

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

**53<sup>rd</sup>**

**ANNUAL MEETING  
Saturday, April 8, 2006**

**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 THOUGHT

“We hope that our endeavors may at all times be guided by wisdom! May we use knowledge so our thoughts may be well directed and that we will be tolerant. May we use understanding and clear vision, so we always seek the highest good for our children, our homes and our schools. May we always have the wisdom to choose the right.

## HOME AND SCHOOL CREED

### **We Believe**

**That** Home and School should be concerned with everything that relates to the welfare of the child at home, 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.



## **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 Membership Fees have been paid to PEIHSF by the Annual Meeting date. Each member of the Federation's Executive and Board of Directors shall also be entitled to one vote.
4. Voting shall be by ballot or show of hands. All questions shall be decided by a majority of those voting, except those which require two-thirds (2/3) majority; the President having a deciding vote in case of a tie.
5. A delegate speaking from the floor shall address the Chair and wait to be recognized. When a sound system is being used, delegates should proceed to a microphone, 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.

### **MEETING TIPS**

1. Plan to enjoy the meetings. As a representative of your Association, it is your responsibility to help make it a success.
2. This is YOUR Annual Meeting - YOU transact the business of the Federation and set the policy to be followed in the coming year for the PEIHSF.
3. Be courteous to speakers by listening attentively. Avoid private conversations and remain seated when others are speaking.
4. Speaking from the floor - a member wishing to speak from the floor shall address the Chair, give their name in full and the name of the Association represented.
5. Do find time to exchange ideas and information. Be friendly, mix with delegates from other parts of the province. Don't wait for them to speak first. They may also be a bit shy and a first-time delegate to an Annual Meeting.
6. Say "hello" to your Board of Directors. They are elected to represent you between Annual Meetings by 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, ideas and inspirations gained. Share info with your members - knowledge, hand-outs and other material acquired during the Annual Meeting.

**Thank You!**

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

**EXECUTIVE & BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
2005-2006**

**EXECUTIVE:**

President	Martha Ellis
Past President	Ken Williams
Vice President	Katherine Linkletter
Treasurer	Wendy MacDonald
Secretary	Denise Matheson
Executive Director	Shirley Jay

**REGIONAL DIRECTORS:**

Region 1	Dwayne Doiron & Hal Perry
Region 2	Laura Bowness & Mary MacKay
Region 3	Joy Shinn & Linda Dennis
Region 4	Florence Coffin & Francis Hendricken

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**PEI HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION INC.  
COMMITTEE DIRECTORY  
2005-2006**

Department of Education:

Elementary Standing Committee	Denise Matheson
Elementary Health Standing	Laura Bowness
Intermediate Standing	Mike MacDonald
Intermediate Health Standing	Mary MacKay
Senior High Standing	Linda Dennis
Diversity Standing	Katherine Linkletter
Computers For Schools/Libraries	Shirley Jay
Special Education Standing	Shirley Jay
Technology	Bill Whelan
School Calendar	Martha Ellis
School Improvement Plan	Martha Ellis & Wendy MacDonald

Other:

Healthy Eating Alliance	Wendy MacDonald
Smoking Prevention	Shirley Jay

## DIRECTORY OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS 2005-2006

### WESTERN SCHOOL BOARD

#### Home & School

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

#### President

Janie MacWilliams  
Sharon Leard  
Mary Lynch  
June Ellis  
Julia Mills  
Margie Donovan  
Wes Sheridan  
Darlene Arsenault  
Paulette Perry  
Lori Colborne-Barry  
Donna Woodside  
Cindy Mollins  
Sue Urguhart  
Suzanne Murphy  
Arnold Croken  
Deanna Keough

### EASTERN SCHOOL BOARD

#### Home & School

Belfast Consolidated  
Cardigan Consolidated  
Central Queens Elementary  
Charlottetown Rural High  
Donagh Regional  
Dundas Consolidated  
East Wiltshire Intermediate  
Eliot River Elem/Westwood Prim  
Englewood Consolidated  
Georgetown Elementary  
Glen Stewart Elementary  
Grand Tracadie Elementary  
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 Consolidated  
St. Theresa's Consolidated  
Stonepark Junior High  
Tracadie Cross Cons.  
Vernon River Cons.  
West Kent Elementary  
West Royalty Elementary

#### President/Co-Chair

Darlene White  
Janice Foster  
Connie Macdonald  
Heather Birt  
Edna Reid  
Micheline Downe  
Cindy MacRae  
Janette Conklin/Kathy MacNeill  
Kim Matters  
Susan Walsh  
Marie O'Hanley  
Samantha Watts  
Lori Ann MacFarlane  
Debra Lynn Trainer  
Cindy Lava  
Maureen Forrest  
LaVerne MacKinnon  
Jessie Frost-Wicks  
Wendy MacDonald  
Jacinta Gallant  
Teresa MacKinnon  
Maria Green  
Tammie Smyth/Lorie Cheverie  
Andrea Studinsky/Heather Corrigan  
Marcella Byrne  
Lynn Thompson  
Linda Craig  
Roxanne Walker  
Inge Dorsey  
Mike MacDonald

**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION INC.**  
**MINUTES OF THE 52<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Saturday, April 2, 2005**

The 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation Inc. (PEIHSF) was held Saturday, April 2, 2005 at the Charlottetown Hotel in Charlottetown, PEI.

Martha Ellis, President, welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for a moment of silence for Dr. Helen MacDonald, Founding President, PEI Home and School Federation. She spoke of her great life and her wonderful contribution she made to Home and School.

**1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Martha Ellis presented the agenda as circulated.

**MOTION: To accept the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting's Agenda as revised.**

Moved by John D. Farrell. Seconded by Eddy Ramsay.

**Motion carried.**

**2. ADOPTION OF 2004 51<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL MEETING'S MINUTES**

The minutes of the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the PEIHSF were presented as circulated in the 2003 Book of Reports.

**MOTION: To accept the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting's Minutes as presented.**

Moved by Eva Strongman. Seconded by Linda Dennis.

**Motion carried.**

**3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Martha Ellis's report is included in the 2005 Book of Reports.

**MOTION: To accept the President's report as circulated.**

Moved by Ken Williams. Seconded by Paulette Perry.

**Motion carried.**

**4. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Wendy MacDonald, Treasurer, presented the PEIHSF 2005 Finance Report which is included in the convention kits. Reports presented included:

Statement of Operations	Ending Dec. 31/04 \$3,696
Statement of Fund Balances	Ending Dec. 31/04 \$19,302
Statement of Financial Position	Ending Dec. 31/04 \$22,648
Notes to Cash Flows	Ending Dec. 31/04 \$22,138

Wendy noted that revenue generated from grants came in the amounts of \$27,000 from the Province, \$6,000 for the Diversity Youth Forum, and \$800 for a Training Workshop.

**MOTION: To adopt the Financial Report as presented.**

Moved by Wendy McDonald. Seconded by Mary MacKay.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**5. OTHER REPORTS**

Other reports were included in the 2005 Book of Reports.

**MOTION: To accept reports as circulated.**

Moved by Wendy MacDonald, Prince Street. Seconded by Bill Whelan, Sherwood.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **6. RESOLUTIONS**

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

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

DESTINATION: Premier, Departments of Education/Health/Finance

**Moved by Donna Lewis. Seconded by Suzanne Murphy.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

### **RESOLUTION 2/05 REINSTATEMENT OF LATE BUSES**

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 BE IT 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.

DESTINATION: School Boards, Ministers of Education/Transportation

**Moved by Donna Lewis. Seconded by Jennifer Morningstar, Eliot River**

**Five against the motion.  
MOTION CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTION 3/05 MAINTAINING TEACHER STAFFING RATIOS IN  
TIMES OF GOVERNMENT FISCAL SHORTFALLS**

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 government's commitment to maintained and increased staffing.  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PEIHSF urge the Island government to maintain and increase, as deemed necessary by all stakeholders, the resources devoted to staffing and funding of Island education, in order to secure the long-term social and economic benefits for our Island schools.

DESTINATION: Premier Pat Binns, Ministers Education/Finance

**Moved by Laura Cudmore. Seconded by Mar McIsaac.  
MOTION CARRIED.**

**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

**Moved by Lynn Thompson. Seconded by John D. Farrell.  
MOTION CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTION 5/05 IMPLEMENTING SCHOOL UNIFORMS**

Submitted by PEI Home and School Federation Board

**NOTE: It was noted by Marion Murphy, parliamentarian, that not all PEIHSF Board Members were in favour of presenting the following resolution.**

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 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.

**MOTION: This resolution be Tabled for Research only at this point in time with results to be  
reported to the 2005 Semi-Annual meeting.**

**Moved by Barry Stahlbaum. Seconded by Georgina Allen.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **7. POLICY REVIEW 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

The following Policy Statements were reviewed:

### 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-kilometre 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)

**MOTION: To approve Recommended Actions for the Policy Review with the following changes:**

- A. Delete = VII HEALTH AND NUTRITION # 5.  
B. Table for Research = VII HEALTH AND NUTRITION #5.

Moved by Paulette Perry. Seconded by Ken Doiron.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## 8. NOMINATION REPORT/ELECTIONS

Ken Williams, Past President presented the a full slate of officers in his Nomination Report, circulated in the convention kits.

The new Executive and Board of Directors for 2005-2006 are as follows:

Secretary	Denise Matheson	Term expires 2007
Treasurer	Wendy MacDonald	Term expires 2006
Region 1 Director	Dwayne Doiron	Term expires 2007
Region 2 Director	Laura Bowness	Term expires 2007
Region 3 Director	Joy Shinn	Term expires 2007
Region 4 Director	Florence Coffin	Term expires 2007

**MOTION: To accept the 2005 Nomination Report as circulated.**

Moved by Katherine Linkletter. Seconded by Anna MacDonald, Athena.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Outgoing board members,** Ken Doiron, Eva Strongman, Paulette Perry, John D. Farrell and Justina Doucette were thanked by Martha Ellis.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

No new Business.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION: To adjourn the business portion of the 2005 Annual Meeting.**

Moved by Ken Williams. Seconded by Linda Dennis.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## 11. OTHER INFORMATION SHARING

- a) Canadian Parents For French - Gail Lecky, Executive Director shared information about CPF.  
b) Success Stories - Bernie Lamphere presented for Mount Stewart Home and School Association; Anna Mac Donald presented for Athena Home and School Association.

