sub provider will soon be introducing subs without processed meats (eg beef and cheese, turkey and cheese and ham & cheese “twisters”).

The lunches are ordered the week prior. Volunteers are abundant – especially for the trays and preparation of the snacks (done on-site) and “watching the flyers for bargains”. Overall, the program is working well and has been exceptionally well-received by both parents and children with 65% participation after only three weeks.

We were fortunate to receive the ground beef by donation for the meat sauce (prepared on-site), as well as the potatoes and muffins and cookies. Various community groups have been generous in financial assistance for “start-up expenses” and a grant was received from the University of New Brunswick (who will be following the progress of the program).

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week is always a busy week at Englewood. All are recognized: Teachers, Bus Drivers, Custodians, Project L.O.V.E. volunteers, Library volunteers, Tutors, Teacher Assistants, Secretary, etc. Activities include a food item each day (Breakfast fruit, Breakfast muffins) and two days of a hot lunch and full courses! (Parmesan Chicken and Fish Chowder with salads, desserts, etc.) The highlight for the week for the Teachers is “yard supervision” each day. This allows the staff to all “sit together” and enjoy the treats or meals – and just interact! It is always a fun week, and always appreciated.

Fundraising

To date we have not undertaken a fundraising initiative (except for the contributions mentioned above). Plans are to soon initiate a fundraiser to help subsidize the snack and lunch program (especially supplies and the vegetables and fruit expenses) and provide funds for any projects that may come up.

HERNEWOOD INTERMEDIATE HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**By Donna Lewis, President**

This past year has been relatively quiet. We raised close to \$1,000.00 for the music department, which was recently complemented with a 10,000 dollar grant to the school.

We participated in a Home & School Parents/Teachers/Community Partners basketball game against the students in mid - December for the second time. Kids and partners love this event. Program Renewal and its potential impacts within the school system has been an issue discussed at every meeting with continued concerns expressed from both staff and parents.

We are still struggling with attendance - our staff attendance and participation in meetings has increased dramatically but parents are still not coming out.

We are embarking on a tree planting project with the Department of Forestry this Spring and hope to continue to plant with each graduating class. Education and hands on for students is a big part of this process and gets everyone involved.

RESOLUTION submitted:

WHEREAS all children on PEI should have access to the rights, obligations and freedoms and flexibility that curriculum at the Intermediate School level contribute to their adolescent development;

WHEREAS it has been documented that school populations are on the decline;

WHEREAS the Premier has indicated that through the Provincial Program Renewal process, everything is on the table;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PEIHSF urge the government to maintain and preserve the current grades 7,8, 9 and age levels at intermediate schools across PEI; and BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that amalgamation of these levels into the Elementary and Senior High Schools not be an acceptable option.

Direct to: Premier, Department of Education, Minister of Health

Minister of Finance (is there a social development ministry, if so it should go thereto)

L.M. MONTGOMERY HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Maxine Doran, President

Members of the Executive:

Maxine Doran President

Debra Lynn Trainor Vice President

Nancy MacArthur Treasurer

Nancy Ritchie Secretary

Staff of the school, started off the school year with a meet the staff evening where parents met teachers, bus drivers, administrative support and janitorial staff. This is a great way for parents to meet staff of the school and as in previous years always turns out successful.

This past year four home and school meetings were held with the annual meeting scheduled in May. The Executive would meet before each regular meeting. Guest speakers chosen for each meeting would get the evening underway. A light lunch provided by hospitality committee member, Heather Watts was enjoyed by everyone.

LUNCH PROGRAM

With the help of many volunteers the lunch program was once again a great success for another year. Many thanks to Valerie MacBeth for taking on the responsibility to look after the lunch program. Chicken nuggets served every Wednesday with pizza and hot dogs rotating every second week. Milk and juice available to students every day. Healthy lunches to be looked at in the new school year.

FUND RAISING

Thank you to Christine MacDonald and her many dedicated volunteers for making our first fund raiser, a fun night at L.M. such a great success. The night was certainly enjoyed by everyone. The volunteers are now busy preparing plans for the second fund raiser, a family bingo held in April. The money raised at these events is certainly put to great use at the school. Both staff and students benefit from these fund raisers.

