

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

“Innovations in Learning”

**54th Annual Meeting
Book of Reports**



**Saturday, April 14, 2007
Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, Kent Street Charlottetown, PEI**

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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.

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AGENDA

AM

8:15 Registration/Visit Displays

8:45 Welcome

Business Meeting - Parliamentarian: Marion Murphy

- 1. Adoption of Agenda 2007**
- 2. Adoption of Minutes 2006**
- 3. President’s Report**
- 4. Adoption of Finance Report**
- 5. Other Reports (Accepted as circulated)**
- 6. Resolutions**
- 7. Nominations Report/Elections**
- 8. New Business**
- 9. Adjournment of Business Meeting**

9:50 Canadian Parents For French - Gail Lecky, Executive Director

10:00 Break/View Displays

10:25 Concurrent Workshops: Tell us your Priorities!

- A. Keeping in Touch**
- B. Investing in Education**
- C. Parents as Teachers**

11:15 Report back to large group

11:35 Award Presentations

11:45 Greetings from Partners

PM

12 Noon Luncheon
Guest Speaker

1:00 - 2:00 “Excellence in an Era of Declining Enrollment: Innovations in Learning”

Note: AM Sessions - City Center
Luncheon - Georgian Room
PM Session - City Center

BUSINESS PROCEDURE FOR ANNUAL MEETING

1. The Annual General Meeting is conducted in accordance with our Constitution and By-Laws. In the case of any procedural dispute, reference shall be made to Parliamentary Procedures which is based on Robert's "Rules of Order".
2. Each Local Association may have five voting delegates, but all members can attend.
3. Each voting delegate shall have one vote provided their Association 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

2006-2007

EXECUTIVE:

President	Wendy MacDonald
Past President	Martha Ellis
Vice President	Bill Whelan
Treasurer	Linda Dennis
Secretary	Denise Matheson
Executive Director	Shirley Jay

REGIONAL DIRECTORS:

Region 1	Jacquie Lidstone
Region 2	Laura Bowness & Lisa MacPherson
Region 3	Joy Shinn & Ruth Morrison
Region 4	Florence Coffin & Stephen Cousins

PEI HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION INC.

COMMITTEE DIRECTORY

2006-2007

Department of Education Standing Committees:

1. Elementary	Denise Matheson
2. Elementary Health	Laura Bowness
3. Intermediate	Lisa MacDougall
4. Intermediate Health	Ruth Morrison
5. Senior High	Linda Dennis
6. Diversity	Stephen Cousins
7. Computers For Schools/Libraries	Shirley Jay
8. Special Education	Andrew Richardson
9. Minister's Advisory committee on Computer & Information Technology (C.I.T.)	Bill Whelan
10. School Calendar	Martha Ellis
11. School Development Plan	Martha Ellis/Wendy MacDonald

Other Organizations:

12. Healthy Eating Alliance	Joy Shinn
13. Newspaper Column	Wendy MacDonald
14. Smoking Prevention (i.e. Council for a Smoke-Free PEI & PEI Tobacco Reduction Alliance - PETRA)	Shirley Jay
15. Literacy	Wendy MacDonald
16. Active Living Alliance	Denise Matheson

DIRECTORY OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS 2006-2007

WESTERN SCHOOL BOARD

Home & School

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

EASTERN SCHOOL BOARD

Home & School

Belfast Consolidated
Bluefield High
Cardigan Consolidated
Central Queens Elementary
Charlottetown Rural High
Donagh Regional
Dundas Consolidated
East Wiltshire Intermediate
Eliot River Elem/Westwood Primary
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
Queen Charlotte Intermediate
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

Janie MacWilliams
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Sherry Horne
June Ellis
Maureen Campbell/Martha Irvine
Rhonda Blanchard/Linda Celliers
Jacquie Lidstone
Lori Coulson
Darlene Arsenault
Paulette Perry
Mar McIsaac
Donna Woodside/Tammy Rix
Joanna Stewart
Suzanne Murphy
Arnold Croken
Deanna Keough
Myles Noye

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Mary Miller (Contact)
Janice Foster
Connie Macdonald
Anne Keoughan/Brenda Matecuiwicz
Edna Reid
Nancy MacDonald/Lora Lee Gordon
Beth Luttrell/Brenda Dougay
Janette Conklin/Kathy MacNeill
Kim Matters
Susan Walsh
Marie O'Hanley
Martie Murphy
Lori Ann MacFarlane
Debra Lynn Trainer
Cindy Lava
Graham Hicken/Cathy Vail
LaVerne MacKinnon
Jessie Frost-Wicks
Lori MacDonald
Inge Dorsey/Mike Ramsey
Jacinta Gallant
Teresa MacKinnon
Maria Green
Tammie Smyth/Lorie Cheverie
Andrea Studinsky/Heather Corrigan
Marcella Byrne
Iris Rodger
Linda Craig
Christine Cotton
Rhonda Speare
Laura Lee Noonan

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION INC.
MINUTES OF THE 53RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday, April 8, 2006
Rodd Charlottetown Hotel

The 53rd Annual Meeting of the Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation Inc. (PEIHSF) was held Saturday, April 8, 2006 at the Charlottetown Hotel in Charlottetown, PEI. Martha Ellis, President, welcomed delegates and introduced the provincial board members, Marion Murphy, Parliamentarian, and Georgina Allen, President of the Canadian Home and School Federation.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Martha Ellis presented the agenda, page 3 in the Book of Reports.

MOTION: To accept the 53rd Annual Meeting's Agenda as circulated.

Moved by Linda Dennis. Seconded by Joy Shinn.

Motion carried.

2. ADOPTION OF 2005 52ND ANNUAL MEETING'S MINUTES

The minutes of the 52nd Annual Meeting of the PEIHSF were presented as circulated.

MOTION: To accept the 52nd Annual Meeting's Minutes as presented.

Moved by Linda Dennis. Seconded by Jacinta Doiron.

Motion carried.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Martha Ellis has enjoyed her term as President of the PEI Home and School Federation. She highlighted sections of her report in the Book of Reports as follows:

- Task Force on Student Achievement - The Minister of Education has asked PEIHSF to take the lead in Recommendation #6 - Parental Engagement. Martha has made this a priority, and launched a school visit project, to find out what is happening now and what more could be done around parental involvement in our schools. As of March 31, Martha and Shirley Jay, Executive Director, had visited 35 schools. The new President will visit remaining schools.
- School Trustee Elections, May 2005 - Last year PEIHSF promoted the School Trustee Elections in May, encouraging all eligible voters to vote and providing information to support voter participation.
- Cyber-bullying - In March, the PEIHSF made a presentation on this serious issue to the Legislative Assembly's Standing Committee on Social Development.
- Family Literacy Project - PEI Reads was a successful project to promote parents reading more to their children. It included distribution of library key cards to students across PEI, and Family Story Nights in a number of communities.
- Island Craft Fundraiser - It is important to support our craftspeople and artisans in our communities. We are currently identifying the product lineup for next year's brochure. Thank you to the Government of PEI for their assistance with this project.
- Standing Committees and partner organizations - Thank you to board members for sitting on these committees and boards.
- School Calendar Review - Thank you to those who filled out the survey mailed to 2,500 homes.
- Extra Mile Award - Last year PEIHSF recognized two educators; this year we will recognize two more.

- Bus Driver Award - It is very important to recognize the work of bus drivers who transport our children safely to and from school each and every day. For many children, bus drivers are their first and last contact of the day with the school system. This is a new award.
- Thank you to Matheson Eyewear for donating lense cleaner and cloths for our AGM delegates.

MOTION: To accept the President’s report as circulated.

Moved by Martha Ellis. Seconded by Ken Williams.

Motion carried.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

Wendy MacDonald, Treasurer, presented the PEIHSF Finance Report for the year ended December 31, 2005, included in the Book of Reports, pages 18-22. She expressed her thanks to David Wright, CGA for his work on the financial statements, and to Martha and Shirley for all their work on fundraising.

Highlights of the Financial Report:

Total Revenues	\$ 63,063
Total Expenditures	\$ 62,212
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	\$ 851
Statement of Financial Position, Yearend	\$ 23,425

MOTION: To adopt the Financial Report as presented.

Moved by Wendy MacDonald. Seconded by Mary MacKay.

MOTION CARRIED.

5. OTHER REPORTS

Other reports were included in the 2006 Book of Reports.

MOTION: To accept reports as circulated.

Moved by Ken Williams. Seconded by Wendy MacDonald.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. RESOLUTIONS/SCHOOL UNIFORMS RESEARCH/POLICY REVIEW

Ken Williams chaired this portion of the meeting.

a) **Resolutions -**

The Parliamentarian noted that the office will do the friendly amendments changing wording to include “urges” or “recommends” in “Be It Resolved” statements as applicable.

**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, School Boards

Moved by Wendy MacDonald. Seconded by Linda Dennis.