**12. VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The Volunteer of the Year Award was awarded at this time to **Bonnie MacDonald**, West Kent Home and School Federation. Martha asked Inge Dorsey, President of West Kent to read the citation.

**13. PANEL DISCUSSION**

A panel discussion was held with Martha Ellis as the moderator. Presenters included: Sandy MacDonald, Parent/Eastern School District Superintendent; Wendy MacDonald, Parent/Consultant; Bill Whelan, Parent/Educator; John D. Farrell, Parent/Educator.

The topic of discussion focussed on ways to improve our education system.

The panel discussion was very informative. Immediate feedback from delegates reported that this discussion and the meeting to be one of the best meetings held in recent years.

**14. LUNCHEON**

The AGM luncheon guest speaker was Hon. Mildred Dover, Minister of Education. Greeting were brought by Maurice Poirier, President, PEI Teachers' Federation.

Thank you to Martha Ellis and the provincial board for an excellent meeting.

Martha urged all in attendance to go upstairs for the Concerned Children's Advertisers presentation with Linda Millar, Coordinator/Education Officer.

Martha thanked everyone for their attendance and attention to the Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,

Justina Doucette, Recording Secretary

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

As my term of President for the Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation comes to a close, I want to thank my executive and our executive director, Shirley Jay, for all their hard work and dedication to me and the children of Prince Edward Island over the past two years. It has been a wonderful experience speaking for and with many local Home and Schools and parents about the education system. Thank you for inviting me to visit schools and including us in many of your activities.

**Task Force on Student Achievement:** The most important recommendation of the Task Force Report is to increase parental involvement. For whatever reason, over the years, whether it was consolidation of schools, stay-at-home moms, or just plain busy lives, we have watched as parent participation has declined. We know that when we ask a parent to do something specific, they say, "yes". But it's more difficult to get parents to commit to something on a regular basis or to take leadership roles. Maybe we have to show them the way and make our number one priority recruitment. Studies show that the more involved the parent is, the better the child does in school. We were very pleased that the Minister of Education has asked us to take the lead in parental engagement. We were pleased that aspects of our presentation to the Task Force on Student Achievement are part of the final report's recommendations. Specifically:

- consistent curriculum
- emphasis on core literacy skills
- better use of instructional time
- schools are taking on things that used to be done by families and communities
- a greater voice for parents in our education system
- a system that challenges the gifted and assists the weakest child - developing every child's potential
- clearly state the expectations on outcomes and design strategies to support those outcomes

**Diversity Youth Forum** - We were pleased to be involved in the Diversity Youth Forums which took place in three locations in PEI - Lennox Island, UPEI Fieldhouse, Georgetown Playhouse & Sportsplex and involved all grade eight students meeting to discuss diversity. This year a Phase II Diversity project will visit ten schools to meet with some of the students, who are now in grade nine, to do a one-hour follow-up session to see what they learned from the Forum and ask what more can we do to increase awareness about diversity in their lives.

**School Trustee Elections** - The PEI Home and School Federation was pleased to be involved in a campaign encouraging Islanders to be aware of and ultimately vote in the Trustee Elections across the province last May. Our trustees are responsible for expenditures of millions of dollars in education and we must continually work towards ensuring that we have informed Islanders in those positions.

**Copyright** - The Copyright issue is another concern and we are pushing for an educational exemption for internet use of education materials. This is an area that we have to be diligent in because of the additional cost to all Departments of Education across the country. We'll be

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watching to see if the new federal government will push forward this legislation or let it die on the table.

**Atlantic Home and School Federation** - As your president, I represent the Federation at the Atlantic Home and School meeting and quickly realize all four provinces have the same concerns regarding the education system. Items such as declining enrolment, especially in rural P.E.I., schools and how to get more parents involved in their child's education.

**Canadian Home & School Federation** - We are fortunate that the Canadian Home & School Federation president is Georgina Allen of Miscouche, PEI. We work in projects, press releases and initiatives together but probably the most important part of the meeting is the Provincial Sharing with the provinces. We are commencing with a project on Substance Abuse on P.E.I. in cooperation with all the provinces in Canada through the national office and Health Canada.

**Monthly Newspaper Column** - Public awareness for PEIHSF comes in a variety of ways including a monthly column written by one of our volunteer members. The column titled "Home & School & You" is written for the Guardian and is published the first Wednesday of each month and circulated to other newspapers. We promote provincial projects and local Home and School efforts and discuss educational topics in this column.

**Semi-Annual Meeting** - This meeting was held October 19/05 at Charlottetown Rural High School, Charlottetown. After a business session and update on current projects, guest speaker Steven Van Zoost presented information on the hot topic of Student/Class Assessment. Mr. Van Zoost was brought into the province by the PEI Teachers' Federation as one of the keynote speakers for their Fall Convention. The PEITF offers us speakers when topics are of interest to parents. Go to [www.vanzoost.com](http://www.vanzoost.com) to find out details on his presentation.

**Presentation to the Legislative Social Development Committee** - We recently made a presentation titled, "Parents Need To Be Aware That Bullying Has Gone Hi-Tech." Our presentation points included: What is Cyberbullying? Who are Cyberbullies? Who is Vulnerable to Cyberbullying? Cyberbullying is Very Intrusive. What are Some Signs of Cyberbullying? What can Parents do to Educate Their Children on Cyberbullying? How to Protect Your Children: A Parent's Story. Parent Education on Ways to Monitor Computer Use. Other advise to parents, and finally, What Needs to be Done. If you would like a copy of our presentation, please contact our office.

**Family Literacy Project** - Literacy is a key area of interest for the PEIHSF and we were pleased to partner with the PEI Literacy Alliance and PEI Department of Education on this major Family Literacy Project - "PEI Reads." The project was launched by the Premier on October 19/05 during National Library Week. This project presented every grade one, two and three student (4,600) in PEI a public library key card during NLW. Their parents received a Parent Resource Guide "How to help your child learn to read and love reading." A Family Story Night was organized in four schools, Tignish Elementary, Parkside Elementary, St. Jean Elementary and Fortune Consolidated to promote reading. These one-hour sessions were attended by parents and their children. VIP readers were asked to volunteer to read to students (i.e. hockey players, radio personalities). This effort was very successful with large numbers of parents in attendance with their children. In

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addition, when parents bring their child to the library to activate their card, any late fees attached to that child's name are waived. We are encouraging elementary level Home and School Associations to organize, with teachers, one Family Story Night in their schools. A second proposal, "Partnerships for children", a media campaign on family literacy, will take place over the next few months as a follow-up to PEI Reads.

**Island Crafts Fundraiser** - The PEIHSF launched a unique fundraising project last fall "Home and School Supports Island Crafts." This is the first time the PEIHSF has offered a fundraising activity to schools. Net proceeds from the sale of Island craft products went to the local schools. We are supporting the Island Craft community and our schools through this project. This project is organized to run again in the Fall of 2006 because we believe Home and School should be involved with projects and fundraisers which support our communities.

**Committees** - The Federation has representatives on the Curriculum Standing Committees at the Department of Education as follows:

- Elementary, Intermediate & Senior High Curriculum Standing Committees
- Diversity, Library, Computers For Schools/Libraries, Special Education, Technology, Health
- School Calendar, School Improvement Plan

Our involvement on these committees provides opportunity for input where needed with regards to parents' perspectives on the delivery of quality education in PEI.

**Partnerships** - Partnerships are key to providing the best possible education for students. Home and School Presidents were invited to attend an annual meeting with the Minister of Education to discuss resolutions passed at the Federation's 2005 Annual Meeting and other issues or concerns that schools are currently facing. A good turnout of parents were present to discuss issues such as class size, bussing, healthy living, bus safety, supervision, programs for high achievers.

We met with the PEI Teachers' Federation president, Seans Evans-Renaud to discuss common areas of interest. While bringing greetings to the Fall Teachers' Convention, I was able to announce the Literacy Project and new fundraising initiative, "Home & School Supports Island Crafts Project." The Vice President and myself met the new Western School Board superintendent, Dale Sabeau, and the full PEIHSF board met with all WSB trustees on November 16<sup>th</sup>. We are in frequent contact with school board officials and the Department of Education to explain our organization, our projects and concerns.

**PEI Tobacco Reduction Alliance or PETRA** - We continue to be part of the PEI Tobacco Reduction Strategy (PETRA) which is a government initiated effort to reduce tobacco use among youth. This diverse group of partners includes: School Boards, Cancer Society, Lung Association, Heart Foundation, Council For a Smoke-Free PEI, and more. Giant steps have been taken to reduce tobacco use among youth in the province through various projects undertaken by PETRA over the past three to five years. Over the past year we have become aware of a new form of tobacco being used by youth - flavoured chewing tobacco. We have to be diligent as parents in keeping abreast of new products such as this new chewing tobacco.

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**School Calendar Review** - The Department of Education conducted an in-depth review of our School Calendar focused on the formation of a ten year plan. A survey was circulated to teachers, CUPE and parents for input on Professional Days, school activities, etc. The parent survey was mailed to 2,500 homes for response by the end of November and we were pleased with the 33% responses on this item.

**Annual Meeting** - You will have an opportunity to ask questions of four panellists who are involved in our education system in this morning's session and Dr. David Booth will speak about Boys and Literacy in the afternoon session.

**School Visits** - Over the past few weeks the executive director and I have been visiting schools across the Island, meeting with Home and School or School Council reps and principals regarding Parental Involvement at the local level. We are asking for information on what is happening now with parental involvement and what initiatives have they undertaken that have proved to be successful. It is heart warming to hear about so much that is being done in schools to assist our students and parents. But the public is unaware of these wonderful things! We need more good new stories and schools sharing to strengthen parent involvement in our schools.

**Extra Mile Award** - Last year we launched the *Extra Mile Award* to recognize educators who go the extra mile for our children. The 2005 award winners were Jerry McQuaid, Miscouche Consolidated School in the Western School Board and Lois Adams, West Kent Elementary School in the Eastern School District. This year's nomination deadline is April 28/06.

