

**Parent Engagement Opportunity Fund
June, 2009**

Tracadie Cross Consolidated Home and School Association

President: Linda Craig

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Name of Project: Tracadie Cross Consolidated Commemorative Yearbook

Goal(s):

- To involve parents in raising the awareness of students about the history of their school.
- To provide students and their families with a memoir of their school upon its closing.

Description:

Using facilities at the school, students assisted their parents in compiling and formatting a Tracadie Cross Yearbook using photos and historical information from the school.

Did you achieve your goal?

Yes, parents, students and community members came together, pooling their resources, skill, time and energy to complete this project. Contributions included computer skills, writing, researching, photography - as well as organizational skills.

Who did the project benefit?

Parents, students and community members benefited from the value of their worthwhile contributions, as well as from the reward of having a wonderful completed memento of Tracadie Cross School, upon its closing.

What challenges are you still facing with parent engagement?

Our Home and School is pleased with the parent engagement in Tracadie Cross Consolidated, especially over these last few months regarding the issue of the school closure. We look forward to joining with the Mt. Stewart Home and School Association, and continuing to engage in our children's school experience.

Thoughts about the project topic (provided by project partners)

Tracadie Cross school closed in June 2009 - a difficult time for all involved. Parents, students, and the community came together to celebrate the rich history of the school by producing a Commemorative Yearbook. The book was a joint effort that required information gathering, writing, researching, photography, organization and finally, production.

Such a yearbook is a legacy that will be used by the community in the years to come to remember and celebrate; not to celebrate the closing of the school, but to celebrate the impact of a community's "center of learning" on hundreds of students who attended Tracadie Cross School during its years of operation.