MOTION CARRIED.

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 PEIHSF urges the Department of Education to 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 PEIHSF urges the Department of Education to 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 the PEIHSF urges the Island school districts to 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

Moved by Laura Bowness. Seconded by Mary MacKay.

MOTION CARRIED.

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 the PEI Home and School Federation urges school districts to 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, School Boards

Moved by Joy Shinn. Seconded by Florence Coffin.

MOTION CARRIED.

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, School Boards

Moved by Katherine Linkletter. Seconded by Lynn Thompson.

MOTION CARRIED.

**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, School Boards

Moved by Mary MacKay. Seconded by Linda Dennis.

MOTION CARRIED.

b) SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Ken reported on the School Uniforms research. Ken had secured a grant of \$500 from the Royal Bank for the PEIHSF, to be used to conduct the research. A UPEI student was hired to gather information on the findings of past studies and research on the impact of school uniforms. The researcher found that most of the studies applied to city settings in the United States, and that there was little Canadian and rural community research on school uniforms and their impact upon students' performance in school. However, the research found positive outcomes in schools where uniforms are worn, including reduced bullying and improvement in students' marks. Ken would like to see the research continue; more funding would be needed for this purpose.

c) POLICY REVIEW 2006

Policy statements which have been on the PEIHSF manual for more than five years are brought forward to an Annual Meeting for reconsideration on their current status. When policy actions have been addressed or replaced by more up-to-date statements, those policies can be deleted. 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 HEALTH 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)

VI 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

5. 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)

Moved by Linda Craig. Seconded by Beth Luttrell.

MOTION CARRIED.

7. NOMINATION REPORT/ELECTIONS

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

The new Executive and Board of Directors for 2006-2007 is as follows:

President	Wendy MacDonald	Term expires 2008
Past President	Martha Ellis	Term expires 2008
Vice President	Bill Whelan	Term expires 2008
Treasurer	Linda Dennis	Term expires 2009
Secretary	Denise Matheson	Term expires 2007
Region 1 Director	Lisa MacDougall	Term expires 2008
Region 1 Director	One vacancy	Term expires 2007
Region 2 Director	Andrew Richardson	Term expires 2008
Region 2 Director	Laura Bowness	Term expires 2007
Region 3 Director	Ruth Morrison	Term expires 2008
Region 3 Director	Joy Shinn	Term expires 2007
Region 4 Director	Stephen Cousins	Term expires 2008
Region 4 Director	Florence Coffin	Term expires 2007

MOTION: To accept the 2006 Nomination Report as presented.

Moved by Anna MacDonald. Seconded by Linda Craig.

MOTION CARRIED.

The new board was sworn in by Marion Murphy, Parliamentarian.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The 2006 Home and School Volunteer of the Year Award was awarded to **Lynn Thompson**, Stonepark Home and School Federation.

LIFE MEMBER

Life Membership in the PEI Home and School Federation was awarded to **Marion Murphy**, a dedicated Home and School volunteer who served as provincial president in 1986-1988 and continues to offer advice and parliamentarian for provincial meetings.

Martha Ellis thanked departing board members Ken Williams, Katherine Linkletter, Hal Perry, Dwayne Doiron, Mary MacKay, and Francis Hendricken for their many contributions to PEIHSF.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Island Products Fundraiser - This initiative was launched in the fall of 2000. Further work and planning is underway by a committee chaired by Martha Ellis. They are seeking new products and welcome suggestions from the membership. The brochure will ready in September.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the business portion of the 2006 Annual Meeting.

Moved by Ken Williams. Seconded by Linda Dennis.

MOTION CARRIED.

10. “It’s Your Turn” PANEL DISCUSSION

A panel discussion was held with Martha Ellis as the moderator. Panelists were Hon. Mildred Dover, Minister of Education; Dale Sabeau, Western School Board Superintendent; Mike Oulton, Vernon River School Principal and Phil Matusiewicz, Eastern School District Trustee. The topics of discussion addressed a number of current educational issues in our system.

11. LUNCHEON

Greetings were brought by Seana Evans-Renaud, President, PEI Teachers’ Federation, Georgina Allen, President, Canadian Home and School Federation and Marie Dionne-Sullivan, President PEI School Trustees’ Association.

Katherine Linkletter thanked Martha Ellis for her hard work and dedication to the PEI Home and School Federation and presented her with a gift.

12. “Boys and Literacy”, Dr. David Booth

The afternoon session was well attended. A talk on “Boys and Literacy” was presented by Dr. David Booth, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto.

Respectfully submitted by,

Denise Matheson, Recording Secretary

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION

Wendy MacDonald, President

The past year has been a positive and exciting one for the PEI Home and School Federation as we worked to develop a strategy to increase parental involvement in learning, and to carry out other ongoing and new projects and roles. We work to serve parents of school aged children in PEI through our mandate to pursue, "the total well-being of children and the highest standards of education for each child in the province." This year, we are proud to represent approximately 11,000 parents at 51 schools, including a number of new member locals. We are recognized as an official partner in education and the voice for parents in PEI's English language schools on issues related to students' learning and well-being.

Speaking for Parents On an ongoing basis, we seek to be the voice of parents through many channels.

We communicate to the public at large on the value of education to PEI, and we work to build public support for continued public priority on education and increased investment in education. Work in this area included our newspaper column on the first Wednesday of every month, responding and providing information to the media on many issues, and communicating through such channels as CBC's Maritime Noon show in mid-October 2006 on the issue of school fees.

We advocate for improvements to the education system through the policy resolutions passed at our Annual and Semi-Annual meetings, and through briefs and presentations to committees and consultation processes. Sometimes, these efforts lead to relatively quick results, such as the current work by the Eastern School District to develop a policy on the use of electronic devices as called for by a resolution at the 2006 AGM. In other cases, issues must continue to be brought forward over time to promote action. At the April 2006 AGM, members passed a resolution calling for the development of board policies on school fees. These have not yet been put in place. To follow up on this important issue which affects all parents, the Federation conducted a survey of local associations on fundraising approaches, issues, and concerns, which identified much valuable information. This issue will be pursued at the 2007 AGM through a workshop on *Investing in Education: Funding, Fees, and Fundraising*, at which advocacy priorities will be identified for the election campaign expected later in 2007.

Through our Board members, we participate in many committees and initiatives of the Department of Education and in the community. Through these committees and organizations, much progress has been made in promoting the health and learning of our children in a caring and supportive school environment. Thanks go to Board members for all their work and commitment in their committee roles during 2006-07, listed on page 5 of this Book of Reports.

We recognize, celebrate, and express appreciation to our volunteers, teachers and staff through our awards and through our annual Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week, which celebrated its twentieth anniversary this past February with a range of creative fun activities in schools across PEI. In June 2006, we awarded our Extra Mile Award to Charlotte Bradley, school secretary at St. Teresa's, in recognition of the host of ways in which she enhanced the day to day school experience

of the students. That month, we were also pleased to launch our inaugural Bus Driver Award, given to Leonard Kelly of the Morell family of schools for his caring approach to his work of transporting children safely. During the fall, we decided to move the Extra Mile Award to Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week. The move has been a great fit, and we congratulate Veronique Bouchard of Westisle High School and Mike Lloyd of Charlottetown Rural High School on their Extra Mile Awards which recognize their work to inspire their students to achieve and develop both academically and socially. We are now planning to move our Bus Driver Award to Bus Safety Week in the first week of the new school year, to further heighten the profile of both the week and the award.

On an ongoing basis, we work with and stay in touch with other partners in education, including school boards, trustees, the Teachers Federation and CUPE, our associate member Canadian Parents for French, and departmental staff.

We represent the Federation both within PEI and externally. At home, we are members of the Active Living Alliance, the Healthy Eating Alliance, the PEI Tobacco Reduction Alliance and Council for a Smoke-Free PEI, and the PEI Literacy Alliance and Family Literacy Network, providing a parent and family perspective to their work. Outside PEI, we are members of the Atlantic Caucus of Home and School Federations and the Canadian Home and School Federation. Through these memberships, we maintain awareness of issues in other provinces, bring new ideas and approaches back to PEI, and access opportunities and resources such as the recent Substance Abuse project. In turn, other provinces learn from the experience and approaches in PEI.

Supporting Local Associations: We also place great importance on our role of serving and supporting our local associations. Our invaluable Executive Director, Shirley Jay, always takes the time to lend a friendly ear and to draw on her long experience to provide advice, information, and ideas to local associations on a day to day basis. The office has also developed a wealth of resources over the years. To date these have mostly been available in hard copy form. Under the leadership of Vice-President Bill Whelan, we are currently working on a plan to expand and modernize our Federation website to make a much larger range of information and resources easily available to parents. As well, in past years we have been able to secure grant funding to deliver training to local associations, and we hope to do this again in the coming year. We also hope to strengthen local associations by offering them a model set of local level by-laws for adaptation to their needs. The provincial bylaws currently in use are not always suited to the realities of local level operations, and this initiative would offer a clear, consistent approach to the issues that can arise on matters such as election procedures, roles and functioning when rules are unclear.