Teacher/Staff appreciation week is a busy week at L.M. All are recognized: Teachers, Bus Drivers, Custodians, Teacher Assistants, Secretary etc... Each day a different food item will be served with one day being set aside for a meal. It's a fun week, enjoyed by all and always appreciated. I would like to take this time to thank everyone who is in any way involved with the L.M. Montgomery Home and School Association. I feel that we are blessed with wonderful staff members at our school. The principal works exceptionally well with our Home and School. The parents and volunteers are very giving people and willing to help out wherever they can. Thank you.

MISCOUCHE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Lori Colborne-Barry, President

The executive for Miscouche Consolidated Home and School Association for the 2004-2005 school year include: Mary Mackay - Treasurer, Kendra McIntyre - Secretary, Mar MacIsaac - Vice-President and Lori Colborne-Barry, President. Tina Mundy is the parent coordinator for our hot dog program.

As in years past, we meet on the third Tuesday of the month and alternate monthly council meetings with monthly speaker meetings. Our speaker meetings are quite well attended by parents and we are always on the lookout for new and interesting speakers. This past year we have had the following speakers:

Susan Graham from the Department of Education, Student Loans Section

Ron McInnis, Evangeline Credit Union, spoke on the federal government's RESP program

Roseline Roy, Family Counselor, gave a presentation on the program "How to Talk so Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk"

Many on going projects at our school are supported by the Home and School. Fridays are "Hot Dog Days" with the proceeds going to support Home and School endeavors. As well, we co-sponsor the annual fall walkathon and the spring magazine sale. We continue to promote literacy at our school and have recently purchased non-fiction books for all our classrooms. We provide each student with a hotdog and juice to celebrate the last day of school before Christmas and host the always popular picnic on the last day of school. We are beginning phase three of our playground renewal project and hope to have that completed in the next school year.

Plans are underway for Teacher/Staff appreciation week in February. This year we are partnering with the newly-formed Grade Nine Leadership Class and sharing some of the responsibilities of this event with them. Another new venture this year has been the sponsorship by the Home and School of the Baby Think It Over program in our school. This valuable program has not been offered until now at our school and both students and staff are excited at its implementation. We are also in the process of re-decorating the conference room to make it more inviting. We are currently exploring the option of having a band program for our grades 7 -9. We are, to the best of our knowledge, the only school in the province that is unable to offer a band program to students at the junior high level and we're anxious to have that change.

We at Miscouche Consolidated School feel fortunate to have our children attend a school where students, staff and parents have such a commitment towards their school. We may not be one of the biggest but we truly feel we're one of the best!

MOUNT STEWART HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
LaVerne MacKinnon - President

Members of our Executive: Isabell Coffin - Vice President
Bonnie McNally - Treasurer
Dianne Ostridge - Secretary

- We hold monthly meetings and all parents are invited to attend
- In September we started our year off with a “Meet, Eat and Greet” night which was a great success
- Our major fundraising event this year was a “Ham and Turkey Cold Plate” with the generous support of parents and businesses we raised \$1500.00
- Throughout the year we donate money to the school to help out with their many events for the children
- For teacher appreciation week we had a hot lunch, a special gift for all staff, many treats were brought all week long
- Our second fundraising event was our “Birthday Calendar”. A profit of \$1200.00 was achieved
- An Insectarium Display from Newfoundland visited in February. This very interesting display was paid for by the H&S
- Again this year we provided free hot lunch to students and staff on numerous occasions
- We are making plans for the new Healthy Eating Plan to begin in September
I would like to take this opportunity to extend a BIG “Thank You” to all the parents who attend meetings and give up their time and efforts. Thank You to the wonderful staff we are SO lucky to have and the great Executive of the Mount Stewart Home and School, your help is very much appreciated.

Thank You

PARKSIDE HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Cindy Mollins President

This past year has been a very busy one with ongoing efforts to replace aging playground equipment and continued lobbying for the addition of a gymnasium and extensive renovations to Parkside Elementary School.

