

Home & School Meeting Agenda

Date: January 13, 2026

Parent Representatives: Rachel Waugh (President)
Nichole Doucette (VP)
Maggie O'Brien (Treasurer)
Jessica Gorrill (Secretary)

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Attendees: Rachel Waugh
Nichole Doucette
Maggie O'Brien
Jessica Gorrill
Julie Baldwin
Lauren Gallant
Angela Griffiths
Sarah Condon

1. Treasurer Report (full reports below)

- a. Causable
 - i. Balance as of December 31, 2025: **\$5,266.00**
- b. Home & School Account
 - i. Current Balance in Bank Account: **\$14,060.96**

2. Causable

- a. Discussion regarding fees to cover next year
 - i. **Reminder:** those in attendance at May 2025 meeting agreed on:
 - 1. Standing approval for Sports fees
 - 2. Bus fees to reduce cost of field trips
 - 3. \$10 for leadership shirts yearly
 - 4. \$10 for music shirts as needed (usually every 1-2 years)
 - ii. We also stated that any other purchases are to be brought to home and school meetings for voting/approval
 - iii. Discussed no longer using funds to pay Sports Fees; use funds toward purchases/contributions that many/all students can benefit from. Will reassess for 2026-2027 school year
 - iv. Upcoming busses to be paid for from Causable funds:
 - 1. Skating Trip (January) – one bus making multiple trips
 - 2. Skiing Trip (TBD) – Gr 3-8 – 2 buses
 - 3. Movie Trip (March) - \$17 for movie and snack pack, so buses will be covered

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3. Alain Pelletier

- a. The Cost of Silence Presentation
 - i. January 22, 2026 – Gr 1-3, 4-6, and 7-8
 - ii. Parents Evening: January 22, 2026, 7pm at KRHS
- b. Request for \$2500 from Minister of Education to cover this evening **approved**
 - i. \$2000 to cover Alain's costs
 - ii. \$500 for refreshments
 - 1. Prepared trays purchased from Sobeys
 - 2. Bottled water, gluten free snacks, napkins purchased from Walmart
 - iii. Advertising of event has been started - post shared on Somerset Consolidated Facebook page
 - 1. Angela to share details with other Principals as it will be open to all of PEI
 - 2. Details to be shared with Home & School Federation to further promote
 - 3. Parent Night is geared toward adults only; *not suitable for children*
 - a. Babysitting will be provided; Grade 8s are interested,
 - b. high school students cannot participate due to exams

4. Playground Update

- a. Have **\$29,811.75** of our goal (\$15,448.25 + grant)
- b. Current Balance in Bank Account: **\$14,060.96**
 - i. **\$10,348.25** in our account is specifically for the Playground
 - 1. *Somerset Run* \$400
 - 2. *Literacy Night* \$1,216.80
 - 3. *Drive a Honda* \$3,121.45
 - 4. *PCU Donation* \$500
 - 5. *Aerospace* \$500
 - 6. *Family Fun Day* \$430
 - 7. *Mill River Raffle* \$4,180
- c. **\$7600** in donations delivered to PSB to be used for playground
- d. **\$14,363.50** Department of Early Years Grant (not in account); to be paid out only after completion of work related to playground
- e. October 2025 Quote
 - i. **\$24,635** for equipment + wood chips for around the orb rocker
 - ii. **\$9,186.75** needed to order the equipment
 - iii. TBD: **\$14,363.50** grant to be used for the installation

5. Fundraisers

- a. *Mill River Raffle* – \$4,180 (\$3,955 after \$225 used for top seller prizes)
- b. *Halloween Dance* – \$728.40 (\$693.81 after \$34.49 glow stick purchase)
- c. *Christmas Bazaar* – \$917.80 (\$425.80 after \$492 given for Caps Games)
- d. *Anne's Chocolates* – \$960.00 (\$810.00 after \$150 used for top seller prizes)
- e. *Literacy Night* – Scheduled for May 13th, 5-7 PM;

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- i. Student Art Sale
 1. Teachers to have students create art, poem, writing that can be shared at event
- ii. Bake Sale
- iii. Book & Coffee Sale
 1. Call for Book Donations will need to go out

6. Home and School Federation Updates

- a. **2026 Extra Mile Awards for Teachers/Staff** - Local Home and School Associations can consider nominating a school teacher/staff person for going the "extra mile" for students. The Federation is accepting nominations until **Jan. 16**. Find criteria and application at: <https://peihsf.ca/extra-mile-award/>

Nominations are to be submitted by a local Home and School Association. Include support letters from: Principals, Parents, Students and other School Staff Members.

Describe the nominee's contribution in the following areas:

- Demonstrated caring attitude towards Island students and youth
- Evidence of going the extra mile in assisting students to achieve academically, socially and/or in other areas of school life
- Demonstrated ability to motivate young adults
- Evidence that time given bettered the life of these young Islanders

- i. Will work toward a nomination next year to ensure proper attention paid to nomination process and procuring support letters from appropriate people as outlined above

b. AGM & Convention, Rodd Charlottetown Hotel

- i. Saturday April 18, 2026
- ii. Rodd Charlottetown
- iii. Can send up to five voting members, but can sponsor as many as would like to attend.
 1. If you would like to attend, please reach out to somersetconshs@gmail.com
- iv. Registration details will be available in February, posted at: <http://peihsf.ca/agm>

c. Resolution for AGM in April

- i. Advocacy resolutions presented at the provincial Annual General Meeting.
- ii. Resolutions serve as the single most important tool Home and School uses to influence change, with approved ones forwarded to the government requesting consideration of improvements that benefit all island students.

