

Home & School Meeting Minutes

Date: May 28, 2026

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

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

1. **Treasurer Report (Attached)**

- a. Causable
 - i. Balance as of Apr 30, 2026: **\$3,594.87**
- b. Home & School Account
 - i. Current Balance in Bank Account: **\$8,565.33**

2. **Causable**

- a. Leadership Camp
 - i. Requesting \$1,000 from Causable for the Grade 8 class trip
 - 1. \$2,000 raised at the pancake breakfast
 - ii. Leaves students needing to pay \$30 each for trip after fundraising and money from Causable
- b. Any other upcoming requests?
 - i. Football funding request = approx \$400 (footballs and flags)

3. **Playground Update**

- a. Equipment has arrived
- b. Equipment has been paid for - **\$27,571.25**
- c. *Next Steps:*
 - i. Angela & Sarah to meet with William Duffy to discuss location for installation - Rachel will call to arrange
 - ii. Installation to occur after last day of school
 - iii. Pay for installation after complete

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1. William Duffy to provide an invoice so Home & School can submit for the grant
- iv. Purchase Sign to showcase our donors that made this project possible
 - Rachel to reach out to local companies to get quotes for sign; Angela requested new sign installed underneath existing sponsor sign on the same posts
 - Dan's Muffler
 - Dal Mac
 - Ask Anji who made sign for QEES

1. <i>Somerset Run</i>	\$400
2. <i>Literacy Night</i>	\$1,216.80
3. <i>Drive a Honda</i>	\$3,121.45
4. <i>PCU Donation</i>	\$2,000
5. <i>Aerospace</i>	\$500
6. <i>Family Fun Day</i>	\$430
7. <i>Mill River Raffle</i>	\$4,180
8. <i>Somerset Consolidated</i>	\$1,000
9. <i>Regis & Joan Duffy</i>	\$5,000
10. <i>Evyonne Duffy</i>	\$100
11. <i>McIver Family Farms</i>	\$500
12. <i>Home & School Contribution</i>	\$3,000
13. <i>Somerset Festival</i>	\$2,000
14. <i>Duffy's Construction</i>	\$2,000
15. <i>Somerset Gardens</i>	\$1,000
16. <i>Hilltop Produce</i>	\$1,000
17. <i>Kinkora Council</i>	\$500
18. <i>Seymour Desroches</i>	\$1,000
19. <i>MWM Farm Limited</i>	\$2,000
20. <i>Country View Farms</i>	\$200

4. Projector System – **Next Fundraising Goal**

- a. TCS Computer
- b. Epson L630U Laser Projector – can be used with lights on
- c. Mount
- d. Cage to protect the projector
- e. HDBase-T Controller to get HDMI up to the projector
- f. 14 ft Screen
- g. Freight Cost
- h. Approx. Cost: **\$ 11,000** (Jan 2025 quote; will fluctuate a bit but gives us an idea)

5. End of year Field Trips

- a. Home & School plans to support the cost of end of year field trips similar to last year
- b. K-7 to attend Shining Waters for **\$10/student** (reduced from \$21/student)

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- c. Grade 8 to travel to Magic Mountain for their end of year trip and Cavendish after graduation for free

What Trip	Number of Buses	Bus Cost	Cost of trip/kid	Total cost for trip	Class	Number
Shining Waters K-4 - 93 students	3	645	21	1953	K	16
Shining Waters 5-7 - 67 students	2	430	21	1407	1	12
					2	23
					3	17
					4	25
		1075		3360	5	28
					6	20
		TOTAL FOR ALL		4435	7	19
\$215 per bus 160 students for field trip						
		Money we have				160
		Students Pay \$10	1600			
		Money Needed				
		2835	Paid by Home & School			

What Trip	Number of Buses	Bus Cost	Cost of trip/student	Total cost for trip	Class	Number
Moncton - 28 students	1	0	24	648	8	27
Adv Zone - 28 students	1	108	25	675		
				1431		
Money we have				Money needed		
Chocolate sale	810			621	Paid by Home & School	
	810					

6. Home & School Awards - 4x \$40

- a. From Somerset Consolidated Home & School Committee; originally awarded to 2 deserving students who have always given their best effort to all their endeavors and have shown their dedication to the school.
 - i. Increased to **4 awards** for 2025-2026 school year due to large graduating class
- b. Provided to Angela at 05.28.26 meeting