The Federation has also worked to support local associations by developing and offering the Island Products Fundraiser. Through this fundraiser, the Federation is seeking to offer local associations access to a fundraiser with Island-made products which are high quality, value-for-money, safe and healthy. During 2006, Past President Martha Ellis, Past Vice-President Katherine Linkletter, and Executive Director Shirley Jay worked to develop the fundraiser, find new products, and coordinate the sale and distribution of products. Thanks go to them for all their hard work, creativity and effort to develop a fundraiser which allows local associations to help their schools while also supporting artists and businesses in Island communities across PEI.

Supporting Parents: Over the years, the Federation has also placed priority on providing

information and resources on a wide range of parenting issues, to assist individual parents to support their child's learning and to promote their child's healthy development. During the past year, our focus was on coordinating and supporting the delivery of parent information sessions on substance abuse. A very well attended kick-off workshop was held in late May, and during the fall and winter of 2006-07, twelve sessions were held across PEI, involving almost thirty-seven schools. There are five other schools considering or planning sessions. Our thanks go to the local associations for their hard work in organizing the sessions; to the substance abuse professionals - police officers, pharmacists, and addictions counsellors - who gave generously of their time to share their expertise at these sessions; and to Health Canada and the Canadian Home and School Federation for funding and coordinating this national project. In the coming year we hope to deliver other information sessions of value to parents.

Supporting Children: Over the years, the Federation has also worked on many projects directly aimed at children's development and learning, such as the Family Story Nights and other literacy initiatives, and the Diversity Forums held for all Grade eight students in PEI in May 2005. In the spring of 2006, Executive Director Shirley Jay and Department of Education consultant Roberta Clark followed up on these very successful forums by visiting ten intermediate schools across PEI to meet with Grade nine students, to see what the students remembered and had learned from the Forums, and to ask what more can be done to increase awareness and acceptance of diversity. Students' feedback and ideas have been compiled into a report which is available at the Federation office

The Year Ahead - Increasing Parent Involvement in Learning: Since early 2006, the Federation has worked to design and develop a strategy to increase parent involvement in education, as requested by the Minister of Education in response to the recommendation of the Task Force on Student Achievement. Work included discussions with a wide range of partners to identify priorities and develop the Action Plan. Consultations were held with partners in education including school trustees and school board staff, Canadian Parents for French, the Teachers Federation, Home and School locals and other groups. In January 2007, four focus groups were held with parents across the province, with funding from the PEI Network of the Canada Volunteerism Initiative, providing much valuable input. Discussions were held with Learning and Reading Partners and other organizations with expertise in parent involvement in learning. Building on these inputs, a proposal was developed and submitted to the Department of Education in the fall of 2006, and refined and resubmitted in March 2007, seeking funding for an Action Plan for the strategy, including funding for research, consultations, and pilot projects. We hope that this work will receive support, and be a major priority for the Federation in 2007-08.

In closing, my thanks go to my Board and Executive and to Shirley for all their hard work and support, and a special thanks to our members of the Board and Executive who have completed their terms on the Board:

- Denise Matheson, Secretary
- Laura Bowness, Region Two Director
- Joy Shinn, Region Three Director
- Florence Coffin, Region Four Director

Your Board looks forward to the coming year with all its opportunities to further increase parent involvement in education, and to work hard to promote "the total well-being of children and the highest standards of education for each child in the province."

FINANCIAL REVIEW REPORTS

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROJECT: "DRUGWISE PARENTS"
Shirley Jay, Project Coordinator

The Canadian Home and School Federation (CHSF) received funding from Health Canada for a Substance Abuse Prevention project. Provincial coordinators were established to organize provincial training sessions followed by local information sessions for parents in school regions. Professional speakers including Youth Addictions Counsellors, City Police, Pharmacists and RCMP officers were invited to present current up-to-date facts and information on substance abuse prevention.

PEI's provincial training information session held May 29/07 at Colonel Gray High School was well attended with reps from 33 schools, 3 community groups and 53 people in attendance. One evaluation comment summed up this meeting, "every parent in PEI should hear this information." Home and School Associations then organized sessions for individual schools and/or worked together organizing sessions for family of schools. Invitations were circulated to parents via school newsletters, newspapers, radio and on community notice boards.

PEI's second level training sessions have been held in the following schools/regions:

Oct. 10/06	Lucy Maud Montgomery Elem	Nov. 21/06	Morell High
Oct. 11/06	Stonepark Intermediate	Nov. 22/06	Three Oaks Senior High
Oct. 16/06	Englewood Consolidated	Nov. 30/06	Gulf Shore Consolidated
Nov. 7/06	Charlottetown Rural High School	Dec. 6/06	West Royalty Elementary
Nov. 8/06	Colonel Gray High School	Feb. 9/07	Souris Area Schools
Nov. 21/06	East Wiltshire Intermediate	March 6/07	Parkside Elementary School

Feedback forms and signup sheets were circulated at sessions to obtain an evaluation of the session and attendance numbers. These were forwarded to CHSF office where a final evaluation will be compiled for each province and the whole of Canada.

"DrugWise Parents" session detail:

- # Sessions held = 12
- # Schools represented = 37
- # Attendance = 320
- # Future sessions (under consideration) = 5

In closing, we continue to be encouraged with the response that this project has received. Parents are finding out what is happening in our communities in the area of substance abuse and want to learn more about prevention aspects to this societal problem. Some Associations are considering holding a second info session. Where there is interest, we will continue to assist with organizing information sessions.

INCREASING PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN THEIR CHILDREN'S LEARNING**Prince Edward Island Network of the Canada Volunteerism Initiative****Project report submitted by: Wendy MacDonald, President / Shirley Jay, Executive Director**

In June 2006, the PEI Home and School Federation applied for funding under the Recruiting and Supporting Volunteers Program of the PEI Network of the Canada Volunteerism Initiative. The objective of the project was to gather input from parent groups and parents on how the PEI Home and School Federation could best focus its efforts and resources at the provincial level to support and build volunteer capacity among its local associations and other parent groups, in support of increased parental engagement in learning and healthy child development.

To fulfill this objective, the project held a series of four focus groups with involved parents, during January 2007. Three of those groups involved parents from the local level, as well as several Board members at each session. Collectively, these focus groups represented almost three hundred person-years of experience and knowledge of both the benefits of and challenges to parent involvement, and provided insights of enormous value. The other session involved the Board itself, and consisted of reflection on the findings of the focus groups and the implications for the Federation's strategic priorities and its deployment of resources. Key findings are as follows:

Communication: At the first focus group, parents emphasized the critical importance of **communication** at every level. It was noted that in order to help their children learn, parents need to know what they are learning, what the expectations are, how they are achieving, and, at the simplest level, what their homework is. Many teachers communicate very well with parents, and technology is also bringing benefits to those parents with Internet access, through availability of teachers' email addresses, posting of homework, the Student Achieve system being brought in by the Department, and so forth. Nonetheless there is much scope to improve communication.. In short, as one parent said, "How can we help if we don't know?" Particular concern was expressed that when students are struggling, parents may learn it only near the end of the semester. A further dimension of this issue was addressed in the second focus group, through a discussion of the importance of a standardized approach to teaching the curriculum. It was noted that the curriculum is taught differently from school to school and even teacher to teacher, and that there are disconnects for students when moving from one grade level to the next, from one school to another, and from high school to post-secondary.

Policy on Parent Involvement: A second theme, arising particularly strongly in the first focus group, involved the need for a **policy on parent involvement**, with particular emphasis on defining the role of parents as partners. It was noted that in the US, such policies have long existed, and the National PTA has developed standards for parent involvement. In PEI, significant differences exist from school to school in the extent to which they are "parent friendly" and in the level and nature of partnerships between the school and parents. As well, it was noted, the school development planning process currently underway in several dozen schools across the province, although identifying parent involvement as one of three priority outcome areas, does not have a formal mechanism for parent involvement in the planning process, at either the provincial, board, or school level. A need was seen for a more open and inclusive school development planning process. More broadly, participants strongly supported action by PEIHSF to promote the development of a policy on parent involvement.

Policy on Volunteer Involvement: A third theme, which came out strongly at the third focus group, addressed the need for a **policy on volunteer involvement** in the schools. Participants reported a wide range of approaches at the school level to this, with some schools allowing parents to do yard duty and others not; varying requirements regarding sign-in, criminal record checks, visitor name tags, etc. None of the participants were aware of any school system guidelines on good practice, such as working in pairs, although many had encountered such information in their other volunteer roles. Concern was expressed that the increased screening required in recent years would be a deterrent to parent involvement in the school, partly due to embarrassment or reluctance to undergo checks, partly due to cost. Nonetheless it was recognized that measures are essential to ensure the safety and security of the children. Participants were supportive of action by the PEIHSF to investigate the current situation across the province and to develop measures to promote a welcoming, supportive atmosphere and consistent approach to volunteer involvement in the schools, while at the same time ensuring student safety.