In February, we recognized Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week by holding various activities during the week. All staff were recognized: teachers, teacher assistants, custodians, bus drivers, crossing guards, secretary and Little Red School House staff. Activities included food items each day for coffee breaks and four days of lunches provided by various local restaurants and parents. On "pot luck day", parents not only supplied the meal but also monitored the classrooms so as to enable all staff to eat together. This was greatly appreciated by everyone. Daily draws were held for prizes which were generously donated by local businesses. Staff within the facility were also treated to apples personally delivered to their classroom by the students and to treats left in their mailboxes. A good week was enjoyed by all!

The 2004/2005 Provincial budget included the announcement that funding had been allotted for the planning phase for a new gymnasium and upgrades at Parkside. Various fund raisers held during the year have included: monthly hot dog and subway lunches, Halloween chip sale, Penny Parade, Sobey 's Tapesaver Program, Hot Chocolate/Coffee campaign, community donations, annual bazaar, and Family Fun Nite. Our next goal continues to be replacement of aging equipment in the grade 1 - 3 section/equipment for the new gymnasium.

Two very important events took place before the end of school last June. The first of these was a bicycle rodeo which was co-sponsored by the Summerside City Police and the Home & School, with assistance from parents and students of the Holland College Police Academy. The children were provided with a barbecue lunch after learning very important bicycle safety rules and tips. The Police Association, Zellers, Wal Mart and Canadian Tire provided bicycles for grand prizes. The second event was a family fun night put on by the Home and School with the help of parent volunteers. Numerous activities and games were enjoyed by entire families of our students. Not only was it a great fund raiser, but, more importantly, it brought Parkside families together for one evening to enjoy being involved in our children's school! One would be amazed at how proud the children were when their whole family got involved with their school. A very overwhelming evening for the Home and School as well as the faculty. A wonderful way to enhance our children's "school memories".

The final day of school in June was one full of activities planned by the faculty and, once again, the Home and School provided a barbecue lunch for all. The Home and School partnered with alumni, students and staff to help recognize the school's 125th birthday on the weekend of July 31. Many photographs and memorabilia filled the halls with memories from years gone by and many friendships were rekindled.

The new school year in September proved to be the beginning of another busy year. Parkside

(Cont'd Parkside)

students and staff performed a beach sweep in which everyone committed to cleaning up one section of our beautiful Island beaches. Following a busy morning cleaning and barbeque lunch provided by the Home and School, the students were able to relax and enjoy a scavenger hunt arranged by our great school faculty.

Elections were held in September for the Home and School Executive. Elected were: President Cindy Mollins, Vice President Chrysta Blanchard, Treasurer Merie Surkan, Secretary Nancy Beth Guptill and members-at-large Sherron Kickham-Gamble and Crystal Gaudet. Faculty representatives included: Principal Lorna Champion, Vice Principal Mark Ronahan and teacher representative Heidi Lawless.

Parkside Home and School hosted a general meeting in early October with guest speaker Carrie Chappell, Public Health Nurse. Topic of discussion for the evening was the immunization study being conducted by Dr. Lamont Sweet .

Since mid September, the Home and School has continued to meet with School Board, municipal and provincial officials to ensure the planning process for the new gym and renovations continue. Although this process has been one of "hurry up and wait" at times, we firmly expect and deserve to have this project confirmed in the 2005/2006 provincial budget and look forward to construction beginning this spring.

February is again bringing us to Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week and plans for it are in full swing.

Our quest for proper facilities and green space, and for replacing aging playground equipment continues.

In closing, we look forward to continuing our involvement with the Provincial Home and School and wishes for another successful year go out from us to all Home and School Associations.

Respectfully Submitted

**ST. TERESA'S HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Marcella Bradley Byrne, President**

This year we will be holding 4 regular meetings and 2 executive meetings. Our meetings cover such topics as fundraising, Christmas concert, Grade Eight graduation ceremonies and of course any other issues that may come up over the course of the school year.

We have one major fundraiser a year which is always a success thanks to our very supportive community. Our Christmas concert is the highlight for the community. Our concert was mentioned in Deirdre Kessler's book "A Prince Edward Island Christmas Nowadays and Long Ago" We as parents are very proud.

Our Teacher/Staff Appreciation week is always an enormous success thanks to our wonderful group of parent volunteers.