**Bus Driver of the Year Award** - This year the PEI Home and School Federation is pleased to announce our new award, *Bus Driver of the Year Award*. Bus drivers ensure a positive and safe environment to transport our children to and from school each day. The nomination deadline for this award will be: May 12, 2006.

## Finance Review Reports











**ELEMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
Denise Matheson

Some of the presentation's included:

**1. Science Implementation**

Presented by Bill MacIntyre

- Grade 5-6 are receiving a science in-service this year
- Curriculum update based on hands on activities, building on current knowledge, students active and excited about learning, the important on the role of the teacher, and also how important it is of the support of the principal in the learning process
- Discussion on grouping and integration
- Handout slide show will be available to in-service teachers on the curriculum and how it can be used.

**2. CAMET Math Assessment E-3**

Presented by Bill MacIntyre

- CAMET is a Council of Atlantic Misters Of Education and Training.
- Handout of the slide show being used about Primary Mathematics Assessment Resource(K3) NFL is the leading Province. This field test is being initiated through each province's assessment division.
- This assessment tool is a series of booklets and tasks to assist teachers to identify the strength and needs of students.
- P.E.I. will field test this tool in December 2005 grade 1-4.

**3. Students Services Division**

Presented by Karen Gaudet

- There is an in-service information available on students services. 2 Standard and guidelines These are the handouts available.
  1. Teachers and supporting staff working together
  2. Individual Education Planning
- Also to be available is tutoring guidelines on Functional Behaviour Assessment . This is in draft form.

**4. Language Art**

Presented by Leisa Holmes

- New learning resources available, Ex: Website, book contact, homework, independent readers.
- There was going to be a two day in-service on grade 4 Atlantic Canada Reading Assessment.
- There are video's available at Eastern and Western teachers resource centres.

- Topics are comprehension and making it work balanced Literacy.

## **5. CIT Report**

Presented by Greg Bungay

- CIT is Communication and Information Technology.
- There was an update schools were invited to consider 2 models, being #1 pullout #2 in school. 34/53 schools used the in school and 19 schools used the pullout.
- There was discussion that the Philosophy of Technology was to be integrated with all curriculum area ex: LA/Math
- There was also a STC meaning Site Technology Coordinator chosen to be a mentor in each school, and their teachers.
- Also there is new software available called A- tutor which is available at the Department of Education. Teachers are asked to share their idea's on lesson plans. This is to promote a larger range of lessons.

## **6. Kindergarten Progress Report**

Presented by Tracey Anderson

- There is a draft from presented and pilot group is to be formed to give feedback. (On the KPR)

## **7. Department Update**

Presented by Sheila Barnes

- There is a first draft of grade 1-3 on the health curriculum. This will be piloted on September 2006.
- There was feedback on English programs and curriculum update. This suggestion was that all information be sent to principals, librarian, and resources teachers.
- Also the suggestion was that a chart be organized by grade levels and be put in the program of studies.
- CAMET Achievement Standards (E9) are being developed for Reading, Writing and Math. NFLD and NB are leading provinces.

**ELEMENTARY HEALTH STANDING COMMITTEE  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Laura Bowness

Since September this committee has met 3 times, November 23,2005, December 16, 2005 and January 25, 2005. The focus of the committee is Elementary Health Curriculum.

The first meeting we looked at the first draft of the curriculum. We discussed the contents corrected errors and started to look for resources. The other two meetings were spent looking at the resources to see if they were practical and effective. We were given the chance to bring in resources we thought would be helpful or recommend resources we knew of.

We will meet again in February. The committee is working diligently to finish the curriculum as soon as possible as we know present curriculum is outdated.

**DIVERSITY STANDING COMMITTEE  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Katherine Linkletter/Shirley Jay

This committee met twice during the school year. The first meeting reported on the success of the Diversity Youth Forums in May 2005 for all grade eight students in the province. The other topic of discussion was English Second Language programs in schools and the lack of resources for the program..

Heritage Canada funding was approved in March for PEIHSF and the Department of Education to partner on a Diversity Phase II project which would follow up with a good sampling of students who participated in the Diversity Youth Forum to find out what they learned from the event and what more should we be doing to educate them about diversity. Roberta Clark and Shirley Jay will coordinate the project activities.

**HEALTHY EATING ALLIANCE**  
**Representative, and Co-Chair of the Alliance: Wendy MacDonald**

The PEI Healthy Eating Alliance, established in November 2001, is a multi-sectoral partnership of individuals, community organizations, the education sector, and government departments who share a concern for children's health, and who are committed to improving the eating habits of children and youth. The Alliance has three main goals: to increase nutrition education and promote healthy eating to students, parents, teachers and all those who have an impact on how children eat; to increase access to safe and healthy foods in all types of environments where children gather, and to conduct research to build knowledge and understanding of how best to achieve the HEA's mission.

The HEA carries out its work through a Steering Committee and four working groups, on Nutrition Education and Promotion, Access to Safe and Healthy Foods, School Healthy Eating Policies, and Research and Evaluation. Wendy MacDonald has represented PEIHSF on the Alliance since 2002, has been a member of the School Policy group since its founding, and became Co-Chair of the Steering Committee in the summer of 2004, concluding her term in spring 2006.

The past year has been a busy one for the Alliance. The Nutrition Education and Promotion Group's work included:

Developing healthy eating tips for inclusion in school monthly newsletters

Organizing a series of parent information sessions on healthy eating

Developing and launching the HEA website, with a wealth of resources on healthy eating, at <http://www.healthyeatingpei.ca/>"MACROBUTTONHtmlResAnchor[www.healthyeatingpei.ca](http://www.healthyeatingpei.ca/)

Organizing a Healthy Eating Week in March 2005, including Winter Splash events at four pools across the province

Establishing a Speakers Bureau to respond to the growing number of requests from parent and community groups for information

Developing and launching a healthy living song, Eat Right! Stay Fit!, and DVD in partnership with the Active Living Alliance, for children aged 4 to 8

Holding a second Healthy Eating Week in October, including a tie-in to the Terry Fox Run.

The Access to Safe and Healthy Foods Group's work included securing resources and providing professional nutritionist support and coordination to breakfast and snack programs in PEI schools, now numbering forty, and feeding almost 3,000 children a day.

The Policy Group has worked with lead schools across the province to develop healthy eating policies in each of PEI's three school boards. The policies for the Eastern and Western School board were formally launched during Healthy Eating Week in October 2005. As well, the Policy Group has worked since the fall of 2004 to develop a toolkit of resources to help schools implement the Healthy Eating Policy, including information for parents, teachers, and school administrators. This valuable resource, with info on nutrition, fundraising ideas, and more, is available online at the HEA website, and is being disseminated to schools via a series of networking meetings. Currently, the Policy Group is working to refine and adapt the policy for intermediate and senior high schools.

The Research and Evaluation Group has carried out extensive research into the eating behaviours

and nutritional status of Island children. Currently, the group is working to evaluate the process of developing the school healthy eating policies, and is pursuing federal research funding to carry out a major evaluation of the overall work of the HEA.

In early 2005, the HEA began work to develop its second three-year strategy for 2006-08. This work was subsequently set aside as the HEA worked to respond to provincial government changes in the health system. These resulted in the loss of the staff person assigned to support the HEA and in uncertainty about the sustainability of the Alliance. Since the summer of 2005, the HEA has been participating in discussions with the Healthy Living Strategy and other health promotion partners to explore the possibility of a merger of the various groups or of integration of some support functions. These issues, together with the availability of continued funding for the work of the HEA, are expected to be resolved later in 2006.

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**ATHENA CONSOLIDATED HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**  
**Mary Smith, President**

Athena Home and School 2005-2006 Executive:

Vice President	Mary McIver
Past President	Anna MacDonald
Secretary	Margo Thompson
Treasurer	Roxanne Campbell
Director	Ruth Rundle
Director	Marla Murray
Director	Rosalee Wigmore

At Athena we have a very dedicated executive who meet the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. for one hour to discuss issues concerning the school and it's students and how we, as a Home and School, can contribute to the school and staff throughout the school year. Meetings are always advertised in the school newsletter and are open to any parents who wish to attend.

In September of each school year we send to each home a form/letter explaining what we as a Home and School are planning for the current school year. The parents then complete and return the form to the school indicating in what areas/events they are willing to contribute. This gives us a master list of volunteers to use throughout the school year.

The Home and School is active every month throughout the school year. We begin in September with the School Pictures. We book the photo company, arrange the dates with the school and have volunteers who come in on picture days to help organize the students, fix the hair and help the grads with their gowns, etc.

For Halloween we celebrate by having a bake sale with all kinds of spooky treats for the students at a cost of .25 cents. The parents who volunteer at the bake sale dress in costumes and the students love this.

During the month of November we collaborate with the school librarian to host the Scholastic Book Fair. Many parents volunteer at this event and the school library benefits greatly by receiving over \$1,400 worth of books.

The Ye Olde Christmas Shoppe is held just before Christmas and is our major fund raiser for the year. We set up a gift shop in the library and offer items for the students to purchase for family members at a cost of \$1.00 to \$3.00. The items are then wrapped and tagged and ready to be taken home by the students. Everyone, the students giving the gift and the family member receiving the gift, really enjoy this event and it is an annual event that everyone looks forward to.

Also in December we have "The Giving Gift" which is an annual event that started last year. In keeping with the spirit of Christmas the teaching staff of Athena graciously offer to forgo Christmas gifts from students in exchange for a cash donation instead. No amount is too small. This can be exchanged for a donation card which the student can then give to their teacher letting them know that a donation has been made on their behalf. This year families contributed over \$500 to purchase

turkeys  
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for needy families.

Due to the success of our first annual Book Exchange held last year the students were eager this past January to participate once again. The students bring in books they had previously read and are willing to exchange for another students previously read book. This gives every student an opportunity to receive a new book to read, cost free.

In January we co-hosted, with other local Home and Schools, author, Ron Morris. He has written many books on dealing with child discipline and respect. We were excited with the turn out and the presentation was throughly enjoyed by all who attended.