7. 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 & Art Night* – \$984.85 (\$938.86 after \$45.99 used for coffee cups & lids)

8. Bike Rodeo – Ongoing; planning to begin in the Fall of 2026 with goal to host in Spring 2027

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- a. As of May 22, no one has reached out to home and school for this
- b. Kensington Lions Club interested in supporting and helping set up a Bike Rodeo in Kinkora if our school/community is interested in hosting
- c. This is a successful event in Kensington and could have the potential to be in Kinkora as well
- d. Discussed limiting to elementary age children in Kinkora Family of School
 - i. Somerset Consolidated
 - ii. ACC
 - 1. Send home registration forms with students if they want to attend/participate
- e. If any parents/community members are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Home & School
- f. Angela to reach out to Lions Club to determine the level of support they can provide; any volunteers would partner with the Lions Club to run the event
- g. Ask local businesses during the year to donate bikes

9. Keeping Kids Safe Online with Cst. Amy Handrahan

- a. Feedback
 - i. Good presentation; well received
- b. Discuss potential speakers for next year if we want to
 - i. Continue this conversation as the topic will always be relevant
 - ii. Look for similar presenters (like the session hosted at the Home & School AGM)

10. Toast Program

- a. Will repeat social media post to acquire volunteers for next year
 - i. Include call for volunteers in the weekly update from Angela
 - ii. Included information on the program in the pamphlet Home & School provided for Welcome to Kindergarten session
- b. Rachel to continue making schedule
- c. Need someone to take over grocery order
 - i. Maybe split up between a couple of people as it's a bigger responsibility
 - ii. If no volunteers, move to non-perishable food only so that it does not require restocking as frequently
- d. Any other feedback to keep in mind for next year?
 - i. Communication around how we can be flexible with scheduling; don't have to commit to same day every week or multiple days
- e. Will we start on the first day of school?
 - i. If we have the necessary volunteers, we can start on the first day

11. Parental Engagement Required

- a. Provide parents/guardians with information about what Home & School is, how to volunteer, and what we've accomplished so far

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- i. Utilize the pamphlet we created for Welcome to Kindergarten and send updated versions home at the beginning of the school year with students
- b. Looking to create sub-committees next year
 - i. Toast Program
 - ii. Christmas Bazaar
 - iii. Social Committee – dances etc.
 - iv. Fundraising
- c. Increased parental engagement will be required in order for home and school to continue to financially support school events and large purchases.
- d. Everyone is busy, but many hands make light work, and fresh ideas are important
 - i. Begin 2026-2027 school year with an online option for attending Home & School Meeting
 - ii. Include a call-out for support in weekly update to ask for more engagement
 - iii. Flexibility in how events are managed - don't need to necessarily meet in person, can do so online, etc.
 - iv. Feedback
 - 1. Should we change the meeting day/time?
 - 2. Provide info on time commitments for volunteering

12. Open Floor

- a. Teaching Staff numbers have been confirmed for 2026-2027 school year
 - i. 16.03 teaching staff (remains the same as 2025-2026 school year)
 - ii. 2/3, 5/6 split
 - iii. Waiting on support staff updates; not yet known if Somerset will retain the current number of EAs
- b. Finding substitutes for teachers, certified EAs, and custodial staff has been challenging this year

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Somerset Consolidate Home and School – Financial Report May 27, 2026

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

April account update:

Balance as of April 30, 2026 = \$35,357.72

May account update:

Coffee cups/lids for Literacy Night - \$45.99

Cost of playground equipment (uninstalled) - \$27,571.25

Funds raised from literacy night - \$984.85

Grad class cash prizes - \$160.00

Balance as of May 27, 2026 = \$8,565.33

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

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

Balance as of January 31, 2026 - \$6,239.28

Balance as of February 28, 2026 - \$7,182.47

Balance as of March 31, 2026 - \$4,283.21

Balance as of April 30, 2026 - \$3,594.87

Requests for funds since last meeting:

Total funds granted since beginning of school year as of April 17, 2026 - \$10,642.68

Total funds pending approval as of March 27, 2026 - \$453.62