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- iii. **Key Impacts:** Resolutions request collective action on pressing issues like inclusive education, anti-bullying, equity, and resource needs, uniting parent and teacher voices to foster policy shifts.
- iv. **Guidelines:** Identify issues through discussions with local parents and teachers, then follow guidelines and examples at www.peihsf.ca/resolutions for writing and presenting clear, actionable resolutions.
- v. **Deadline:** The submission deadline is Jan. 31
- vi. 2025 Resolution attached for reference
- vii. **No planned resolutions to be presented by Somerset H & S at this time**

7. School Staff Appreciation Week, February 8-14

- a. Opting for meal, snack, and drink on Wednesday each week in February
 - i. February 4, 11, 18, 25
 - ii. 26-28 staff
 - iii. Options for those who have dietary restrictions
- b. Survey will be sent via email to determine how parents/guardians can support
 - i. Sign up to make meal, provide snacks or drinks
 - ii. Donate money and allow Home & School to organize meal/snack
 - iii. Organizing pick-up/drop-off of food

8. Open Floor

- a. Grades 2-8 participated in a bullying survey; approx. 80% participated
 - i. Angela to compile results and send to parents/guardians
 - ii. Bullying Education kit has been purchased and will be used to help educate K-5 on the topic of bullying

9. Next Meetings

Feb 19th – 6pm

March 10th – 6pm

April 23rd – 6pm

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Somerset Consolidate Home and School – Financial Report – January 13, 2025

Two to sign accounts, held at Provincial Credit Union. Share Savings (mandatory account for membership fee of \$5.00). Business Chequing Account (SELECT ACCOUNT) fee of \$7.00 monthly – currently waived due to balance over \$6,000.00

Signing authorities:

Rachel Waugh – Home and School President

Maggie O'Brien – Home and School Treasurer

November account update:

Purchase for two-night stay with \$100 gift card for Mill River Raffle - **\$718.70**

Funds were received from Somerset Festival Committee to reimburse account for Family Day costs - **\$1,436.81**

Costs for supplies bought for Family Day were then reimbursed to our board members who had purchased supplies. Total **\$611.81**

Cash deposits for raffle tickets - **\$1,045.00**

E-transfer deposits for raffle tickets - **\$1,490.00**

TOTAL MILL RIVER RAFFLE SALES = \$4,180.00

Gift cards for raffle winners = **\$225.00**

Balance on November 30, 2025: \$13,846.01

December account update:

Funds for buses to Caps Game = **\$210.85**

Total sales from Christmas Bazaar = **\$917.80** - **\$492.00** given to school for Caps game bus to Caps Game (**\$425.80**) (funds deposited to account in January).

Balance on December 31, 2025 = \$13,635.16

January account update:

Cash from Bazaar = **\$425.80**

Balance as of January 13, 2026 = \$14,060.96

COSPEI GOLDRUSH UPDATE

At the end of the school year in June, COSPEI changed their process for disbursing funds to schools. They no longer deposit the funds directly into the Home and School account. Funds now must be requested by Home and School, and funds will be disbursed as needed.

Balance as of September 30, 2025 - \$3,581.85

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Balance as of October 31, 2025 - \$5,109.91

Balance as of November 30, 2025 - \$5,226.41

Balance as of December 31, 2025 - \$5,266.00

Requests for funds since last meeting:

Somerset Consolidate T Shirts = **\$1,117.00**

Christmas Bazaar items = **\$210.85**

Somerset Winter Fun = **\$413.54**

Baseball and Soccer Fees = **\$608.03**

Total funds granted since beginning of school year: **\$3,610.38**

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March 3, 2025

Resolution Number: 2025-2

Submitted by: Somerset Home and School Association

— Resolution Content

WHEREAS there is a recognized need for additional support in managing student behaviour in schools across Prince Edward Island, and

WHEREAS behaviour resource positions are not currently included in the Minister of Education and Early Year's (DEEY) staffing allocations, and

WHEREAS the New Brunswick Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has implemented Positive Behaviour Intervention Supports (PBIS) in 64 schools with positive outcomes, and

WHEREAS the Department of Education and Early Years and the Public Schools Branch (PSB) have acknowledged the increasing demand by piloting PBIS in the 2024-2025 school year, and

WHEREAS the presence of dedicated behaviour resources in schools is essential for students with behavioural challenges, improving the overall learning environment, and

WHEREAS PBIS has been shown to improve school climate, reduce exclusionary discipline, increase opportunities for positive interactions and relationships between school staff and students, and create learning environments that support both social development and academic growth;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the PEI Home and School Federation requests the Department of Education and Early Years (DEEY) and the Public Schools Branch (PSB) add a minimum of 0.5FTE student behaviour intervention resource positions to future staffing allocations by the Minister of Education, in island schools.

REFERENCES:

1. Positive Behaviour Intervention Supports, https://pbis.nbed.ca/roles_responsibilities/
2. Response to Intervention for Behaviour, NB August 2017
<https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/ed/pdf/K12/Inclusion/ResponseToInterventionForBehaviour.pdf>

~Passed as amended, April 12, 2025