During the month of February we celebrate Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week.. There will be daily messages in the mailboxes, snacks brought in for every morning recess throughout the week and dinner served on Thursday. There will be daily door prizes and a game for the staff to participate in .

Also throughout the year the Home and School contributes to the organizing of volunteers to help with different events such as the Science Fair, the Thumbbody Program offered by Canadian Mental Health and this year our upcoming musical "Annie". Twice a year we also offer clothing to the students with the school logo at cost. This is not a fund raiser but an opportunity for the students to have clothing with the Athena logo.

We continue making improvements to the school grounds with the help of the Greening Spaces Program and are hoping again this spring to be planting several trees on the property.

As you can see we contribute in many different ways. We are very proud of our school and our community of families that are always so willing to offer their support throughout the year.

**CENTRAL QUEENS HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**  
**Connie Macdonald, President**

The Central Queens Elementary Home and School Executive members include Denise Matheson, Dana Coles, Lynn Clow, Cheryl MacLean, Bonnie Wigmore, Michelle Newton, Sharon Weeks, Joanne Clow, Scott Glendinning & Basil Dickson.

Central Queens Home and School Executive is very active in the school and working with our children's education.

- Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week - provided daily coffee breaks and our traditional Thursday hot meal for all staff
- Maurice Bernard art lesson sponsorship
- sponsored a Winter Fun Day activity and provided a parent's refreshment table during the Fun Day.
- School Skate transportation sponsorship
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Spring fund-raiser of a Family Bingo Night in April 2005
- Participated in the Central Queens "Friends of Chelsey" fund-raiser for one of our students
- provided retirement gifts for 2 staff members in June 2005
- participated in Meet the Staff Night in September 2005 and received a large number of volunteer form sign up sheets for school activities, such as hot meal preparation, token sales, library assistance, hair check days, fudge donations and Teacher/Staff appreciation Week
- funded new computer head-sets for students
- hosted a Celebrity Pancake Breakfast in October 2005 with all proceeds going towards supporting our Nutrition Committee's Healthy Snack Program.
- continual collection of Campbell's Soup Labels and grocery receipts to continue supporting our Healthy Snack Program
- Fall General Meeting welcomed Constable Don Crozier of the RCMP Commercial Crime Division who spoke on "Internet Safety for our Children"
- Annual Christmas concert fudge sale fund-raiser very successful with proceeds towards our Maurice Bernard classroom art lessons

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**  
**Heather Birt, President**

Our principle activities this year include:

- hosting "Meet the Teacher" night in September
- organizing an information night for graduating students and their parents in November
- operating a raffle as our annual fundraiser
- providing treats for staff during "Staff Appreciation" week in February
- providing dance chaperones as requested
- contributing to the school newsletter and website
- facilitating discussion on topics raised by parents
- planning and hosting a reception for graduates and their parents on graduation night in June
- donating prizes to a number of graduating students

Executive members this year are Heather Birt and Anne Koughan. They are working with an active core of members and a larger number of volunteers who assist with particular projects.

**DONAGH REGIONAL HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**  
**Edna Reid, President**

Once again this year Donagh Regional School has enjoyed a successful year in fulfilling our mandate .

September 2006 we welcomed new staff to our school. We co-hosted a Meet your Teacher evening with a social time followed by a time to meet the teachers.

The school's Fiddle program implemented its final phase in September . This program has proven since its inception three years ago to be a remarkable popular program. The parents of Home and School fund raised the funds to purchase 40 fiddles and the accessories.

Home and School co-hosted with the school a retirement party for four of our staff including our Principal of 14 years. We participated in the Heritage Fair , Grade nine graduation, grade nine-school trips, school closing events and several other projects of the school. We hosted a Teacher Appreciation week along with a sit down dinner for teachers and staff.

Fall 2006 saw the launch of a magazine campaign that enjoyed great success.

We had very interesting guest speakers attend several of our regular meeting and in the Fall we decided to follow our meeting with a social time. The social time is a great time for parents to meet other parents .

Donagh Regional School Home & School is looking forward to another great year in working with our school for the benefit of all students .

**DUNDAS HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**  
**Nancy MacDonald & Micheline Downe, Co-Chairs**

Our Home and School Executive consists of the following members:

Co-Chairs: Nancy MacDonald and Micheline Downe

Treasurer: Paula Fay Matheson

Secretary: Kandy Johnston

We meet the last Tuesday of each month, with generally between 10-15 people in attendance consisting of parents , teachers, vice principal and principal. We are pleased with the turnout and are happy to see some new faces each year.

Our Grade 7/8 students are once again traveling to Montague Jr. High one afternoon per six day cycle to participate in Industrial Arts , Home Economics and Tech Arts. The LOVE program is also in place and well liked by both students and volunteers. 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 . Something new to our school this is a “Stepping Ahead” program where individual students are recognized for their positive behavior in the school community . The students name and reason for the award are put on a large sneaker and placed on the walls of the school . The sneakers are visual reminders of the positive things that happen in the school .

Our fund-raising this year has consisted of a Christmas wreath sale and fudge sales at concerts . 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 breakfast for students and staff. We are once again giving a donation to our school library, which we try to do each year .

We are fund-raising to have parents who 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 volunteer to cook . This has been very successful. On Mondays we have healthy dogs , Tuesday and Thursday are ice-cream and baked potatoes, Wednesday is pizza/garlic fingers and Fridays are white meat chicken burgers and salads. The last week of each month, chicken fingers are also available .

This year we are again pleased to have a local fitness instructor provide an after school program which includes exercising , nutrition talks , etc.

For Staff Appreciation Week we are planning a cold plate lunch and parents will provide treats for the week .

We feel we are fortunate to have great support from both parents and staff , which enable our Home and School to run smoothly.

**ENGLEWOOD HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION****Neila Auld, Executive Member****March 2006**

This has been a very busy year for our Home & School here at Englewood. Our main focus has been our “Healthy Eating Program” that sees lots of involvement from almost every parent in the school. We were also very proud to have won a “Models of Health Award” for providing and promoting healthy eating for the children at our school. The program could not be what it has become without the volunteers, and the surrounding community.

**Healthy Eating Program at Englewood School .**

We offer a hot lunch item (\$1.50) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays ...ranging from macaroni with meat sauce, lasagna, baked potatoes with various toppings, pizza (beef, ham or chicken topping), soups, grilled chicken burgers and more! The orders are placed on Friday for the following week’s orders. Parents pay in advance with money, or can now purchase “Coupon (\$1.50) sheets” in advance. Every Tuesday we deliver vegetable (3 choices) and cheese trays to each of the nine classrooms and every Thursday we deliver fruit (3 choices) and cheese trays to each of the nine classrooms during morning “little recess”. These trays are free and always “come back empty”! Volunteers prepare the foods (except pizza) in the canteen, as well as buy the groceries, decide menus, etc. Two volunteers on Tuesdays and Thursdays prepare the fruit/vegetable and cheese trays to be delivered to each classroom (Grades 1 through 9).

Our canteen offers homemade cookies & muffins (baked by parents), 100% fruit juices, bottled water, yogurt tubes, fresh fruit, canned fruit and more for purchase at discounted prices. Most items are 50cents.

We also need to recognize the farmers in our community who have generously provided the potatoes and the ground beef for the macaroni sauce. Recently we held a “free potato day” for everyone in the school, compliments of the PEI Potato Marketing Board. Businesses, Women’s Institutes, and other community organizations have financially supported the program. We also recognize the financial support from the Healthy Eating Alliance and “Breakfast for Learning”. As well, we have done “Greeting Card” fundraising.

We have measured the success of the program by seeing students eat fruits and vegetables they normally wouldn’t, teachers are seeing less “processed” or “prepackaged” lunches in the classroom. It has been a lot of work for everyone involved – but extremely rewarding.

Thanks to our Grade 7 teacher, Kent Butler, we have a presence on the school’s website (=“<http://www.edu.pe.ca/englewood>”MACROBUTTONHtmlResAnchor[www.edu.pe.ca/englewood](http://www.edu.pe.ca/englewood)) – check us out! Food order forms can be printed off, volunteers are recognized, and more! Also there is the “Homework” site, where parents can click on their child’s teacher to see what is happening in the class and if there is homework or tests to prepare for.

**Teacher Appreciation Week**

Once again, parents stepped up to the plate. We had a full week of yard and hallway supervision (4-6 parents daily) during “big recess” so the teachers could enjoy treats and lunches together. Each day

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we drew a student submission of “Who should be staff person of the day”. The student then read the submission over the PA system and delivered the note with a prize donated by local businesses. Each day there was some food and fruit but two days had full course meals ...one was a Turkey and Ham dinner, potatoes, gravy ...the works and desserts. The other was a selection of ribs, wings, s/s meatballs, salad and desserts.

We are presently preparing for our final fundraiser of cookie dough, muffin dough and spices. We hope to raise enough funds to improve the library book selection (approved/level designation) for Grades 5 and up to have titles the older children will be more interested in reading ...particular Jr. High boys, who are seen as not reading enough today. As well, we are hoping to allocate funds to have Lloyd Mallard, who attended one of our four meetings this year, come to our school next fall to use his techniques of testing children for their individual “learning traits” – to help the student, parents and teacher identify/recognize these differences and expand upon them to improve their learning outcomes, now and in the future.

**GLEN STEWART HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**  
**Marie O'Hanley, President**

Our Home and School has had a very busy and successful year. Our return to school in September saw a completely new administration. We are learning from one another and are beginning to determine the role Home and School will take at our school over the next five years. We hope to take a more active role in assisting parents such as sponsoring a Homework without Tears presentation and a reading night.

We ran a very successful Christmas Craft fair the first weekend in November. This is our main fundraiser and has allowed us to purchase much needed choir risers, overhead projectors and sporting equipment and support our playground drive. We also ran a clothing sale in the fall featuring long and short sleeved Tshirts.

We have a subcommittee called Glen Stewart Greater Grounds which is working to improve the playground facilities. With only one gym for 620 students, the hope is that increased outdoor facilities will translate into more physical education classes, especially in our grades 4-6. We were able to install a walking trail all the way around the school in the fall of 2005 and have many more plans for the future.

