

Home and School Meeting

January 22nd,2025

Present: Jenna White, Sylvie De Sousa, Caitlin Bradley, Tonia Fraser, Tracy Knox, Mike McCormack, Rebecca Barter

Recorder: Jenna White

- 1) Sylvie called the meeting at 7:04PM
- 2) **Approval of the Agenda for January 22nd,2025-** Motion to approve the agenda by Caitlin Bradley and seconded by Tonia Fraser
- 3) **Approval of minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes November 12th,2024 by Tonia Fraser and seconded by Mike McCormack. Motion Carried.

4) **Business arising from minutes:**

Bingo Night:

Bingo is off till late April. Sylvie and John Munro agreed for that time frame. Home and School would like to ask John if he will MC the event.

Sylvie is going to check to see if the lotto license for the 50/50 is still valid.

John's Notes from business arising from November 12th, 2024 minutes:

- Property Services have placed a partition underneath the stall in the girl's bathroom. No issues reported since.
- Newsletter reminder for parents to cook the 5 minutes lunches up at home to be reheated at school. No issues reported from Homeroom teachers.
- This past year, we have had 5 meals planned by the school with help from Home and School members. Home and School wondered about the amount of money left over from these meals. With the money collected, and taking away from the amount spent (after purchasing some items and the food bought for the students and staff), we are currently short \$41.00. We do not need to share this cost as the school will absorb this amount. Home and school discussed opening an account at Vicky's wholesales and ADL.

- We had Barvela Pizza on Thursday, January 16th. It was very well received, and we look forward to doing it again in a future meal.
- We did retakes for three grade 9 students as requested from Home and School. The Burgundy gown was taken by mistake a few years back. We will have a permanent red gown at the school.
- We made announcements, and a sign-up sheet online for both the Home Alone/Babysitting course. We have 14 students (needed 10) for the Home Alone/First Aid Training, but not enough for the babysitting course (8/10). If Sylvie can find a date that will work, we can send the information to the students and parents to sign up with the person running the session.
- Mrs. Williston shared with parents in her class about the new integrated curriculum for the 5/6 class during parent teacher interview times. For Home and School interests, here is an overview of the program:
- **Vision of Program:**

The Vision for the Prince Edward Island Grade 6 Integrated curriculum is to enable and encourage students to explore the world around them through an integrated, transdisciplinary lens. This approach emphasizes natural connections within the curriculum and makes learning more authentic and relevant for students. It dissolves the boundaries between traditional subjects and organizes them into conceptual lines of inquiry to promote integrated thinking at a deeper level. "When learners are able to go beyond the facts of basic skills to see patterns and connections to related concepts, and when they can understand the deeper, transferable significance of their learning, then their thinking is integrated at a conceptual level" (Erickson, Lanning and French, 2017, p.15). The integrated curriculum capitalizes on the interconnected nature of knowledge and aligns with how real-world challenges are addressed.

Curriculum Strands:

- * Inquiry Skills
- * Disciplinary Knowledge
- * Digital Skills
- * Social Emotional Learning Skills

* Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Skills

5) Principals Report:

- The Public Schools Branch Review Report was presented Nov.26th,2024. A Copy was shared with Home and School. At this stage, the recommendation for our school is the status quo to be maintained, which is great news! As our students go to Montague Regional Highschool the report recommended the status quo at Montague Regional Highschool be maintained, but the situation be monitored.
- The school has continued to have monthly activities with the residents from the Gillis Lodge. We have had reading with and to seniors in November, December, and are scheduled for January 30th. We also had a group of students go to the Gillis Lodge to sing Christmas Carols in December. This collaboration has been very well received by the Lodge, and the students have enjoyed the experience. Thanks to Christina, Douglas, William, and other staff for their work with our seniors.

-On January 2nd and 3rd, our staff was involved in both individual professional developments, as well as school Social Emotional planning. Our staff, with the support of the students and the community, will be hosting a day of activities learning about other cultures to further our learning about cultures in our community, and around the world. Stay tuned!

- We have a girl's and boy's Basketball team this year. Both teams are having a solid season. The season will be completed the end of February. Mr. Johnson has started gymnastics with the Montague meet and the provincial meet scheduled in the next three weeks. Badminton will start shortly after the conclusion of basketball season. Thanks to Marcella Ryan who has offered to come the school Tuesday and Thursday mornings for free time for players to practice their individual skills.
- Chef Treena's sessions have been well received by students again this year!
- We are also celebrating Family Literacy Day on Monday, January 27th. Information about the day has been sent home.

- Our Christmas Concert was well received by families and the community. Thanks to the students and staff for all their hard work. Especially Mr. Ellis! At the door, we raised money for Christmas Families in our school community.
- We also provided 5 families with gifts for under the Christmas Tree during the Holiday Season. We had help from staff donations, Anchored Construction, and AMAC Electric. It was well received by the families during a stressful time.
- During the school day, for the majority of the time, we have moved to a system of locking the outside doors. We currently have a temporary system in place until we get the video monitoring system at the front door with a system to unlock the door from 2 offices.
- On December 6th, I received the Distinguished Principal of the Year award. I would like to extend thanks to all who were involved in nominating me. It is truly an honor to be able to work with this school and community.

6) New business:

Staff Appreciation:

It was discussed that Home and school along with volunteers will ask for permission to use the school kitchen to prepare the staff meal. Instead of doing multiple meals, there will be one big meal instead with some baked treats throughout the week. The prep work for the meal will be February 11th and have the meal on February 12th. Tonia is going to look into wholesale cost for the tulips from Vanco which will be passed out Friday February 14th. On February 10th Home and School will provide Coffee and Donuts from Tim Hortons for the staff.

Motion to approve a budget of \$500 : Approved by Tonia Fraser and Seconded by Caitlin Bradley.

School Trading Cards:

Home and School were wondering if the school could define the terms and policy for trading cards. Johns Response was in terms of a policy for trading cards, we

allow students to take their cards to school, but do not want students “trading” or “giving cards away”. It is at the discretion of families weather to allow students to bring trading cards to school, however we have no way to determine who owns what cards. We ask that students do not participate in trading or giving cards away.

Home and School asked if the school could post that policy in the newsletter.

Valentines Day Dance:

Home and School would like to put on a Valentine’s Day Dance. Sylvie is going to ask about February 7th as a date with a \$5 admission. All Funds from the Canteen and 50/50 will go back into the home and school account with a donation box at the door for the “Toonies for Trayton”.

Motion to approve a budget for \$150 – Mike McCormack and seconded by Caitlin Bradley. Motion Carried.

Online Bake Sale:

Home and School would like to host an online Baked Sale fundraiser after March Break. It will run for a 2 week period on Facebook. We will build the group 1 week before the auction starts.

7) Treasure’s Report:

Motion to approve: Tonia Fraser and seconded by Jenna White

8) Correspondence:

- AGM for Resolution
- President Report
- 72nd AGM

9) Date of next meeting: March 11th, 2025

10)Adjournment @ 9:10pm