Support Measures: The final area involved a range of practical suggestions to the PEIHSF on **support measures** that it could take to better support individual parents and local associations. Participants consistently reported across all groups that only a minority of parents are prepared to commit to formal long-term involvement in decision-making roles such as executive positions, or responsibility for organizing major annual events. Other priorities included how to do a newsletter, how to organize a Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week, and a Meet the Teacher Night speech outline to introduce parents to Home & School.

In addition to these and other valuable insights offered by parents to guide the Federation's strategic planning and priority setting, the process itself was very positively received by the participants. Attendees were very supportive of meeting to discuss common areas of interest and to learn more about what is happening in other Home and School Associations. They want more sessions like these. Participants indicated that they:

- appreciated the opportunity to hear other people's stories, whether negative or positive;
- had learning a great deal from the other participants;
- wanted to hear more, to do this type of information session more frequently;
- expressed a need to meet on an on-going basis to share concerns and ideas;
- were strongly interested in learning about what is happening in other schools and other districts across the Island;
- asked if we were going to meet next month to do the same type of session;
- mostly indicated that it was likely or somewhat likely that they would use what they learned at the session to increase parent involvement at the local level.

As such, it was clear that the consultation process itself made volunteers feel valued and provided useful information to them. As such, we feel this project will progressively increase the number of volunteers and enhance volunteerism in Home and School in the short and long term.

**INTERMEDIATE STANDING COMMITTEE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Lisa MacDougall**

Intermediate High Standing Committee Report, Lisa MacDougall

I was only able to attend one of the two meetings that were held this year so far. It was held on November 1st, 2006.

Discussion was held regarding the following:

- There are a number of people ending their terms on the committee and there will be requests made for some to extend their terms so there will not be so many new members at one time.
- Due to an increase of English as a second language students, a review of the current curricula will be done to ensure it is sufficient for needs.
- An ad hoc committee will be created to provide support to Phys Ed teachers, schools and boards in regard to the types of physical education and intramural activities that may occur.
- There was a moratorium placed on local pilots for the 2007-2008 school year.
- The committee will look into what can be done to improve student engagement and learning at this level.
- Updates were given on French, math and science and social studies curricula and cross curricular reading tools.

**ELEMENTARY HEALTH STANDING COMMITTEE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Laura Bowness**

This committee met in March and piloted the project in April/May. They had a meeting with the pilot teachers to review the curriculum and then accepted it. It went to the printers in July and was started in Sept 2006.

HEALTHY EATING ALLIANCE
Joy Shinn

Healthy Eating Alliance
School Healthy Eating Policy Committee
Reporting from: July, 2006 – Feb, 2007

The overall objectives of the Healthy Eating Policy Committee for the 2006/07 school year are to: support elementary and consolidated schools as they continue to develop nutrition policies finalize draft regulation for the Eastern School District's intermediate schools begin to draft regulations for the ESD high schools and the WSB's intermediate and high schools initiate policy development process with pre-schools.

The Committee held meetings in September, October and December (to date) along with a number of individual meetings with various schools, Board and Department representatives and has organized activities around the theme of "healthy eating".

Over the summer a UPEI student developed a tool to record school's adherence to the new nutrition policies. It was administered to the schools in May/June. It was found that 78% of the schools were following the policy most of the time.

In December, the first meetings took place with the WSD Intermediate and High School Student Teams. Each team consists of four students and one teacher. The schools are: Athena, Hernewood, Kensington Intermediate, Kinkora High, M.E. Callahan, Three Oaks and Westisle Composite. The day was full of activities centered on nutrition, healthy choices, and school action plans. ESD high schools have formed teams as well and will hold meetings in February, structured in the same way as the WSD meetings.

Draft regulations for ESD Intermediate schools were revised following input from Registered Dietitians, as well as meetings with foodservice suppliers and cafeteria services, as well as others. The regulations will be sent to the ESD Trustees for their review, in the spring.

A number of evaluations have taken place regarding the situation in elementary schools, including research on how schools are able to follow the healthy eating policy. Funding has also been received for UPEI students to collect baseline data (heights, weights, diet information) on grade 5 and 6 students, which will be useful as indicators of health for future research.

November 2 saw the launch of the new Nutrition Policy for the Commission scolaire de langue francais. This policy is modeled after the elementary school food policy and schools received a workbook with all materials in French, to support their individual efforts.

A number of meetings and presentations were held with preschools and funding is being sought to support future activities.

**SMOKING PREVENTION:
TOBACCO REDUCTION ALLIANCE (PETRA) & COUNCIL FOR A SMOKE-FREE PEI
Shirley Jay, Representative**

PETRA Vision

- To create a tobacco free province.

Mission

The PEI Tobacco Reduction Alliance is composed of government and non-government organizations concerned with the health, social and economic consequences of tobacco use. Members of the Alliance work together to support, implement and evaluate the goals of the PEI Tobacco Reduction Strategy; preventing tobacco use among Island youth; encouraging and helping smokers to quit; and protecting the public by promoting healthy environments and eliminating exposure to second hand smoke.

Goals

- Preventing tobacco use among Island youth and young adults.
- Encouraging and helping smokers to quit
- Protecting the public by promoting healthy environments and eliminating exposure to second hand smoke.

PETRA Partners

The PEI Tobacco Reduction Alliance operates through the collaboration of a variety of partners who are committed to its goals. The following organizations contributed to the development of this strategic update:

Canadian Cancer Society – PEI Division, Canadian Council for Tobacco Control, Council for a Smoke Free PEI, Department of Education, Department of Health (Environmental Health Services, Addiction Services, Chronic Disease Prevention), Eastern School Board, Health Canada, Heart & Stroke Foundation of PEI, Holland College, Lennox Island Health Centre, Licensed Practical Nurses Association of PEI, Medical Society of PEI, PEI Active Living Alliance, PEI Home & School Federation, PEI Lung Association, PEI Pharmaceutical Association, PEI Recreation & Facilities Association, UPEI (School of Nursing, Department of Psychology, Health Research Institute, Wellness Centre), Western School Board

PETRA Structure

The PEI Tobacco Reduction Alliance is committed to collaboration with other partners in Prince Edward Island who contribute to the Healthy Living Strategy and address a variety of risk factors. Specifically, PETRA will pursue formal collaboration with the Active Living Alliance and Healthy Eating Alliance.

As a result of funding changes in tobacco control and the evolution of PETRA, PETRA's structure is currently under review. Presently, it operates with the leadership of co-chairs who come from the voluntary membership and the collaboration of its partners. Partners have expressed a desire for clarity about the structure and expectations for partner involvement. They have indicated interest in a structure which allows flexibility for involvement based on personal/ organizational priorities, funding priorities, best practices, and partner synergy.

Guiding Principles

The following principles guide the work of the PEI Tobacco Reduction Alliance:

Evidence Based

- Initiatives will be based on solid evidence and better practices

Evaluation

- Initiatives will be thoroughly evaluated

Research

- Current research will be an integral component of Alliance initiatives and PEI's research community will be involved in project development, implementation, and evaluation

Communication

- Partners will be accountable to one another for sharing information and learning re their efforts in tobacco control

Respect

- Partners demonstrate respect for one another in their efforts to work collaboratively in tobacco control

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES 2007-2009**Strategic Area #1: YOUTH PREVENTION AND CESSATION**

- To increase our understanding of tobacco reduction strategies at the Senior High grade level

Strategic Area #2: YOUNG ADULT PREVENTION AND CESSATION

- To increase understanding of smoking prevention, uptake and behavior among young adults 19-25 yrs and pregnant teens (14- 19 years).

Strategic Area #3: ADULT CESSATION

- To increase understanding of the Island adult smoking population, particularly those in specific subpopulations

Strategic Area #4: PROTECTION

- To foster tobacco free policy for outdoor recreation facilities, green spaces, and outdoor public spaces
- To reduce exposure to second hand smoke in homes and vehicles
- To promote elimination of smoking in designated smoking rooms and on outdoor patios and decks

Strategies for Tobacco Reduction

To achieve its goals, the PEI Tobacco Reduction Alliance focuses its effort and activities on the following strategies:

- Public Education
- Comprehensive school health
- Cessation and support
- Community action
- Public policy
- Research

Council For A Smoke-Free PEI

The Council's Priorities for 2006-07 was to focus on the year as a "monitoring year" continuing to be a "watchdog" in areas such as

- Designated Smoking Rooms (DSRs) removal action - legislation will have to reopened
- Point of display ban compliance
- Smoking outdoors - Tracking complaints & gauge public concern
- Monitor tobacco industry targeting of young people (young adults in particular); targeted products (candy flavoured) appearance and promotions

Note: BC introduced legislation, Mar./07 banning smoking in public places and schools. This leaves only PEI and Alberta with DSR's!