Our parents and Home and School continue to struggle with the issues facing a large overcrowded school and the problems inherent to that situation. We are grateful to the administration and teachers for their interest in our concerns.

**GULF SHORE HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**  
**Lori Ann MacFarlane, President**

- ▶ Successful Terry Fox Run in September with other activities taking place as well. The kids had a fun day and we let balloons with message go and received a few replies from this. We also raised the top amount of money for the 3rd year in a row I believe
- ▶ We had a successful Children's wish penny drive
- ▶ We have a driving force playground committee raising funds for new playground equipment. They now have \$30,000 in the bank
- ▶ We have interesting guest speakers each meeting
- ▶ We had a wonderful week of activities for the teacher staff appreciation week and they all enjoyed it very much
- ▶ A science fair was held
- ▶ A Health fair is upcoming as is the winter olympics for the kids
- ▶ We have a pancake brunch upcoming
- ▶ We took part in the christmas craft project
- ▶ Hoping to make parental turnout a higher number in future meetings.

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

Executive:

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 2005 at Ellerslie Elementary School. Once again the numbers are not great in attending the meetings. However, we have an active Board and great volunteers who we can call on to help out.

Ellerslie School is continuing to take part in the Healthy Eating Alliance. A member of the Home and School, together with the principal and a teacher attended the Healthy Eating Workshop at Rodd Mill River. Tammy Rix was to the school to present information on the Healthy Active Homes Initiative in West Prince.

Students participated in the local area Winter Carnival by making posters. These were posted in various locations in the community. Members organized a successful Teacher Appreciation week with a meal provided and treats and cards throughout the week. A very successful and informative presentation was made to the Home & School, class teachers and parents from the two local kindergartens. The school participated in skates throughout the winter with Home & School providing the hot chocolate or treats as the canteen is closed to allow greater participation.

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.

The school had another successful science fair once again.

The children continue to enjoy noontime and after school sports events.

Once again there was great input from the students and staff towards the Easter Seals Campaign.

The Grade 6 closing was organized and put on by the Grade 6 class. A job well done.

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. Information sheets were once again sent out to parents requesting their support in various activities at the school. And once again, we received a great response. We have a volunteer group for each area that we can call on without hesitation.

The Terry Fox Run was held at the school and with a great turn out with over \$1,200 raised for cancer research. It was a very well organized event with money raised for a worthwhile cause.

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The principal and staff have organized healthy snacks one day per week. Children will be treated to fruits and vegetables. The Home & School will arrange for volunteers to help out with this in the new year. To compliment this Sterling Carruthers the Healthy Living Coordinator for West was present to discuss healthy eating and physical activity with staff.

The third annual ADL frozen food fund raiser was held. It once again met with tremendous success. The money will be directed to new playground equipment. Awards were given out to top sellers and random draws were done for all participants.

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

The school recreation program is a go again this year with a high participation rate.

Remembrance day services were held at the school with many active participants. With various students receiving awards.

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.

**LUCY MAUD MONTGOMERY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**  
**Debra Lynn Trainor, President**

The members of the L.M. Montgomery Home and School executive for the 2005-06 year are: Nancy Ritchie (Secretary), Nancy MacArthur (Treasurer), Tina Vessey (Vice-President) and Debra Lynn Trainor (President).

In September 2005, all parents were invited to the school to "Meet the Staff" night. It was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to meet our new principal, Lois Adams, as well as all the school staff. This evening is always well received and gets the year off to a great start.

We hold 5 meetings/year and to date have had 3 with one later in this month and our annual meeting being held in May. The executive meet each evening for a brief meeting before the general meeting. To begin the general meeting, we often have a guest speaker and this year we've been enlightened on the topics of "Healthy Eating" and "Internet Safety".

Our lunch program is very successful thanks to the many parents who volunteer their time to make it happen, especially our Lunch Coordinator, Valerie Herring-MacBeath. We serve hotdogs and cheese pizza 2 times/month. Baked chicken nuggets are offered weekly and milk (white or chocolate) and orange juice are offered daily. We recently surveyed the parents on our lunch program and almost all who responded were satisfied with our current lunch program. They indicated; however, that they would like to see cheese pizza offered weekly so we will be implementing this change in the near future.

Our school has two main fundraisers: A Family Fun Night which was held in November and Family Bingo which is held in April. These fundraisers have been a great success for our school! Christine MacDonald, the coordinator for these events, puts hours and hours of her time towards these events as do those who work with her on the committee. Both fundraisers are geared so that the whole family can enjoy themselves while still financially supporting the school. All money raised at these events benefit our students.

We recently celebrated Staff Appreciation Week. Heather Watts is our Hospitality Coordinator and again pulled off a wonderful week for the staff. She, along with her committee, provided treats daily as well as a lovely hot meal to finish out the week. Parents supervised the students at noon to allow for the staff to be all together and sit down, relax and enjoy their meals.

We are very blessed to have such a wonderful staff working with our children as well as so many parents who are always willing to help out any way they can. Thank you to every one who supports our school. It is because of this support we have a successful relationship between our school and our homes.

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

The executive for Miscouche Consolidated Home and School Association for the 2005-2006 school year include Mary Mackay - Treasurer, Kendra McIntyre - Secretary, Mar Maclsaac - Vice-President and Lori Colborne-Barry, President. Cathy Richard 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 executive 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.

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 spring magazine sale. We provide each student with a hotdog and juice to celebrate the last day of school before Christmas, host the always popular picnic on the last day of school and share the cost with the school of providing each student with a "canteen coupon" on their birthday. We recently completed the third and final phase of our playground renewal project. This year saw the implementation of a long standing goal with Miscouche Consolidated being able to offer its' students a band program, thanks to the start up funds provided by the Western School Board and the Home and School Association.

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.

**MOUNT STEWART HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

**LaVerne MacKinnon, President**

Executive Members:

LaVerne MacKinnon, President

Isabel Coffin, Vice President

Bonnie McNally, Treasurer

Mary MacDonald, Secretary

It is hard to believe the school year is almost finished for another year, it only seems like yesterday when we had our first meeting to begin plans for the school year.

We started the year off with our second annual Meet, Fun and Greet. It was a huge success. As in other years our main topic at our first few meetings was fund-raising. It seems to be more of a challenge each year to find ways to raise money.

This year we were very fortunate. The Mount Stewart Fire Department approached us about taking part in an Elimination Draw. The only thing asked of us was to supply a lunch on the night of the draw. In return we received \$2,500.00 We are so very lucky to have a fire department who cares about the children of our school.

We cannot express our gratitude enough. With this extra money we were able to do more hot lunches and healthy snacks. We treated the kids to a day at the CARI pool. We plan to do more hot lunches and activities as the year progresses.

Our next fund-raising endeavour is the Birthday Calendar. We will raise about \$1,400.00 from this project. Many thanks go out to everyone who canvassed and Linda and Juanita for their hard work.

We had Staff Appreciation the week of February 13<sup>th</sup>. There were lots of treats taken in for the staff from students. We wrapped up the week with the always popular potluck dinner.

We have a few more things planned for the coming months and hope to make the rest of the year an enjoyable one for all involved.

Thank you.

**PARKDALE HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION****Jessie Frost-Wicks, President**

The Parkdale Home & School Executive is comprised of Jessie Frost-Wicks (President), Beryl Holden (Secretary), Tracey McAskill (Treasurer), and Lisa MacLaren (Public Relations).

Our meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month. Despite being a small association for a small school, we have a wonderful community of parents and teachers who are always at the ready to support our efforts.

Some of the initiatives we have undertaken this year have included:

- Meet the Candidate evening to meet and speak with School Board Trustee candidates.
- Continued shared involvement with Friday pizza lunches.
- Christmas Craft fundraiser through the Home and School Federation.
- Annual Christmas Concert fudge and bake sale and 50/50 draw.
- Spaghetti dinner at the Superstore Community Room.
- Pancake breakfast at the Superstore Community Room.
- During Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week, we provided daily snacks and a lunch as well as covering recess duty each day.

Thanks to the success of the fundraisers in which we have participated, we are able to continue to assist with the costs of field trips and year-end class trips as well as make contributions to individual classes for books and athletic equipment for the school.

In August, 2005, we were extremely fortunate to be the first school on PEI to have a playground built with the sponsorship of the Kaboom Program and Home Depot. We had a huge turnout of parents and community volunteers on the build day and our children were delighted to begin the school year with a wonderful new playground, an outdoor classroom and a mural of the changing seasons on the outside of their school. Our Association has been able to make an initial contribution to the School's share of the playground fund and we are confident that we will be able to make additional contributions to this very worthwhile endeavour.

**PRINCE STREET HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**  
**Wendy MacDonald, Chair**

Our Home and School Association Executive consists of Wendy MacDonald, Chair; Kelly Allen, Vice-Chair; Beth Cullen, Treasurer, and Julie Shea, Secretary.

In May 2005, we held our second annual Spring Fling. Like the first, it was a huge success, even despite the snow squall which hit during the event (must have been the Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> date!) A special mention goes to the brave volunteers at the barbecues who kept the food coming despite the weather, and to Kelly Allen and her committee for another great event. As well, Home and School organized and funded the Grade Six closing; thanks go to Beth Cullen for her great work on this every year.

As the school year ended, we said goodbye to principal Pat Campbell and wished her well in her new role as principal of Glen Stewart School. In appreciation of her enormous contribution to creating a caring, inclusive and family-centered learning environment at Prince Street School, Home and School established an award for Grade Six students in Pat's name, and with a great deal of help from teachers and students, assembled a binder of good-bye letters from all of the students. As well, we said goodbye to retiring teachers Janet Gaudet, George Clark, and Betty Matheson, teachers' aide Carolyn Molyneaux, and custodian Jean Fall, with thanks for their many decades of contributions. An art award for Grade 3 students was established in honour of Mr. Clark and Ms. Molyneaux. Our thanks also go to Kari Ferguson, for her work as Home and School secretary for 2003 to 2005, Spring Fling activities coordinator, and her many other contributions during her child's time at the Prince Street School.