Each day the staff are brought a hot meal served with a smile and we even clean up afterwards. As well there is extra treats brought in throughout the week to nibble on. They tell us we spoil them ... but we believe they deserve every bit of it.

On Mondays and Thursdays, every week, our parent volunteers also come to the school to microwave dinners for the students and have it ready when the bell rings for lunch. We are very fortunate to have as many parents volunteer at our school and we certainly could not have such a special school without them.

Our Executive consists of myself as President, Gaylene Hardwick as Secretary, and Nadine Hendricken as Treasurer.

STONEPARK HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Lynn Thompson, President

Members of the Executive:
Lynn Thompson, President
Iris Rodger, Treasurer
Hilda Kennedy, Secretary

Our Home and School meets the first Tuesday of each month, with an annual meeting in May.

We started off the year with an information session on Meet the Teacher night. We had volunteer sign up sheets available along with a Home and School display. Parents volunteered for computer lab monitors, the Love Program, assisting with bake sales, Staff Appreciation Week, and dance chaperones.

Our students started off their year with a very successful magazine campaign, which is their yearly fundraiser. These funds go directly back into the school.

We have had two bake sales so far, which have enabled us to restore 3 graduation composites. We also partnered with the school and purchased 7 Norway maples which were planted in front of the school.

During Staff Appreciation Week, we will be hosting a buffet luncheon for all our staff. We will also provide a different treat each day throughout the week.

Members of our Home and School have been included in community meetings to discuss concerns related to our students leaving school grounds at lunchtime. These meetings have been successful due to the participation of city police, our city councillor, area residents and school and parent reps. The feedback we are getting this year has been very positive.

As always our main focus has been to be a support to our students, parents and teachers. We encourage our parents to assist and volunteer in the school. We discuss every aspect of the school day with administration and provide feedback. Intermediate school presents a host of different concerns that we face together.

TIGNISH HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Deanna Keough, President

Our Home and School executive consists of the following members:

Deanna Keough President
Debbie Gavin Vice President
Shelly Gaudet Secretary
Penny McRae Treasurer

We meet about several time through the school year and hold 3 meeting a year. We usually have about 6-10 people present at the meetings consisting of the executive, principal, teachers, parents.

Our Fund- raising events enabled us to add new playground equipment and Audio systems for a few class rooms.

We had Carolyn Knox in from Health Eating Alliance to give a presentation on good eating habit healthy snacks, and a few ideas for foods to serve for lunch programs.

With Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week approaching we are busy preparing for a week of fun activities and lost of goodies to show our appreciation to the people who do such a great job caring for our children.

TRACADIE CROSS HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
President Linda Craig

Executive Co-chair/secretary-Linda Craig
Treasurer-Nancy Gormley

We meet the first Wednesday of every month.

Guests Speakers

Shirley Jay spoke on the history of Home and School and the role of the Home and School within the school system.

Laurie Shanahan also did a presentation on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disease.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week

Our events include a potluck lunch, a Valentine's day cake, a fruit basket and one or two students from each class will be announcing why they appreciate their teacher over the PA system with the announcements in the morning.

Reading Program

We will be holding a Usborne Read-a-thon at the end of April. We also have the Project L.O.V.E program going on.

Fundraising

Between ourselves and the school, we have done one major fundraising event with the money going directly to the school. We sold tickets on a child's playhouse which had been donated by John Shanahan. We raised a total of seven hundred dollars.

VERNON RIVER CONSOLIDATED HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Co-presidents: Kara McQuaid-Duffy/Roxanne Walker**

Members of the executive: Winnie MacLeod(co-treasurer), Alfreda Farish(co-treasurer), Margaret Hayden(co-secretary), Pam Campbell(co-secretary)

This year we have 6 scheduled meetings and 3 executive meetings. Speakers included Jennifer Doyle Public Health Nurse who gave a presentation on head lice and Nicole Haire-Smith a motivational teacher/presenter.

Again our year started off great with our Second Annual Homecoming Picnic! This event welcomed back to school all students, staff and parents. It replaces our meet the teacher night. Committees were set up for; fundraising, Healthy lunch, Teacher Appreciation Week, along with existing microwave program and head check teams.

