Home & School Meeting Minutes

Date: October 27, 2026

Parent Representatives:

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

Contact: somersetconshs@gmail.com

Attendees: Mary MacDonald Pickering
Peter Fullerton
Sarah Condon
Fallon Berry
Lauren Gallant
Jen Duffy
Sarah Montgomery
Jessica Gorrill
Maggie O'Brien
Rachel Waugh
Angela Griffiths
Amanda Lefurgey McCarville

1. **Peter Fullerton - School Board Trustee Update**
    a. Rob MacAdam is acting director, but leaving for another job
    b. Asst Acting Director is Robin MacDonald
    c. Need people to fill positions
    d. Link to 2025-2026 Annual Report is on website but not online
    e. Trustee meetings will move from zone to zone over the years and have a meeting in each zone; makes more accessible to those in each zone

2. **Report from Admin - Angela & Sarah**
    a. Terry Fox was well done again this year-; $1,800 raised
    b. Didn't do t-shirts this year; may do every other year
    c. Finished up bus safety month
        i. Every day there were tips for the kids - covering before bus comes, when bus is there, etc
        ii. Bus evacuation last week; students were able to practice so they know what to do
        iii. This evacuation practice happens once a year; will try for a second one this year, if time allows

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d. Wenjack walk went well; kids learned about Indigenous history, residential schools; leadership did an amazing job supporting the event
e. Spooktacular hosted by leadership on October 28
f. Dress up day on Friday October 30; no masks
g. New pawsitive coins t-shirts are in
h. Book fair will be week of PT interviews; November 23-27
    i. Volunteers required during PT interviews Thursday night(26th)/Friday morning (27th)
        - Jessica to set up signup genius; get times from admin and what they need

3. **Treasurer Report (Attached)**
    a. Causable
        i. Balance as of September 30, 2026: $4,912.44
    b. Home & School Account
        i. Balance as of September 30, 2026: $ 5,776.88
    c. Coffee orders rolling in this month, but that money will be going toward the purchases of the coffee so won't all stay in account

4. **Causable**
    a. Mileage for coaches – request from admin after last meeting. It does fall in the approved list set out by the community foundation as follows:
        i. Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Programs
            - Equipment or supplies for clubs, sports, and arts programs
            - Instructor fees for after-school programs
            - Uniforms or team apparel for school representation
            - Reps discussed together and with admin that this will not be a large amount being submitted, and therefore is a reasonable ask due to the amount of time coaches volunteer to the teams.
            - First submission Oct 9th for $308.60 – includes one golf event and 4 soccer games (533km at 0.579 per km)
    b. Requests from last meeting submitted and received
        i. Sandbox Sand - $1,661
        ii. Pawsitive panther shirts and prizes - $750 (additional $750 covered by school budget)
        iii. Hot dogs and buns from meet the teacher - $283

5. **Playground Update**
    a. Equipment is installed!
    b. Equipment & Installation has been paid for! - $44,064.04
    c. Next Steps
        i. Purchase Sign to showcase our donors that made this project possible!
            - **SIGN UPDATE** - Maggie working on this; will determine cost for installation as well as sign; proof to be sent to committee to approve

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- There is a 4x8 currently installed. Room for an 8x8

GOLD DONORS — $2,000+

- Somerset Festival
- PCU
- Regis & Joan Duffy
- Somerset Festival
- Duffy's Construction
- MWM Farms Limited

SILVER DONORS — $1,000+

- Somerset Consolidated
- Somerset Gardens
- Hilltop Produce
- Seymour Desroches

BRONZE DONORS — $500+

- Aerospace
- McIver Family Farms
- Kinkora Council

FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL — $100+

- Somerset Run Donation
- Evyonne Duffy
- Country View Farms

6. **Toast Program**
    a. Spread the Love Campaign looks to be successful. A lot of jams and cheese whiz in the cupboard
    b. Ongoing: Washing dishes to be ironed out
    c. Rachel away Nov 26-Dec 7. Maggie to take care of grocery order for Nov 30th & Dec 7th.

7. **Committees**
    a. Two have been formed. Facebook messenger groups created for communication.
        i. **Social Committee** – Amanda Noonan, Sarah Montgomery, Amanda Lefurgey McCarville, Lauren Gallant, Tori Baker
            - Help create fun opportunities for our students and families. This could include:
            - Organizing 1–2 school dances per year
            - Organizing additional events if the committee would like to
            - Bringing forward new ideas for family events
            - Helping plan, organize, or volunteer at events

        ii. **Christmas Bazaar** – Amanda Noonan, Amanda Lefurgey McCarville, Willie MacGuigan, Jessica Gallant, Tori Baker
            - Help bring our Christmas Bazaar together by:
                - Calling for and organizing donations

- Ensuring volunteers and supplies are secured
- Helping with setup the Friday before
- Volunteering on the day of the Bazaar or helping secure volunteers

8. **Fundraisers**
    a. *Java Moose Coffee Fundraiser* – ($175 for top seller prizes)
    b. Raised $1,914.50
    c. Top Sellers
        i. 1 - James (K) & Aiden Waugh (Gr 3)
        ii. 2 - Liam (Gr 2) & Kaydence Kelly (Gr 5)
        iii. 3 - Hannah-Ann Gallant (Gr 1)
    d. *Christmas Bazaar* –
        i. Admin to find spot to put donations
        ii. Donations can begin to be dropped at the school anytime after ***November 20th***