In September 2005, we welcomed a new principal to Prince Street Elementary: Terry MacIsaac, formerly principal of St. Peters, a new Grade One teacher, Krista Schurman, and our new Secretary Julie Shea. The year began in style with a very successful meet-and-greet night for all members of the school community. Teachers set up information booths in the gym, and after parents and children visited the booths, everyone was welcomed out in the school grounds to enjoy ice cream with blueberries and to mingle and get acquainted or catch up after the summer.

Three meetings have been held to date, with two more planned for early April and late May. The first meeting in early October was especially targeted at new parents, with a presentation by teacher Krista Schurman on her work. Meetings in November and January included discussion of school food programs, other school needs, and the literacy and parent programs underway in the school (see below). As well, during the year, we participated in the provincial crafts fundraiser; continued to organize pizza and wraps weekly lunches, and funded purchases of playground toys and sound system equipment, a bike rack, and a washer and dryer for the school.

Prince Street places particular priority on literacy and family programs. Several years ago, Prince Street was one of only two schools in Atlantic Canada to offer the FAST (Family and Schools Together) program. In 2004-05, Prince Street worked with Learning and Reading Partners and the Adventure Group to offer a program to parents and children to assist parents to better support their children's learning. This work continues in 2005-06 with the Spring into Reading (SIR) program by Learning and Reading Partners. Launched in November, SIR consists of 12 sessions, two a month. Each session begins with a joint program for parents and their children, after which the

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children and parents go into separate training sessions. Participants are extremely positive about the program, and a number of the parents have become more involved in the school and in Home and School activities.

As well, in 2004-05, Prince Street School received a grant of \$2,000 from the PEI Literacy Alliance to support literacy activities in the school. These funds are being used to have Lloyd Mallard develop learning styles inventories of Grade 3 students. The first inventory was carried out in the spring of 2005, and a second inventory was carried out with the new Grade 3 class in the fall of 2006. These findings will be presented to parents at a future Home and School meeting, and further work may include a learning styles inventory of the parents of the students so that they can more effectively support their children's learning. Home and School was also very pleased to see Prince Street mount its first science fair in many years, and provided funds to purchase materials for regulation backboards for students progressing to regional competition.

Looking ahead, Prince Street Home and School is planning its annual pancake breakfast on March 11. With the great support of the Lions Club and the music of Michael Pendergast, this annual event brings families together to enjoy the food and music while raising some money for the school. Planning is also underway for another great Spring Fling on May 12 and all are welcome to attend.

**SOUTHERN KINGS HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION****Teresa MacKinnon, President**

- ▶ Provided canteen service for cross country meet which SKC hosts annually
- ▶ Donated monies from cross country meet to Physical Education Program for needed equipment
- ▶ Provided Healthy Snack to students every second Wednesday (examples – carrots, turnip, grapes, salsa and toasted pita, corn on the cob, pineapple, canteloupe)
  
- ▶ Organized a Lunch Program that was offered every Friday (involved many parent volunteers)
- ▶ Organized and ran the Scholastic Book Fair, donating monies to the School Library Program
- ▶ Organized the Annual Christmas Raffle, raised \$2,202.00
  
- ▶ Collated Sobeys' receipts, received \$432.00 and donated monies to Library Program
- ▶ Staff Appreciation Week, treated staff to a wonderful sit down lunch and provided treats each day in the staff lounge
- ▶ Winter Carnival, provided food treats while students participated in outdoor activities
  
- ▶ Member on Southern Kings Nature Trail committee (a 2.25 km trail established as an education site in the existing woodlots beside and behind the school to educate our students on natural resource issues, the trail facilitates hands-on outdoor studies along field edges and hedgerows, a wetland area and through mixed woodlands)
- ▶ Members on “revamping our front lobby committee”, an ongoing project that will be done in stages
  
- ▶ Donated monies to SKC Nature Trail, \$600.00, Year book committee, \$500.00 and front lobby project, \$500.00
- ▶ Promoted and sold SKC clothing (t-shirts, hoodies, shorts, sweatshirts)
- ▶ Provided refreshments and information booth at Meet the Teacher Night and at Parent-Teacher Interviews
  
- ▶ Set up decorative displays in front lobby for Fall, Halloween, Christmas, Valentines, Staff Appreciation Week, St. Patrick's Day and will do for Easter and Summer
- ▶ Organized a Lice Prevention Program, a group of dedicated parents and grandparents who, as a preventive measure, check the students on a regular basis
- ▶ Provide graduation gifts to grade 8 students

**SPRING PARK HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**  
**Maria Green, President**

**Purpose**

The Spring Park Home and School Association exists to help enrich the learning environment for our children and establish an effective and functioning communication system between students, parents, school administration, and teachers. The association is comprised of and supported by a dedicated group of parents, many of which volunteer their time to support activities that are coordinated and managed within the following organization structure.

**Executive**

The Executive manages the overall affairs of the association, including financials, communications, programs, and special projects. Executive committee members stay in regular touch throughout the year to manage work and decisions, meeting on an *ad hoc* basis, subject to specific needs. Members include:

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Carol O'Hanley (Vice-President) 626-3329, [cohanley@eastlink.ca](mailto:cohanley@eastlink.ca)  
Sheila Coleman (Secretary) 566-2220, [sands@eastlink.ca](mailto:sands@eastlink.ca)  
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Derek MacEwen (Past-President)

**Committees**

The association is comprised of a number of committees through which programs are developed and carried out.

***Nutrition Committee (Chairperson - Linda Dennis)***

This committee provides a food program to the students of Spring Park School through the combined efforts of the Home and School Association, teachers, and school administration. The program provides students with the opportunity to purchase various food items for lunch, all in keeping with the Nutrition Policy developed by the Eastern School Board. This year, based on feedback from the students and teachers last spring, new healthier menu items have been offered and are proving popular. As a pilot project, from February to June, our school is changing its lunch hour schedule so that the students do their outdoor activity first and then eat lunch to see if this approach has any effect on eating and work habits.

***Active Living Committee (Chairperson - Anne Marie Hennessey)***

This committee was established to work with the students and school administration to work toward and maintain an adequate level of physical activity in the school. One of this committee's big successes was an outdoor U-Fit session, with Gordon McNeilly, involving students, staff and parents. This event was a huge hit and was covered by CBC television.

***Safe Arrival Program (Chairperson - Susan Norton)***

This is an ongoing program whereby volunteers call parents of children who are absent to confirm their safety when the parents have not notified the school.

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***Grounds Improvement Committee (A/Chairperson - Maria Green)***

This committee focuses on landscaping of the school grounds, upkeep of current playground equipment, and acquisition of new equipment. In the spring of 2005, the association held a magazine fundraiser to raise funds for the purchase of new playground equipment which will be installed this spring. Last fall, a group of parent and student volunteers painted all the existing playground equipment.

***Meeting Schedule***

Regular meetings are generally held on the first Wednesday of the month. All parents and teachers are welcome to attend.

***Fund-raising***

The magazine subscription fundraiser that was held last spring was a huge success and will run again this spring. Anyone who purchased a subscription last year can purchase their renewal through us this year. Last fall we participated in the PEI Home and School Federation Christmas Craft Fundraiser. It was a great way to support local entrepreneurs and do some Christmas shopping at the same time. Some of the funds we raised will be donated to the school to help with the stained glass window project which is partially funded through the federal ArtSmart program.

***Information Seminars***

A survey was completed by parents as to topics of interest, and the committee is using these responses to plan a schedule of guest speakers. In January, an RCMP representative provided an informative session on Internet safety.

***Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week***

We celebrated our Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week on February 13 -17. Key activities included:

Monday : muffins and coffee;

Tuesday : a gift was given to each staff member;

Wednesday : homemade lunch with an international flair, with supervisory duties looked after by parents;

Friday : happy hour at St. James Gate, complete with munchies.

Throughout the week, names were drawn for gifts donated by local businesses. As well, morning announcements included submissions from students as to "why my teacher is the best."

***Volunteer Recruitment***

To boost our roster of volunteers, we set up an information table at each door leading to the general assembly for parents which was held at the start of the new school year and at which the president did a presentation. Through this activity, we were able to let parents know about the role the association plays within the school and to get names and contact information.

**STONEPARK HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION****Lynn Thompson, President**

Executive:

Iris Rodger, Treasurer

Hilda Kennedy, Secretary

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 could volunteer for computer lab monitors, the Love Program, dance chaperons, Staff Appreciation week, fund raising, career day, homework club, and the grade nine closing. We asked parents for a one dollar donation to help pay our provincial Home and School fees. This turned out to be a good idea, we were able to pay our fees immediately. Our Home and School meets the first Tuesday of each month.

Our first big project was a parent survey which was put together in collaboration with the school administration and sent home with every student. We also compiled a separate survey for the grade six parents of our two biggest feeder schools, Glenn Stewart and Sherwood Elementary. The information from the survey has been invaluable to the school and our home and school, letting us know how our parents and students feel about the day to day life at junior high. Parent's comments and concerns are addressed in our section of the school newsletter.

Our next big project has been the restoration of our graduation composites. We have been able to restoration so far, with 3 more to go. We raised funds by having 2 very successful bake sales, and a flower sale. Students and staff could pre-order flowers which are delivered on Valentine's day.

We have 2 book exchanges which were thoroughly enjoyed by the students who participated. We installed a student suggestion box in the lobby of the school, all suggestions are brought forth for discussion at our monthly meetings. We followed up on a parents's suggestion to offer more diverse activities for our students. We decided to hold incentive contests for students who may not be involved in sports or other school activities. We have help Photography Contests (Animal Prints), an Art Contest and a School Song Contest promoting school spirit. These contest have enabled us to recognize and showcase student's different abilities. One of the entries in the art contest will be enlarged by the student artist for permanent display in the school lobby.

Staff Appreciation week was a great success. We were able to host a luncheon for our staff, provide trays of muffins and bagels, baskets of apples, a basket of teas and hot chocolate, and ended the week with a special poem delivered to all the teaching staff, and a special poem and treats delivered to our custodians.

Members of our executive have been involved in drug strategy meetings, which is a growing concern for parents of intermediate students.

We are in the process of putting together a Grade 9 Closing committee which will be in charge of an informal parent reception to be held before our grade 9 students receive their leaving certificates.