Fundraising events include; monthly bake sales, fudge and bake sale at Christmas Concert, lotto tree raffle, community roast in conjunction with our local lions club and a variety concert. With revenue earned it was decided to put funds towards our athletic department, music program and school library for various items needed.

Our Super Kids Sac, A healthy lunch alternative has been a huge success. This is offered every second week at a cost of 2 dollars.

We are looking into an after-school fitness program for the children.

Upcoming projects include; painting to school interior, Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week, Winter Carnival and a hot healthy lunch program.

We are appreciative to parent volunteers who have made our job easier. Thanks also to the supportive school administration and teachers and staff. We wish all Home and School Associations across PEI a successful year in 2005.

OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE!

WEST KENT SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT**Joanne Dunne and Inge Dorsey Co-Chairs**

School Council meets on the first Tuesday evening of the month from October to June. Meetings are open to any parents who wish to attend. Regular updates of School Council initiatives were published in the school newsletter. West Kent School Council and subsequently all parents associated with the school have membership with the PEI Home and School Federation. Representatives from West Kent attended the Federation annual meeting, a Town Hall meeting with area School Board Trustees and a focus group meeting relating to the organizational development of the Eastern School District.

Thanks to the planning that was done earlier via the School Action Plan, many projects were undertaken according to the priorities identified. Some of these items have been carried primarily by West Kent staff such as completing membership for the League of Peaceful Schools, maintaining the Peer Mediation program and developing a Code of Conduct for all involved with the school. As a parent group, we appreciate all that teachers and staff do to make West Kent the safe and caring environment that it is.

We are very fortunate at West Kent to have an engaged and accommodating group of parents, As well, the school administration and staff are both involved and supportive. Both factors contribute to the successful family involvement in our school.

School Council developed groups to focus on Outdoor Greening, Interior Improvement and Healthy Living. Some highlights of the yearly activities are as follows:

Outdoor Greening Project: The Green Project is a three-phase project to be completed over the next three years at our school. It is designed to improve the outdoor environment for our students. The project involves students, teachers, parents and community members. The project's goal is to provide students with a healthy, safe place to play, learn and develop a genuine respect for nature.

We are grateful for the leadership of Gary Schneider from the MacPhail Woods Forestry Project and his team of volunteers. Special thanks to Lois Adams and the staff for their enthusiasm, time and support. A heartfelt thanks to all the parents and students for their involvement and contribution to this project.

Funds for the project were provided by School Council and a PEI Dept. of Forestry grant. West Kent parent, Richard McGuigan of Bulldog Demolition generously donated topsoil and mulch for the work that was completed this month. Tools and equipment for maintaining this project were purchased with Canadian Tire money donated from West Kent families and with funds from a

Greening Spaces grant. In September a Gardening Club of students, staff and parents was formed to tend beds, complete planting and make winter preparations.

Green Project Committee members are Gael MacEachern, Lois Adams, Ken MacDougall, Alan Davison, Danny Jenkins, Val Beer, Jeff Lantz, Todd Saunders and Neil Warren.

School Interior Improvements: West Kent parent and architect, Sylva Stojak toured the school last year and made several suggestions for ways to improve the interior of the school. Several have been completed and others are in progress including:

“ New signage brackets outside classrooms donated by Diversified Metal Engineering have been installed. It is hoped that students and teachers will be able aid in the design of their class's sign;

“ New glass for the front entry of the school has been donated and installed by O'Conner Glass. This allows significantly more natural light into the lobby of the school;

“ New trophy cabinets and seating area have been designed and will be built next year.

Suggestions were also made for the library and we hope to focus more in this area next year.

Healthy Living:

West Kent continues to be involved with the Healthy Eating Alliance as a lead school. This year Council was pleased to support several efforts within the school to encourage active living and healthy eating.

School Council was pleased to support the Healthy Living Panel session on April 3, 2004.

Presenters Chris Meuse, Dr. Peggy Bethune and Dr. Jennifer Taylor provided parents and staff with current, practical and helpful information and strategies to assist families.