Did you know that second-hand smoke causes at least 800 deaths in Canadian non-smokers from lung cancer and heart disease!

ALBERTON HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Janie MacWilliams, President

Executive Members include:

Shane Henderson, Vice President

Shelley Fraser, Treasurer

- A hot lunch program is provided for students which includes: hotdogs and baked potatoes once/week
- Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week (celebrated week of Feb. 26th) with a dinner prepared for teachers on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; cut flowers on table; hot food is appreciated; a great way to celebrate and say thank you to teachers and staff members
- Fundraising: we do not do a lot of fundraising but are discussing a new initiative at present
- Last fall, fundraising dollars provided new playground equipment (i.e. 6 tether balls, etc.); books for library/teachers; Sound system for the TV
- The Home and School provided funds a Fun Day for students at RODD's Mill River Resort and a day skiing at Brookvale Ski Hill.

CENTRAL QUEENS HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Connie Macdonald & Dana Coles, Co-Presidents

The Central Queens Elementary Home and School Executive members include Lynn Clow, Joanne Clow, Denise Matheson, Cheryl MacLean, Bonnie Wigmore, Michelle Newton, Sharon Weeks, Scott Glendenning, Basil Dickson, Melinda Wolters and Melissa Brownlow.

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

- Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week - provided Tuesday coffee break and Thursday hot meal. Parents provided yard duty coverage during the meal so all staff members could enjoy this event, complete with entertainment by Harpist, Ann Andrews.
- sponsored a Winter Fun Day activity
- school skate transportation sponsorship
- Spring General Meeting hosted by Home & School and Partners for Living with Dr. Jennifer Taylor presenting "Healthy Eating Choices".
- 4th Annual Spring Family Bingo in April 2006 and received a large number of volunteer 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.
- Continual collection of Campbell's soup labels and grocery receipts to support of classrooms.
- Very active in our weekly Healthy Snack Program. We are thankful for our committee and the work they do for this important program.
- Fall General Meeting with East Wiltshire on the Drug Awareness information session
- 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
Co-Chairs: Anne Keoughan & Brenda Mateishawick

Submitted by Anne Koughan & Brenda Matusiewicz, Co-chairs

Our principle activities this year include:

- Hosting “Meet the Teacher” night in September
- Attending Parent Teacher interviews in October to circulate substance abuse materials and encourage parents and students to attend
- Organizing and hosting a Substance Abuse session for parents and their children in November
- Organizing an information night for potential graduates and their parents in November
- Operating a raffle as our annual fundraiser
- Providing treats for staff during “Staff Appreciation” week in February
- Planning and hosting a presentation and reception for the Charlottetown Rural recipient of the Extra Mile Award
- Providing dance chaperones for the Charlottetown Rural prom as requested by school staff
- 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 Anne Koughan, Brenda Matusiewicz, Cathy Livingstone and Cheryl Dalziel.
- The executive are joined by an active core group of parents and additional volunteers who assist with specific projects.

DONAGH REGIONAL HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Edna Reid, President

Donagh Regional School Home and School Association report for 2006.

The Home & School Association continues to be a valuable partnership with our homes and our school. In 2006 we hosted speakers who gave us valuable information on such topics as "Healthy Eating".

Home & School hosted the annual Teacher Appreciation week and dinner. The Teacher Appreciation dinner was hosted at the end of the school year and proved to be an ideal time for teachers and staff.

Home & School provided the man power and finances for new sodding at the school. A new bike rack was purchased for the many bikers. Projects that Home & School assisted with included hosting meet your teacher night, help with a lunch program, Arts Smarts project, Heritage Fair and several other valuable projects.

Parents and school work together in many many ways to ensure our children receive the very best education.

We are fortunate at Donagh School to have a wonderful staff and a committed community.

**DUNDAS HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Nancy MacDonald & LoraLee Gordon, Co-Chairs**

Our Home and School Executive consists of: Co-Chairs: Nancy MacDonald and LoraLee Gordon
Treasurer: Paula Fay-Matheson Secretary: Sandra Morrison

We meet the last Tuesday of each month, (weather permitting) with 10-15 people in attendance consisting of parents, teachers, principal and vice-principal. We are really pleased with the support we receive from parents!

Our Grade 7/8 students are once again travelling to Montague Jr. High one afternoon per six day cycle to participate in Industrial Arts, Home Economics and Tech Arts.

PEI Volunteers for Literacy (formerly Project L.O.V.E.) takes place every Wednesday morning with five dedicated volunteers sharing their time each week with all the eager students.

The super snacks program continues to be used every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The snacks are provided by parents or from any funding that may be received.

This is the second year where we have the "Stepping Ahead" program in place where individual students are recognized for their positive behaviour in school. The students name and reason for the recognition are put on a large sneaker placed on the hallway of the school. The sneakers have already circled the entire downstairs of the school and are now heading up to the second floor!

We've been busy with several fundraising activities such as wreath sales and fudge sales. From funds raised, we've been able to replace 10 dilapidated tables to new folding tables which have proved to be quite convenient and practical.

The Home and School helps subsidize costs whenever possible for extra school activities, provides treats for all students for Santa's visit as well as continuing our goal to purchase books yearly for our library. In December, parents provided a pancake breakfast for all students and staff.

In October, the Home and School successfully provided a hot turkey dinner for the Eastern School District trustees for their monthly meeting which was held in Dundas.

For Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week, parents provided a cold lunch plate for all staff on Friday. As well, they were flooded with daily treats of home baked goods, candies and other notes/gifts. Banners of appreciation were placed in the main entryway along with each staff members name displayed on hearts and stars suspended with ribbons from the ceiling for all visitors to see that we do appreciate our wonderful staff!

We are very fortunate to have parents who are great to volunteer for our lunch program. A sign up sheet is sent home and parents are asked to fill in whichever days they can volunteer to cook. This has been very successful. On Monday, we have healthy dogs and Tuesdays, baked potatoes. Wednesday is pizza or garlic finger day. The last week of each month, chicken fingers are available.

In November, Dundas Consolidated celebrated its 40th anniversary. A committee of parent volunteers organized an Open House to mark this milestone with cake, honoured guests, a video slideshow and many photos of events from the past years.

At our February meeting, we will finalize plans for student's events for our upcoming Winter Carnival which will include another pancake breakfast for all students and staff to enjoy!

We are very proud that our Home and School is so involved in our school and look forward to continuing to work for the benefit of our students.

ELIOT RIVER/ WESTWOOD PRIMARY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Janette Conklin & Kathy MacNeil, Co-Chairs

- We have a small Home and School executive that meets several times a year.
- Provincial Home and School- hosted the Semi-Annual meeting in October at Westwood Primary
- Fundraising by Home and School through cookie dough sales generated funds to assist in purchase of surround-sound systems, library resources and playground equipment, special needs equipment, audio visual equipment, the Dare Program,
- Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week is always a success with lots of goodies being brought in by the H&S and parents for all the teachers to enjoy.
- Family Fun Day Volunteer group did the leg work for organization of this 2nd annual event in May, but unfortunately it was postponed due to adverse Weather on two separate dates and in the end was cancelled altogether. We intend to regroup again the year to try it again.
- Drug Awareness Presentation: 50 + parents were in attendance and it was very well received. It was a great presentation by Kevin MacNeil , in fact it ran late because there were so many questions and comments. They would like to do it again once a year.
- Co-chair and Treasurer positions were up for nomination this year and both were filled with present members of the executive and members at large.
- We are continuously trying to come up with ideas to entice volunteers to join our Home and School and to come to our general meetings. Attendance is very low at these.

ELLERSLIE ELEMENTARY 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 2006-2007 school year at Ellerslie Elementary School.

With our first meeting of the year, we reviewed the playground equipment that we will be having installed in the spring. Arrangements were made to order, install and have ground preparation. It was wonderful to have the support and guidance of the West Prince School Board.

We were fortunate to have a volunteer who took on the job of the Teacher/Staff Appreciation week. She organized activities that included the kids and called on parents to contribute either in helping teachers or snacks and dinner for the teachers and staff.

In the spring a variety concert was organized to help with fundraising. It was very well attended with great volunteers helping out.

Our Grade six closing was restricted to a specific date this year by the Minister of Education. This played havoc with the ability to attend the other school closings as many parents and especially grandparents had to choose which closings they could attend and not attend. Therefore, many of our parents of the grade six class expressed being cheated due to the shortened version of the program for their children at the elementary level. As president, at the beginning of the 2006-07 school year, I expressed this concern directly to the Minister in an e-mail. Unfortunately, I was informed by the Minister that this will not be changed to accommodate the concerns.