We feel we have had a very productive year so far, and look forward to the annual meeting in April.

**ST. PETER'S CONSOLIDATED HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**  
**Andrea Studzinski, President**

Members of Executive: Heather Corrigan, Andrea Studzinski (co-chairpersons), Anne MacEwen (treasurer), Dawna MacInnis (secretary)

This past year, seven meetings were scheduled, generally on the first Monday of each month. The minutes of our meetings now are posted on our school website.

Our guest speaker at our January meeting was Ms. Sarah-Jane Bell who presented information concerning "Idle-free" school zones and the One-Tonne Challenge. Our guest at our February meeting was the Reverend Sandy Clark, our school board trustee.

Our fundraiser this year was a Sunday brunch held at the school. Tickets were sold by the students in advance and parents contributed pot-luck dishes for a wonderful community gathering. Local businesses were approached to donate door-prizes and 50-50 tickets were sold at the brunch. A portion of the money raised was donated to the school to purchase gymnasium equipment.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week was held February 6th to 10th. Each day saw food treats presented to all teachers and staff for their enjoyment. Parent volunteers prepared and co-ordinated the treats for each day. On the Wednesday, parents prepared a full roast chicken dinner for all teachers and staff at noon while other parents supervised the students in the classrooms and in the school yard. It was a fun week and allowed us to show our teachers and staff how much we appreciate them.

**ST. TERESA'S CONSOLIDATED HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

**Marcella Byrne, President**

Our Home & School Executive consists of the following members:

President, Marcella Byrne  
Secretary, Michelle Gouthro  
Treasurer, Nadine Hendricken

Our meetings are held once a month with the exception of December, March and June. We usually have between 10 and 15 percent of the parents attend our meetings.

Our fund-raising event this year was a major success thanks to The Bank of Nova Scotia in Montague, they matched our ticket sales by \$5000.00. We were elated to have such a generous offer and we were able to raise \$5000 of our own by selling tickets for an elimination draw, after prizes of \$3600 we were left with a lot more than usual. The funds were used to buy a refrigerator for the students to use for lunch items needing refrigeration, we also used a large portion of the money to go towards our school library.

Our Teachers Appreciation week was once again a huge success. Our parent volunteers treated the Teachers to a hot meal each day of the week. They were waited on and the parents even cleaned up afterwards. Meals ranged from spaghetti, casseroles, sweet & sour meatballs, ham & scallop potatoes, and a casserole. These came with dessert and rolls or biscuits as well. We really appreciate our teachers and staff and welcome the opportunity to show them.

We have invited some VIP's to our April meeting and they have accepted our invitation. Premier Pat Binns, Honourable Mildred Dover, Dr. Sandy MacDonald and Sandy Clark (our trustee) will be there to hear our questions and concerns regarding the recent Task Force Report. We are very excited to have these individuals attend our meeting.

Our parent volunteers continue to come to the school on Monday's and Thursday's to microwave meals for the students for lunch.

Our Home & School is being faced with some challenges once again because we are small school. We are a strong united community and we will do everything we can to keep our special school open.

**VERNON RIVER HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**  
**Roxanne Walker, President**

Members of Executive

Roxanne Walker , Christine Cotton (co-president)  
Alfred Farish , Tracey Lea (co-treasurer)  
Pam Cmapbell, Cathy Shawn (co-secretary)

This year we have 7 scheduled home and school meetings and also 7 executive meetins . We have had 2 guest speakers including , Mike Oultoon, School principal . Who spoke on students assessment and school budget. We also had the pleasure of having Shirley Jay & Martha Ellis. Who spoke to us about , Home & School at the provincial level. Vernon River School also hosted the School Trusties for their annual meetings. Our Home & School provided a light lunch.

We started off our year with our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Homecoming Picnic. This continues to be a growing success. Students , parents, & Staff had a chance to socialize and enjoy a delicious BBQ..

Committees we set-up for bussing, hot lunch program , teachers appreciation week, microwaves , head check team , smart kids sac , and also fundraising .

Our fundraising events included the Home & School Christmas Craft Sale , a cake auction , fudge sale at the Christmas concert, and awe also have a bake sale planned for the spring.

With finds raised we have purchased a new stove for our hot lunch program and also new basketball nets . We have plans to put our other funding into musical instruments for the younger grades and also library improvements .

This year we have expanded on our hot lunch program . Last June, a successful trail run was done for chicken nuggets. We now offer chicken nuggets each Thursday , at a cost of \$2.00. We have also introduced baked potatoes at a cost of \$1.50 on Tuesdays. Which have been generously donated from several community members and have been very popular lunch item with our students! We plan to add hamburgers to our hot lunch program in the near future.

Our Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week, was a great success . We planned treats for each day of the week and ended the week on Friday with a cold buffet lunch followed with cake . This was appreciated by all .

Up and coming projects include painting of our library and computer lab, and also Winter Carnival.

We are grateful to all the parents volunteers who have helped. Thank-you also to our school administration and staff who continues to put or children first !!

**WEST KENT HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**  
**Inge Dorsey, President**

There are many new faces at West Kent in 2005-2006, with new school administration and several new teachers and educational assistants. School Council meets monthly and attendance this year is increased. Spring 2005 saw West Kent School Council host Dr. Sandy MacDonald to discuss PISA results. Parents at West Kent hosted a discussion and forwarded the results to the Task Force on Student Achievement.

The 2nd Annual West Kent Fall Fair was held in October and was a success due to the cooperation and hard work of parents, students and staff. People who attended had a number of activities to choose from including games, yard sale, Silent Auction, puppet shows, basket raffles, a Cake Walk, the St. Clair Scream and many more. Thanks to the generosity of so many, the School Council raised, approximately \$5,000 to fund various undertakings which enrich the education of our children.

We were fortunate to have 2 very deserving members of the school community win awards from the PEI Home and School Federation. Bonnie MacDonald, a West Kent parent, was named "Volunteer of the Year". Our former principal, Lois Adams was the recipient of the inaugural "Extra Mile Award".

Much work was continued following the School Improvement Plan completed in 2003/2004. School Council supported groups focusing on Outdoor Greening, Interior Improvement and Healthy Living. Some highlights of the yearly activities are as follows:

***Outdoor Greening Project:***

Once again it was a busy spring. Gary Schneider and his crew from MacPhail were on hand to help naturalize another area of the school yard and to plant additional trees for shade around the playground. We will continue to work with this group to finalize the plan adapted by Gary for the school yard. The Committee had Natasha MacFadyen, a former student and landscape designer, create a vision for our front garden incorporating the pergola and existing gardens. The result was a beautiful design that will be implemented over the next year or two. Funding was once again obtained from the Greening Spaces program at the Department of Forestry, and additional funds have been provided by the School Council. Thanks also to the student gardening club for growing annuals for the gardens.

***School Interior Improvements:***

A Committee of staff and parents has been very active this year formulating a work plan for the two priority areas, the school library and the front entryway. Work has already been started on the entryway with a newly painted interior and plans for a student art display, seating and directional signage.

A phased Library plan will soon be presented. Thank you to the staff and parents who have worked very hard on these projects - formulating designs, sourcing donations, painting and coordinating volunteers.

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***Healthy Living:***

A significant portion of spending was directed to gym and playground equipment in 2004-2005.

Healthy lunches are offered 4 days a week, ranging from Chicken Caesar salads to Baked Potatoes to Chicken Pizza. Parents volunteer time weekly to process lunch orders and prepare baked potatoes.

***Social:***

The social committee has continued to be active. A Welcome Ice Cream Social was held at the school during the first week in September 2005. Families were invited to meet and greet with staff on the school grounds and enjoy hearing about the first week and summer vacations. The Fall Fair in October was another wonderful event for West Kent families and the community to enjoy games, snacks, and bargain hunting. Sincere thanks to all who donated their time and talents to help make the event possible.

In February, a parent committee helped organize events during Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week. Thank you to all who made tasty dishes for the school staff and to those who provided playground duty so all the teachers could enjoy them! March was Dessert and Disco month. The treats, juice, and energetic dance tunes were a great hit with the students. Once again, there were many willing volunteers. Family Picnic and Field Day was held in June with School Council helping organize events and providing refreshments.

## **Resolutions 2006**

### **Resolution 1/06 Home and School Leadership in Parent Engagement Submitted by the PEI Home and School Federation**

WHEREAS the PEI Home and School Federation has worked since its founding over fifty years ago to promote and support parental involvement in their children's learning and in the education system; and

WHEREAS the PEI Task Force on Student Achievement recognized that parents play a unique and vital role in their children's learning from birth onwards;

WHEREAS the Task Force identified parental engagement in learning as one of the most supported concepts necessary to improve student achievement in PEI; and

WHEREAS the Task Force recommended that:

- Parental involvement continue to be an integral part of school improvement planning; and
- School successes in engaging parents be identified and shared with other schools; and
- The Department of Education and stakeholders investigate family literacy programs and support those that assist parents to help their children learn to read and write; and
- The province allocate resources to assist parents to organize effectively for the purpose of identifying community and family educational needs; and

WHEREAS the Minister of Education stated in her response to the Task Force Report that she would "ask the PEI Home and School Federation to work with School Councils and la Fédération des parents to recommend a provincial strategy to further engage parents in their children's learning;"

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PEI Home and School Federation supports the conclusions and recommendations of the Task Force on Educational Achievement concerning parent engagement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PEI Home and School Federation accepts the role and responsibility of leading the development of a strategy to increase parental engagement in children's learning in PEI; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PEI Home and School Federation urges the Government of PEI to provide the funding and other resources necessary to successfully carry out this critically important work.