With a grant from the GIFT Program a healthy snack program was offered to students on three occasions in the months of May and June. Parent volunteers purchased, prepared and served the following snacks to students:

“ Fresh pineapple and orange slices;

“ Carrot Bran and Bananaberry Bomb mini muffins; and

“ Home-made Chicken Vegetable Noodle and Pureed Vegetable Tomato soups.

Students were asked to vote for their favorite recipes. While there were clear preferences in some classes, both recipes of muffins and soup were evenly favored.

Thanks to the following who volunteered for this program: Nancy Lopes, Shelley Lea Lantz, Joanne Dunne, Paula Doyle, Chris Hoffman, Lois Adams, Linda Dumont, Inge Dorsey, Bonnie MacDonald, Barbie Sear and Edith Peacock. Special thanks to Mary Acorn, Healthy Eating Alliance for her menu and preparation guidance.

Social: Brenda Fraser and Rhoda Speare co-ordinated several events this year with a troop of

volunteers:

“ Family Dessert and Disco was once again a tremendous event. Lots of fun for all who attended; ”
Many treats were provided during Teacher Appreciation Week. Brenda, Rhoda and Sharon Beck worked very hard on this project to show our terrific staff our well-deserved appreciation;

“ Refreshments were provided at several functions; and

“ The Quiet Room was a welcome retreat for many families at the Christmas Concert and Dessert and Disco.

Fundraising:

School Council and West Kent staff undertook a new fundraising initiative this year in hosting an old fashioned family Fall Fair on October 23, 2004. The event was hosted at the school and included the following activities: games, Halloween decorated thrill room, cake walk, bake sale, toy and book sale, silent auction, gift basket raffle, cookie decorating, tattoos and face painting, barbeque lunch, karaoke, puppet show, coffee and hot chocolate sales, bouncy castle and pumpkin sales. The event was very successful in terms of bringing the school and community members together for a fun and lively time. The financial reward was also beyond what was expected by the organizing committee. At our most recent meeting Council voted to host the fair again this coming fall.

A Spaghetti Dinner to be held at Smitty's Family Restaurant is scheduled for April 4, 2005.

West Kent School Council is pleased to have been able to financially support the following projects :

- Sound Field System for grade 3
- New gym mat and mat cover, goalie mask and pads, tetherball and stand for phys ed program
- Board games for Lunch Bunch and Chess Club
- Tickets for students to attend The Elf Conspiracy production at Confederation Centre
- Extra curricular bussing
- Front Entry Cabinets and Bulletin Board

RESOLUTIONS 2005

RESOLUTION 1/05 PRESERVATION OF INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL LEVEL
Submitted by: Hernewood Home and School Federation

WHEREAS all children on PEI should have access to the rights, obligations and freedoms and flexibility that the current curricular and extra curricular activities at the Intermediate School level contribute to their adolescent development; and

WHEREAS it has been documented that school populations are on the decline; and

WHEREAS the Premier has indicated that through the Provincial Program Renewal process, everything is on the table;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PEIHSF urge the government to maintain and preserve the current grades 7,8, 9 and age levels at intermediate schools across PEI; and

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that amalgamation of these levels into the Elementary and Senior High Schools not be an acceptable option.

Direct to: Premier
 Department of Education
 Minister of Health
 Minister of Finance
(is there a social development ministry, if so it should go there too)

RESOLUTION 2/05 REINSTATEMENT OF LATE BUSSES

Submitted by: Hernewood Home and School Federation

WHEREAS the Province of Prince Edward Island has adopted a Healthy Living Strategy; and

WHEREAS the Intermediate & Senior High Schools feed from four or more schools in various towns across PEI; and

WHEREAS there is no public transit system and there are a wide variety of families without adequate transportation, and

WHEREAS all school children currently do not have the resources to play for school sports teams or participate in after school activities;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that in the name of healthy child and youth development that the PEIHSF urge the government through the Departments of Education, Transportation and Health to reinstate late bussing to ensure equal access to all sports and recreational activities for all children.