During the summer, the new playground equipment was received and installed by a local contractor and many volunteers. It was a great success and we have children both during school time and outside of school time enjoying the equipment.

Our Home and School started up once again in the fall. Once again experiencing minimum participants in the meeting. As in other years, a form went out to parents who are able to volunteer in other capacities. This method has proved beneficial when calling on parents to help out for school activities. At our first meeting in September, we were shown the new layout of the library. Comfy chairs and very inviting area with lots of space. The school also purchased indoor air hockey and fuse ball games for children to use. In September children participated in the Terry Fox Run at the school.

In October, all grades attended a friendship presentation at Westisle High School.

The sound system was upgraded for the stage in the common school area.

Maurice Bernard offered free art classes to students then anyone who was interested to go further could attend his classes for a fee.

Once again, we had a successful ADL Frozen Food fundraiser. However, we are planning next year to give the children more time for receiving orders. We also may look into the Christmas fundraiser offered by the Provincial Home and School Federation.

Home and School sponsored the DARE Program for the grade six students. It was an excellent program run by a very capable RCMP officer. The children learned lots of useful information that they will carry with them to future years.

The grade three students participated in the "I'm Thumbody Program" All the grade one to six students recorded the minutes spent reading on Monday, October 23rd and it was in the "millions".

Sports were active in the school this year with the grade six boys placing first in the six elementary schools. The school choir once again participated in taping a song for the Children's Wish cd.

The Homework Club was very active this year and enjoyed by students. The school has seen an increase in reading for enjoyment by students. The lunch schedule had been changed with reading time scheduled each day and also a fixed classroom dedicated to the library .

We were also fortunate to have two children move in from another country with English as their second language. They are fitting in great and the other children are thoroughly enjoying their sense of humor.

In December, the children were treated to a school skate. A new policy that Home and School is supporting is that all children have to wear helmets and gloves before going on the ice. The Christmas holidays were later this year and this appears to have gone over quite well.

ELM STREET ELEMENTARY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Maureen Campbell, President**

Maureen Campbell, President
Marta Irvine, Vice - Angie Matheson
Secretary - Karen Gallant, Treasurer

Our September started right off with a bang with our annual school wide fund raiser. We tried something new this year promoting community businesses along with the Norcard Card and Calendar program. We sold fresh Christmas Wreaths, Coffee's and Hot Chocolate and Epicure Dips. In general, we were pleased with the sales.

Our Home and School continues to operate the hot lunch program which is offered every Friday. We prepare hot dogs once a month, Greco Pizza once a month, Subs once a month and fresh Salads/Chicken Burger the other Friday. This year we noticed that many more children were coming without lunch to school. With help from two of our staff, Home and School stocks a cooler with bread, sliced meats, cheeses, juices, fruit and other assorted snacks for these children.

We participated in the Pilot Project of the Lunch Express. We had Bridget McKinney Palmer and Karen Churchill Gamble as guest speakers at a meeting to hear about their new project. As a result of their presentation we decided to participate.

Our Home and School continues to operate a Healthy Snack Program which parent volunteers bring a prepared snack into each classroom every second week. This is our fourth year for this program and is well received by all students and staff.

Home and School celebrated National Child's day by giving all of our 500 children homemade cookies and juice. This year we had red and white rubber wrist bands made with our school name and each child was given one. They wear them proudly!

Elm Street Home and School has been moved to the Planning stage for our new Gymnasium/renovations. We have had several government members including Minister Mildred Dover and Premier Pat Binns through the school in the past months and we feel positive about what lies ahead.

Our Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week was once again a wonderful week in which incredible parents from our school community helped celebrate our school staff by providing lunches, snacks, treat bags, games and so much more. We purchased new dishes and supplies for our Staff/Home and School kitchen. We had in class scavenger hunts with the winners receiving \$50.00 Indigo gift certificates for new books. We had six lucky classes!

Other monies that we have spent this school year include - funds towards our Literacy Days, School Christmas trip to the Confederation Center, a new laminator for our school, locks for our grade six students for Practice for Grade 7, four Alpha Smart Systems, 30 pairs of Snowshoes, we support our School Breakfast Program, Funds for our School Drama Program

Elm Street Home and School remains a small but very active group of individuals who work very hard to help make a difference within the school.

ENGLEWOOD HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Kim Matters and Bonnie Ralph – Co-Chairs

Members of Executive

Kim Matters (Co-Chair), Bonnie Ralph (Co-Chair), Marion Toole (Vice-President), Neila Auld (Treasurer), Crystal Bell (Secretary), Beth Shaw, Ida MacDonald, Cindy Darbyson (Directors).

Lunch and Snack Program

Our primary initiative is the snack and lunch program at Englewood. We are into our third year.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday we offer hot lunches for \$2 that vary from macaroni and cheese, lasagna, soups, baked potatoes, chicken burgers, etc.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays we offer fruit and vegetable trays (free) that include a selection of 3 items (varying each week) plus cheese pieces.

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

This year we instituted “lunch coupon sheets” – parents can buy a sheet of 20 or 40 coupons – it alleviates having to have change and is less work for the committee.

We continue to get wonderful support from the businesses in the community (money donations); farmers (donating potatoes), and community members who volunteer to prepare the trays for classroom delivery. We have upwards of a hundred parents volunteering – baking, cutting for trays, shopping, etc.

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

Fundraising

Our fundraising this year was “Volume Two” of our “Classy Cooks” Cookbook, which is still underway. All recipes were contributed by parents and had every child acknowledged. We also had a teacher and some parents refurbish used computers that were donated and sold to families for \$50. That raised \$1000. Most of our money raised is earmarked for the Healthy Eating Program. This year we did contribute \$1,000 to the Library for books, as well as cost for Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week and to financially assist families requiring medical services for children in Halifax.

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

Glen Stewart Elementary Home and School has had a very full year. We have added information nights to some of our monthly meetings. Topics include helping with homework and Internet safety. We hope to expand these in the future.

Our main fundraisers of a Christmas craft fair and T shirt sales have enabled us to support several programs within the school including DARE for Grade 6, owl pellet dissection for Grade 4 and the science fair. Other purchases include a new freezer and classroom books.

We had a very successful celebration during Teacher and Staff appreciation week. Parents provided lunch for all the staff on Valentine's Day. There were draws for prizes donated by parents and gifts for the support staff.

Two new fundraising events were successfully initiated to support our new playgrounds, sale of bulbs from Vesey's and a Spring Fling. The Spring Fling saw teachers and parents provide fun for the whole family through crazy games and attractions. It was very popular and provided a fun event for the whole school community. Both of these new events are planned again for this spring.

Our group has a subcommittee, Glen Stewart Greater Grounds, which has been fundraising and working hands on to improve the outdoor areas at the school. We have planted literally hundreds of trees and installed gardens. We have installed a paved play area. Our wheelchair accessible trail is now complete and picnic tables are ready to go in.

The committee has been successful in raising sufficient funds to install two new playgrounds at Glen Stewart. One of these is a large standard playground with many overhead and climbing elements. The cost is \$25,000.

The other playground, **Eagle's Nest**, will be special not just for our students but for many others as well. This playground is a Boundless" Playground and will be only the second such play area in Canada. It will cost over \$210,000 and of this amount \$70,000 will go the special rubber surfacing which allows wheelchair access.

At first glance, a **Boundless" Playground** will look like any other playground, with swings and slides and play equipment that is fun to climb on, under and around.

A closer look will reveal that some of those swings have high backs for children who need extra support. Play panels will be elevated to allow children in wheelchairs to easily access them so kids of all abilities can play together. Playhouses and cubbies will offer pleasant spaces for those that prefer quiet areas. Stepping stone paths can help develop balance. Instead of steps, there will be ramps. All children can get to the highest play deck to feel like the king of the hill, and when

they get there, there will always be something for them: a conversation area, play panels, a slide; and the slide will have handgrips at the top for easier access. The areas under the playground will be high enough to allow wheelchair access to play panels and conversation areas.

Playground equipment is designed so that children with physical, intellectual, developmental or sensory disabilities can actively participate with all of their friends. The real magic, however, is that the very play activities included for the children with special needs are often the most popular with the children with the ability to play anywhere.

A **Boundless Playground** also offers an alternative for families with disabled adults, allowing them to more closely supervise and enjoy their child's playground time.

We are planning a grand opening for the playground in June and at that time will be thanking our many supporters.

The parents at Glen Stewart would like to take this opportunity to thank the teachers and support staff that work hard for our children and community every day. A very special note of thanks goes out to our principal Pat Campbell and vice-principal Marilyn MacLean who always put our children first. They make our school what it is, a caring place to learn.