Destination: Department of Education

**Resolution 2/06 Anti-Bullying**  
**Submitted by the PEI Home and School Federation**

WHEREAS bullying is a long-standing priority issue for the PEI Home and School Federation, and

WHEREAS bully/victim problems in school really concern some of our basic values and principles, and it is a fundamental right for a child to feel safe in school and to be spared the oppression and repeated, intentional humiliation implied in bullying, and

WHEREAS no student should be afraid of going to school for fear of being harassed or degraded, and no parent should need to worry about such things happening to his or her child, and

WHEREAS a united and strengthened effort by all partners in education – parents, schools, and community organizations – is essential to address the growing concern of bullying in all its forms in our society,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PEI Home and School Federation supports and is prepared to partner in designing and delivering a provincial awareness and training initiative to educate parents on anti-bullying; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education move forward with the implementation of its proposed province-wide *Tell Them From Me* system to enable and encourage children and families to report instances of bullying without fear of reprisals;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education increase the guidance resources provided to schools in order to better support students affected by bullying and to increase the system's capacity for anti-bullying interventions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Island school districts increase their emphasis on sustained, long-term, school-wide measures to promote acceptance and to reduce aggression and bullying, and that they review and revise their policies as necessary to strengthen enforcement and increase penalties for offenders.

Destination: Department of Education  
School Boards

**Resolution 3/06 School Fees**  
**Submitted by the PEI Home and School Federation**

WHEREAS elementary and secondary education in Prince Edward Island is publicly funded; and

WHEREAS recent years have seen increases in the type and number of fees charged for participation in school activities, including some areas of the core curriculum; and

WHEREAS these fees are inconsistent from school to school, creating inequities in access to educational opportunities for Island students depending on where they attend school; and

WHEREAS these fees are placing a financial burden on many Island families and creating hardship for some;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT school districts develop policies specifying and regulating the types and levels of fees that may be charged to students and families, and providing for parental input in the setting of fees.

Destination: Department of Education

**Resolution 4/06 Supports for English Second Language (ESL) Students  
Submitted by the PEI Home and School Federation**

WHEREAS the Government of Prince Edward Island has identified increased immigration to PEI as a major policy goal; and

WHEREAS the number of immigrants to PEI has increased rapidly in recent years to almost double the levels traditionally experienced, and further increases are expected; and

WHEREAS many immigrant children require not only English Second Language training but also a variety of social and emotional supports to help them deal with past experiences and to integrate into Island society, and

WHEREAS many Island schools are struggling to meet the needs of these children while working to foster acceptance of greater diversity among the student body at large; and

WHEREAS the Task Force on Educational Achievement recommended that the Province develop and implement a plan to address the needs of immigrant children for official languages training and for other social supports to integration; and

WHEREAS it is also essential to develop and implement measures on a whole school basis, with community involvement, to promote tolerance and inclusion among all Island students;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PEI Home and School Federation supports the recommendations of the PEI Task Force on Student Achievement calling for greater provincial supports to the education system to provide official language training and promote social integration of immigrant children

Destination: Department of Education

**Resolution 5/06    Electronic Devices Ban During School Hours  
Submitted by the PEI Home and School Federation**

WHEREAS parents and school administrators report that a growing number of students are bringing electronic devices to school; and

WHEREAS the development and spread of communications technologies including camera phones, multi-media messaging, and the Internet is exposing Island children to new and even more hurtful and damaging forms and levels of bullying, and

WHEREAS cyberbullying targets children in their own homes and in other settings outside the school environment, and

WHEREAS electronic devices create risks of invasion of privacy and cyberbullying through inappropriate taking and distribution of photographs;

WHEREAS use of electronic devices during school hours is creating an increasing degree of distraction and disruption in the learning environment; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PEI Home and School Federation supports a ban on the use of electronic devices during school hours, including enforcement measures such as temporary confiscation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the PEI Home and School Federation urges the development of school district policies to ban the use of electronic devices during school hours such as cellphones, MP3's, camera phones, Blackberries, and portable digital assistants (PDAs).

Destination: Department of Education

## **POLICY REVIEW 2006**

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. **ACTION: Policies listed below are recommended for removal from the PEIHSF Policy Manual.**

### **I ALCOHOL AND DRUGS**

1. That the Department of Justice increase the fine for purchasing of alcohol for minors to a minimum of \$500 and that signs to this effect be posted at all liquor outlets. (1/92) (R/97) (R/02)
3. Urging government members to vote against any bill that seeks an amendment to the Liquor Control Act to allow the sale of alcohol at some retail stores . (16/94)(R/00)
4. The continued inclusion of regulations restricting the use of cannabis in all forms under the Control Drug and Substance Act. (8/82) (R/97) (R/02)

### **II CURRICULUM**

9. Ensuring parental representation on the provincial Family Life committee, specifically when examining materials which may be used as a replacement to the unit (3), "Responsible Behavior: Safer Sex" (in the "Skills For Healthy Relationships" program), and generally when any Family Life curriculum material is being developed and reviewed; and that parental input be taken with serious consideration well before a program is introduced into the schools. (19a/94) (R/2000)
10. That the Federation, Local Associations and individual members send letters to the Department of Education and Human Resources, Family Life Education committee and to the Provincial Curriculum Advisory Committee specifically detailing our concerns and requests as in this resolution. (19b/94) (R/2000)

### **IV EDUCATION**

7. A vice-principal for every Island school. (9/90) (R/97) (R/03)
9. Equal opportunity and quality of education assured for all. (3/82) (R/97) (R/03)
10. The reassurance that the Department of Education's aims, goals and objectives are acceptable to parents and incorporated and reflected in the educational system. (10/79) (R/97) (R/03)
13. Requesting School Boards to allow students to remain in their families of schools as long as the program options are the same in both families of schools and there are no other extenuating circumstances. (1/2000)
14. Support for when requests for short term unpaid leave are made to the school board, the principal be given more of an opportunity for input and that due consideration be given to the grade, the class size, the rate at which individual students in the class are progressing, and the amount of time the teacher has been absent from the class. (2/95) (R/2000)

15. Establishing a policy recommending school principal positions be changed when the principal has completed five one year terms. (12/94) (R/2000)

#### **V ENVIRONMENT**

1. Urging the Department of Education to establish "SCENT FREE" policy for our schools. (4/97) (R/03)
2. Requesting the Department of Education to immediately develop such a policy (Indoor Air Quality Policy) and put in place a system to routinely assess and address all air quality problems. (5/97a) (R/03)
3. Requesting the government of PEI and specifically the Minister of Education to direct all Island School Boards and appropriate agencies to ban the use of cosmetic pesticides on any school property, kindergarten, park, playground, university or college. (6/01)

#### **IX LITERACY**

1. Support for the *Learning and Reading Partners* program, a project of the Shane MacIsaac Health Promotion Trust. (1994) (R/97) (R/02)

#### **VII HEATH AND NUTRITION**

3. That every effort be made to keep school milk prices at current levels. (10/97) (R/02)

#### **X TEACHER TRAINING**

1. Opportunities given to all teachers to become computer literate. (4/90) (R/97) (R/02)
2. In-service training for teachers prior to introducing new programs to students. (2/78) (R/97) (R/02)

#### **V1 FUNDING - EDUCATION FUNDING**

6. Sufficient funds and personnel being allocated to maintain and improve the library resources. (10/82) (R/97) (R/2000)
7. The Department of Education in conjunction with the school boards, the P.E.I. Teachers' Federation and PEIHSF update the school funding procedures to accommodate the "total" cost of the authorized provincial curriculum. (4/96) (R/2000)

#### **XII PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION, KINDERGARTEN AND SCHOOL ENTRANCE AGE/REQUIREMENTS**

1. The development and implementation of a kindergarten program outside the student/teacher ratio. (23/87) (R/97) (R/02)

#### **XIII STUDENTS-TEACHER RATIO**

5. Removing the principal from the student-teacher ratio. (3/91) (6/93) (R/98) (R/03)

6. Requesting the Department of Education to reduce the student-teacher ratio at the Grade one and two levels (Primary grades). (11/98) (3/01)
7. Informing the Minister of Education that PEIHSF is against any increase in the student-teacher ratio and reduction in student services such as guidance counselors, resource teachers and librarians - those extra positions that are outside the ratio.
8. The Department of Education removing Grade 1 from the student-teacher ratio with the intent to lower class size. (1/91) (R/97) (R/2000)

#### **XIV SAFETY**

- V. Demanding the government of P.E.I. to adopt legislation restricting the placement of video gambling terminals to licensed establishments (ie. lounges, bars). (7/97a) (R/02)
15. Request the Minister of Education to designate and allocate sufficient funds to provide playground equipment for children with special needs. (3/2000)
16. 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)

#### **Young Drivers**

1. Implementing a Graduated Licensing System on P.E.I.

#### **SCHOOL BUS SAFETY**

8. All school buses being equipped with pre-stop yellow flashing warning lights: 8 light system. (5/87) (8/90) (R/97) (R/02)
13. Seek assurances from the Department of Education and Transportation, that they will review the present procedures for warning and stopping traffic when children are boarding or unloading from buses, with the intent of improving the safety of our children, and urgently reaffirm former policy requesting the government to reinstate two license plates on vehicles in PEI so that offending motorist can be readily identified. (2/02)

#### **XV SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS**

1. The requirement of present incumbent School Trustees providing 2 weeks notice, prior to the nomination deadline, of their intentions regarding re-offering. (9a/88) (R/97) (R/02)
2. School boards opening their regular monthly meetings to the public. (1/76) (R/97) (R/02)

3. Summaries of School Board minutes made available within each district for the public. (1/73) (R/97) (R/02)

#### **XVII SMOKING PREVENTION**

1. To urge the Prince Edward Island government to introduce legislation banning the sale of tobacco products in pharmacies, and in businesses which include a pharmacy. (4/04)
3. The work of the Council for a Smoke-Free P.E.I. in requesting government legislation to strictly enforce smoking policies for all public buildings and workplaces. (16/90) (R/97) (R/02)
4. All schools in Canada becoming Smoke-Free spaces for our children. (25/87) (R/97) (R/02)
6. To request that the provincial government establish laws that will make it illegal for children and youth to possess tobacco products. (4/02)

#### **XVIII SPECIALIST TEACHERS**

4. Full support services for integration of children with disabilities into regular classrooms. (11/90) (R/97) (R/02)

#### **XIX SPEECH THERAPY SERVICE**

1. To request the government to ensure adequate staffing on Speech Language Pathologists across the Island, so that school children will not suffer further due to lack of access to speech therapy. (1/02)

#### **XIV SCHOOL CALENDAR**

3. Ensure that schools follow the new school calendar policy (March 94) (13/94) (R/00)







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