Submitted: Miscouche Home and School Association

WHEREAS there is concern among Canadian Economic Review Boards, that if Canadian Governments do not direct more money towards profitable education, Canadian workers will see a decline in their standard of living, due to the increased competitiveness of world markets. and

WHEREAS island students recently tested at the bottom of national and international testing, and

WHEREAS school administrators are reporting that they are already seeing the payback on the island governments commitment to maintained and increased staffing,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PEIHSF urge the island government to hold the course in though financial times in order to secure the long term social and economic benefits for our island people.

DESTINATION: Premier Pat Binns
Minister of Finance, Mitch Murphy
Department of Education

RESOLUTION 4/05 INTERMEDIATE HEALTH CURRICULUM
Submitted by Stonepark Home and School Association

Whereas the current intermediate health curriculum is outdated, and

Whereas it does not address the emotional, developmental, physical and social
 issues predominant today;

Therefore be it resolved that the PEIHSF urge the Department of Education to develop
and implement a new relevant health curriculum for intermediate schools.

Destination: Minister of Education

Background:

I spoke to Garth Turtle on January 28, 2005 and he informed me that they are in the
process of hiring a consultant to look at the grade 7, 8, and 9 health curriculum. This
person should be in place by the end of February. He also said that this is a high priority
issue and we should still submit this resolution.

RESOLUTION 5/05 IMPLEMENTING SCHOOL UNIFORMS
Submitted by PEI Home and School Federation Board

WHEREAS there is evidence that school uniforms have a positive effect on school behaviour and moral; and

WHEREAS school uniforms help improve a school's dress code; and

WHEREAS it is known that school uniforms help cut clothing costs; and

WHEREAS many parents have asked the Home and School to take the lead in requesting school uniforms; and

WHEREAS school uniforms develop a sense of belonging and safer schools; and

WHEREAS school uniforms are known to help reduce discipline problems and enhance learning;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation further examine the practicality of School Uniforms and report its finding to the Semi-Annual meeting in the fall of 2005.

POLICY REVIEW - Annual Meeting April 2, 2005

Policy statements which have been on the PEIHSF manual for more than 5 years are brought forward to an Annual Meeting for reconsideration on their current status. When policy actions have been completed, there is no need for a policy on our books. Recommended actions are marked as follows: (R) Reaffirmation (D) Deletion (T) Table for research

VI FUNDING - EDUCATION FUNDING

7. Request the Minister of Education to designate and allocate a minimum increase of twenty percent or to increase in proportion of the cost of living whichever is greater to the existing School Program Budgets to more realistically reflect the financial needs of schools, thereby promoting the total well being of our children. (5/99) (R)

VII HEALTH AND NUTRITION

5. Request the Minister of Health and Social Services to place priority on adding the chickenpox vaccination to the roster of vaccinations provided to Island children through the public health system. (3/99) (T)
6. To seek assurances that the Department of Education will review the present programs for health and physical education with the intent of increasing the course content in regard to good nutrition and the need for qualified physical education instructors in all Island schools with particular emphasis on the number of instructional hours devoted to both nutrition and physical education. (6/98) (R)

XIV SAFETY

15. Request the Minister of Transportation and Public Works and Municipal Councils to ensure that the highways are equipped with paved shoulders and with crosswalks and full and consistent signage within a one-kilometer radius of schools. (4/99) (R)
SAFE SCHOOLS
2. Recognizing all forms of verbal abuse and violence creating a strong support base of recognition and urging the Minister of Education to develop consistent policies in the School Act as related to verbal abuse and violence prevention completing the circle of responsibility with PEI Teachers' Federation and PEI School Boards who have taken responsibility in this area. (1/99) (R)

XIII SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

4. Request the Department of Education and the School Boards to change the electoral boundaries as described in the School Act so that each family of schools is represented by two trustees who reside within the boundaries of the family of schools. (6/99) (R)

XVI SPECIALIST TEACHERS

7. To seek assurances that the Department of Education will review requests from the Provincial Audiologist and concerned school administrators and provide classroom sound field FM systems as technological support for students at risk for learning/listening difficulties resulting from poor acoustic environments, mild-moderate hearing loss, fluctuation hearing loss, unilateral hearing loss, cochlear implant users, speech/language delay, attention deficit disorder, central auditory processing disorder, and/or developmental delay. (2/99) (R)