LUCY MAUD MONTGOMERY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Debra Lynn Trainor, President

The members of the L.M. Montgomery Home and School Executive for the 2006-07 year are:

Valerie Herring MacBeath - Secretary

Lynn Jardine - Treasurer

Tina Vessey - Vice President

Debra Lynn Trainor - President

Maxine Doran - Past President

In September 2006, all parents were invited to the school to the "Meet the Staff" night. It is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to meet the school staff and have a chance to chat with their students' new teacher. The evening is always well attended and it gets our year off to a great start.

Our Home and School hold 5 meetings a year. The Executive meet for brief meeting prior to each general meeting. We often begin our general meeting by having a guest speaker on pertinent topics such as nutrition, cyber bullying, parents as first teachers, etc.

Our lunch program is very successful thanks to the many parents who volunteer their time under the direction of our Lunch Coordinator, Valerie Herring MacBeath. We serve hotdogs twice a month. Cheese pizza and baked chicken nuggets are offered weekly with milk (white and chocolate) and orange juice offered daily.

In November we had our annual Family Fun Night, which is a fundraiser that we have been doing for several years. This fundraiser is coordinated by Christine MacDonald and many parent volunteers. It was a huge success for our school and was the largest one we've had and this event raised more than the other years before. This Family Fun Night is geared so that the whole family can enjoy themselves while still financially support the school. We see families and students come to this event even after they have moved on to the junior high schools.

We recently celebrated Staff Appreciation Week. Heather Watts is our Hospitality Coordinator and she worked with her committee to ensure that the staff received treats daily along with a hot meal on the last day of the Appreciation Week.

We continually are amazed by the wonderful staff that work with our children. A big thank you to all of them and to the parents who are so good to support our school. We are very lucky to have such a great group of people working together - - - our children can only benefit from this partnership!

M. E. CALLAGHAN JUNIOR HIGH HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Paulette Perry, President

President: Paulette Perry

Vice: Judy Morissey Richard

Treasurer: Michele MacDonald

Secretary: Patti Maillette

Our group is very small, consisting of mainly our executive, school principal and two teacher reps. We have a couple of new faces this year so that is very encouraging as we have been struggling to keep our association active for the past couple of years.

So far, we have held 3 meetings with another scheduled for late March.

Our school principal's main objective for us this year is to have the parents more visible within the school. We started off our year by sponsoring a costume judging contest for Halloween where we awarded prizes to students in various categories. The judging panel consisted of parents and it was declared a success as the students now want it to become an annual thing. We also provided a canteen service at the Halloween dance which followed.

In December, we did a Christmas trivia. Free ice cream treats were given to the winning homeroom. We provided another canteen service at their Christmas dance.

Of course in February it was all about Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week. We provided treats for them all week long with a hot potluck meal on Tuesday. We were also approached by the school to help them with a pancake breakfast for the students during winter carnival week. The school provided the funding and parents from organized the event. Both parents and teachers helped to make about 600 pancakes that the students got to enjoy when they arrived at school.

This spring, we are working on a major fundraiser. Funds are to be divided up in different areas where needed. One big project that our school is working on is a cardio room that will be used by students and staff. We also have a monthly bake sale to help with this. Parents supply baked goods over lunch and the students have the opportunity to purchase them.

MISCOUCHE HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Mar McIsaac, President

Mar.McIsaac, President

Mary MacKay, Treasurer

Kendra MacIntyre, Secretary

We do not have a Vice-President yet.

Due to weather, we only had 3 meetings since the fall. Our Nov. meeting had a guest , Michelle Johnson from the Paper Attic, to show us how to "Scrapbook the School Years". Everyone had a great time.

All our meetings seem to get to the subject of lunches for the kids. We do not have a cafeteria in our school but we order in pizza on Wednesdays and make hotdogs on Friday. We decided to get Subway for the last Friday of the month and the kids really enjoy this. We also cooked spaghetti last week and that went over real well. That will mean we do hotdogs twice and spaghetti and subs once a month.

The parents in our school are wonderful in their volunteering. We always have someone to do whatever is asked.

We had a wonderful Teacher/Staff app. week. Lots of parents helped us create "The Miscouche Tropics" and the staff was treated to many treats all week. But our appreciation is not over. The day of parent/teacher interviews, we do a potluck supper for them since they have to stay all day.

For fundraising we do a Christmas Basket at our concert and the magazine campaign coming up at Easter. We will probably be helping to revamp our sports equipment since everything else at the school seem to be under control.

The past presidents at our school did such a great job when they were here that there is not much left for me to do. But I am sure our Principal will find something, they always do.

MONTAGUE CONSOLIDATED HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Cindy Lava, President

- ▶ Montague Home and School Association does one Annual Fundraiser, Vesey Seeds bulbs; this fundraiser works well - "if it isn't broken, don't fix it!"; also they do not consider chocolate bar sales because of the Eastern School District's healthy foods policy

- ▶ They meet regularly to consider and revise the lunch program, adding or removing menu items; children get tired of same things being offered and welcome a change in the menu

- ▶ Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week is celebrated for the whole month of February on Fridays; they do something special for the staff every Friday...

For example: One Friday = a card and chocolate was placed in staff mailboxes; other Fridays = Muffins and/or fresh fruit with scones; a hot meal was prepared during parent/ teacher interviews...with approx. 48 staff members included; flowers were placed in the staff room; bus drivers and custodians received a thank you card with Tim Hortons coupons enclosed

PARKDALE HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Jessie Frost-Wicks, President

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

Our meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month. Attendance at the meetings is generally comprised of two teachers and the executive, however we have a wonderful community of parents who are always at the ready to support our efforts and volunteer their time and abilities.

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

1. Christmas Craft fundraiser through the Home and School Federation.
2. Annual Christmas Concert fudge and bake sale and 50/50 draw.
3. Spaghetti dinner at the Superstore Community Room.
4. Pancake breakfast at the Superstore Community Room.
5. During Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week, we provided daily snacks and a lunch as well as covering playground duty each day for lunch and recess. We were also able to recruit donations from local businesses to provide two draws each day for the deserving teachers and staff.
6. A barbecue and "Spring Gardening Basket" raffle is planned for later in the spring.

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

We continue to assist Parkdale Elementary with their efforts to establish the "Playground Fund" which will cover the costs of the Kaboom playground which was built in August, 2005. To that end, we are having a magazine sales campaign jointly with the school in March, the proceeds of which will go toward the playground. Our Association has been able to make some significant contributions 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.

PARKSIDE HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Joanna Stewart, President

President: Joanna Stewart

Vice-President: Chrysta Blanchard

Treasurer: Cindy Mollins

Secretary: Crystal Gaudet

Members at Large: Sandra Hall and Kendra Gaudet

Meetings:

We meet once a month, usually the second Tuesday of the month for one to one and a half hours.

We review ongoing projects, getting updates from the leaders of different subcommittees and discuss upcoming events. We have not as yet discussed any curriculum related issues.

Guest Speakers: Dale Sabean was invited to help parents to understand why teachers were being juggled about through the school day at Parkside, why there were not more full time teachers in the classrooms and what could be done about it.

Parents Volunteering: Parents come in on Wednesdays to serve pizza and the last Friday of the month to serve hot dogs. A new reading at lunchtime program has begun once a month where enough parents are brought in to read so that all the teachers are able to have lunch together in the staff room. Everyone loves this. Parents come in to the library to help re-shelve books at their own convenience.

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week:

We organized a potluck for Tuesday and snacks from Monday through to Friday.

We cleaned out cupboards and restocked with new dishes and utensils.

We also made decorative name plates for the doors of classrooms, office, janitorial, etc.

Fundraising:

Hot dogs

Christmas Gift Shop

Art Gallery (March)

Family Fun Day

Charity and Community Involvement:

Unicef at Halloween

Adopt a Family at Christmas

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:

Maria Green (President) 894-5562, mtgreen@gov.pe.ca

Sheila Coleman (Secretary) 566-2220, sands@eastlink.ca

Lisa Geldert (Treasurer) 894-4296, the.gelderts@pei.sympatico.ca

Mike Ramsay (Grounds) 569-1880

Programs/Responsibilities***Food Program***

This 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. Our school has changing its lunch hour schedule so that the students do their outdoor activity first and then return to their classrooms to eat lunch. The students enjoy this and are quite ready to settle down and eat their lunch when they come in from outside.

Safe Arrival Program

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.

Grounds Improvement

In the Spring and Fall 2006, we were able to provide many enhancements to the outdoor play area. As well, a rock wall was installed in the gym which has been a big hit with the kids.

Activities***Meeting Schedule***

Regular meetings are generally held once a month. All parents and teachers are welcome to attend.

Fundraising

This will be a 3rd year for our magazine subscription fundraiser. It has been a great boost to us the past two years. Last fall we again 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.

Information Seminars

In November 2006, we had Lloyd Mallard in to speak on how parents can play a supportive role in their child's learning. Early March 2007, we held our Substance Abuse Seminar in conjunction with our evening Parent-Teacher interviews.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week

We celebrated our Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week on February 12 -16. Key activities included: Monday: muffins and coffee; Tuesday: a basket of school supplies and goodies was provided to staff to sift through; Wednesday: homemade hot/cold buffet, with supervisory duties looked after by parents; Friday: munchies at St. James Gate. Throughout the week, names were drawn for gifts donated by local businesses.