9. **Bike Rodeo** – no updates yet.
    a. Planning to start discussions soon (Fall of 2026) with goal to host in Spring 2027
    b. Reminders from previous meetings
        i. Kensington Lions Club is interested in supporting and helping set up a Bike Rodeo in Kinkora if our school/community is interested in hosting
        ii. This is a successful event in Kensington and could have the potential to be in Kinkora as well
        iii. Discussed limiting to elementary age children in Kinkora Family of School
            - Somerset Consolidated
            - ACC
            - Send home registration forms with students if they want to attend/participate
    c. If any parents/community members are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Home & School. **? Bike Rodeo Committee**
    d. Angela to reach out to Lions Club to determine when we should start touching base to get the ball rolling; any volunteers would partner with the Lions Club to run the event

10. **Projector System** – *Fundraising Goal for 2026-2027*
    a. Quote received from TCS Computer Oct 8 2026 based on Summer 2026
        - I can tell you that the last Gym setups I sold were to Hernwood and Englewood. Both schools purchased the same projector, mount, protective cage and HD base-T transmitter. The transmitter is used to connect the computer to the projector.

● Projector: Epson PowerLite L690 Laser 6500 lumen projector	$3,483
● 2 HD-Base-T controller transmitter	$398
● Draper Targa 184 in (Diagonal) electric screen	$3,496
● Freight for Screen	$380

- Peerless security cage $785
- Cage Freight $48
- Epson universal mount $140

Total.....$8730 plus tax

- Can opt for a larger screen (193 in.) for about an extra $700.00
- These prices as stated may change either up or down depending on tariffs, fuel cost and the value of the CDN dollar. The low dollar effects screen prices the most.

11. **Federation Updates**
    a. **Cyberbullying Workshops by Community Legal Information** - for youth and for parents and caregivers. The workshops are to help prevent cyberbullying and support youth who may be experiencing it. Now that school is back, local Home and Schools may be interested in hosting a youth (12-17) or a parent/caregiver workshop.
        i. The workshops include info about:
            - Building language and understanding,
            - Spotting the signs of cyberbullying,
            - Learning about Canadian youth's online experiences and online spaces they access, Understanding luring and sexual extortion
            - Understanding what the law says
            - Supporting youth facing cyberbullying
            - Using tools and resources for prevention and response
        ii. Book with Malak at: malak@legalinfopei.ca | 902-892-0853
    b. **Recognition and Awards Program 2026/2027**
    Awards recognize deserving individuals in our school communities.
        i. Nominations for **Crossing Guard Award of the Year** are due November 6, 2026.
        ii. Nominations for **Extra Mile Awards** for school staff members are due January 16, 2027.
        iii. Nominations for **Volunteer of the Year Award** are due March 1, 2027.
        iv. Nominations for **School Bus Driver Awards** are due May 7, 2027.
    More at: https://peihsf.ca/awards/
    c. **Parent Leadership Grants**
        i. Parent Leadership Project grants for up to $500 are available to Home and School Associations. Leadership projects are to focus on parent leadership and engagement in your school community.
        Go to: https://peihsf.ca/grants. Submission deadline: **November 30, 2026.**
    d. **Public Schools Branch Board of Trustees News**
        i. The next Board of Trustees public meeting is at **7:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 12, 2026**, at Tignish Elementary School. The public is more than welcome to observe in person or virtually: https://psb.edu.pe.ca/about-us/board-of-trustees/board-meetings-and-minutes.
    e. **STEAM PEI fall programming**:
        i. PD Full Day Camps (Grades K-4) featuring hands-on topics like sound, digital art, weather, and innovation offered on November PD days in Charlottetown and Summerside.

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ii. Clean Tech Club (Girls, Grades 5-9): An evening club focused on renewable energy, green tech, environmental solutions, and connecting with girls in STEM.
iii. Contact: Veronica veronica@steampei.com

12. **Open Floor**
    a. STEAM PEI hosting sessions with grade 4-6 girls at Somerset
    b. Graduation decor
        i. Last year shared amongst three places (Somerset, Kinkora ELC, KRHS)
        ii. We do decorate; balloon arch last year, Somerset Gardens gives flower pot arrangements
        iii. Potential for another committee
    c. Yearbooks - reaching out to local vendors should happen in January as that's when the high school does it
        i. Yearbook committee/students/parents could drop off letters to businesses for advertising/donations

Next Meeting: TBD

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

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

September account update:

Payment of Home and School Federation dues $100.00

Deposits for Coffee fundraising $180.00

Cheque from school for playground equipment $2570.41

Payment for wood chips to Cobequid Consulting $3,079.70

Service Charge - $3.50

Balance as of September 30, 2026 = $1,958.88

October account update:

Fee for Home and School Federation meeting - $10.00

Deposits for coffee fundraiser = $3,828.00

Balance as of October 27th, 2026 = $5,776.88

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 May 31, 2026 - $5,026.13

Balance as of June 30, 2026 - $4,288.19

Balance as of July 31, 2026 - $2,570.41

Balance as of August 31, 2026 - $3,888.79

Balance as of September 30, 2026 - $4,912.44

Total funds granted since beginning of program - $19,056.80

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Total funds pending approval = $0.00

Requests for funding since last meeting:

Kindergarten/Grade 1 field trip = $250.00

Meet the Teacher BBQ = $283.00

Playground improvement = $1,661.00

Pawsitive Panther Items = $750.00