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.

ST. PETER'S CONSOLIDATED HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Andrea Studzinski & Heather Corrigan, Co-Chairs

St.Peter's Bay Consolidated Home and School Association

Heather Corrigan

Andrea Studzinski

Co-Chairpersons

Greetings from St.Peter's Bay Consolidated! We've had a busy year in our Home and School. Our executive consists of Heather Corrigan and Andrea Studzinski, co-chairpersons, Dawna MacInnis, secretary, and Kathy MacEwen, treasurer.

We have planned 7 meetings for this year. We have continued to support St.Peter's Consolidated as being an "Idle-Free" School Zone. We had representation at the P.E.I. Home and School Semi- Annual Meeting with Minister Dover. We also had representation at a meeting held at the Provincial Home and School office which discussed increasing parent involvement in the Home and School. We have also planned to have the Rev. Sandy Clark as a guest at one of our spring meetings. We have had some discussion on small school viability and ways to ensure that St.Peter's Consolidated is a continuing centre of our community. Another topic which provided discussion was the proposal from the Department of Education and the School Board to increase the Professional Development days in the Morell family of schools by up to 4 more days per school year.

During Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week, parents generously donated treats on the Monday and Friday, as well as providing a full roast chicken dinner for all teachers and staff on the Wednesday.

Our fundraising for this year will be a community brunch to be held Sunday, April 22nd . It is the second year running for this fundraiser and was a resounding success last year. No final decisions have been made for the use of the money raised but a decision will be made soon.

St. Peter's Consolidated has turned 40 years old as of December, 2006. The Home and School will host a 40th Anniversary Open House in partnership with the school on May 27th.

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 Teacher/Staff 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 and 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.

STONEPARK INTERMEDIATE HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Iris Rodger, President

Iris Rodger, President and Treasurer

Hilda Kennedy, Secretary

We started the year with making changes to our volunteer list which was then given out at Meet the Teacher night. We still had our looney/tooney jar for donations for registration fees for home and school which still seems to work well.

Stonepark Home and School hosted a Drug Awareness Seminar, October 6, 2006 which was attended by a dozen or so parents who got to hear what our teens are facing on the streets today and what we as parents can do to help them and watch for signs that they are in trouble. We want to keep them safe. Parkdale School joined us in this presentation.

Composites will be finished by June and the school will continue yearly with this project. A lot of bake sales were held to make the finances available for this pricey project but they look nice and graduating students will be remembered.

Hilda Kennedy, Lynn Thompson, and I attended the provincial PEIHSF Semi Annual meeting and all resolutions were passed.

We took part in the PEIHSF initiative for the "Magic of Christmas" fundraiser which went over very well.

We still have a student suggestion box which students use quite often.

Lynn, Hilda, and I were invited to attend an information session at PEIHSF office with other Home and School Association reps to discuss how to get more parents involved.

Teacher Staff Appreciation Week went well with Monday candy baskets put out for teachers and staff, Tuesday baskets of fruit, Wednesday poems and mints, and Thursday a luncheon was served.

Last year we tried a new time and luncheon for Grade 9 Closing. This went over well. A few changes we will make but seems a better time then evening for graduation.

We have had a good year and look forward to attending the Annual PEIHSF meeting.

VERNON RIVER CONSOLIDATED HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Christine Cotton, President

Home and School Executive:

Christine Cotton	Co-President
Margaret Wilton	Co-President
Tracy Lea	Co-Treasurer
Janice Prosper	Co-Treasurer
Cathy Shaw	Co-Secretary
Tanya Ryan	Co-Secretary

To-date we have had two regular Home and School meetings. With four more scheduled. But if the need arises, we will add more to our scheduled calendar.

Some of the issues that we have tabled at our meetings have been our rebuilding efforts for our Hot Lunch Program. The building of committees (i.e. Fundraising, head check, microwaves), the creation of the school development plan, the planning for a drug awareness meeting, as well as the construction developments regarding the Montague Regional High School.

We have been brainstorming over the last couple of weeks to try to come up with some ideas in which we would like to show our appreciation to our many teachers and varied staff that makes our school tick. Some of our ideas are to provide a light lunch, some tasty snacks, some flowers and cards full of thanks and appreciation.

Some of the many ways in which our parents and community members have volunteered in our school is with our Head Check Team, and also with our School Reading Program, where many of the retired citizens in our community come in and read to a child or listen to a child read.

We have scheduled a few different fundraising events throughout the school year. We sold Christmas cards and paper early in the fall with fairly good success. At our Christmas concert we sold fudge and also held a cake auction. This is a pretty easy fundraiser, which makes a reasonable amount of money. Our main fundraiser that we have planned is for the spring in which we have a meat draw. This ironically is timed for BBQ season.

We annually purchase and give awards to the graduating grade 9's. As well we also donate funds to the grads for them to decorate for their dance and dinner. At the last Home and School meeting of the year we as a collection, decide where and how we will spend the monies that have been raised, in a way that our children will benefit most, either through education or through play.

Some of the other items that we table in our regular yearly agenda's are a, Volunteer Appreciation Tea, that's held every May. We also discuss the planning and production of our, Annual Welcome Back Picnic that we hold the first or second week in September, and also our End of Year Field Trip/Fun Day.

All in all a very positive and productive year, with everyone involved working together with the same goal in mind, "to give our children the best that they deserve". And the only way to achieve this high standard, that we all have set, is to remember that our children are our #1 priority. And you only get out what you put in. I strongly believe it's time well wasted.

WEST ROYALTY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Laura Lee Noonan, President

Schools are busy places. Parents are busy people. Yet, it is always with amazement and respect I watch these two groups work diligently to help our children be active, healthy learners.

The Home and School Association at West Royalty School meets on a monthly basis to plan for new initiatives, maintain current practices and activities, and to evaluate and review those initiatives and activities undertaken by school staff and the association. We kicked off the school year with a strong and active presence during *Meet the Teacher*. This was an opportunity for our association to display information about the various initiatives and activities planned for the upcoming year. Parent members were on hand to share information with parents who were interested in learning more about these events and to encourage additional parents to become involved in these activities. It was a great recruitment strategy and we saw many parents sign up for already identified activities or volunteer to lead new initiatives at the school.

West Royalty Home and School has lead and/or supported the following initiatives/activities to date:

- International Walk to School Day (Thursday, October 5th, 2006 - Minister of Health, Hon. Chester Gillan; MLA - Wayne Collins; Ch'town Mayor - Clifford Lee and Councillor - Ken Gillis, were all in attendance);
- Magazine Fundraising Campaign (September-October);
- Halloween Dance for students and their families;
- Remembrance Day Assembly with Guest Speakers;
- A Substance Abuse Workshop for parents;
- Participation in H & S Federation Christmas Gift Catalogue Fundraiser;
- Participation in West Royalty Community Centre Christmas Craft Sale - all funds raised to support the Grade 6 class trip (June, 2007);
- School Clothing - students/families had an opportunity to order hoodies, t-shirts, and hats;
- Supported a family in need of support during the Christmas season;
- Trees, Leaves and Clover Committee continues to expand the green spaces and to create an Acadian Forest on the 11 acres of land acquired adjacent to the school;
- Healthy Eating: we continue to offer healthy lunch options for students to purchase three times a week, and offer a complimentary healthy snack program to students each month;
- Parent Workshop on Reading Strategies;
- School Winter Carnival Event for students, families and community members; and
- Provided financial support to the following school initiatives to date: Trees, Leaves and Clover / Green Spaces; School Christmas Concert; Student Leadership Training; the Healthy Snack Program; Christmas Family support; School Jersey's; Teaching Resources; a Rock Wall for the Physical Education Program; Microwaves in all grade 5 and 6 classrooms; Staff Appreciation Week - including \$100/teacher to purchase needed resources; and School Winter Carnival Festivities.

We also expect to support the following initiatives in the upcoming months:

- Parent Workshop on Writing Strategies;
- a Parent Survey as part of the School Development Initiative;
- development of a parent resource library;
- preparation and distribution of a healthy food choices recipe book (submissions by staff, student and families);
- the school Fun Day in June; and
- various grade level end-of-year activities.

The focus for West Royalty Home and School Association this year was to offer opportunities for parents to be more engaged in their child's learning. Through the involvement of school staff, we've been able to offer workshops to parents in a variety of important areas. It is our plan to continue these opportunities so our students continue to learn and our school, our families and our community continues to develop and support this learning.

West Royalty Home and School Executive includes:

President, Laura Lee Noonan

Vice President, Patsy Biggar-Smith

Treasurer, Joann Craig

Secretary, Lisa Cox

Past President, Mike MacDonald

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