

Home & School Meeting Agenda

Date: October 28, 2024

Parent Representatives: Rachel Waugh, Megan Drummond
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Items to be discussed:

- Fundraising goals
 - o Sandbox for playground
 - Original quote from William Duffy (Somerset Gardens) ~\$2800
 - **Huge Thank you** to Callbecks Home Hardware for supplying the materials. This reduced the cost to the school to ~\$2200
 - Materials to be delivered to Somerset Gardens the week of Oct 14th
 - Score board for gymnasium wall ~\$5000
 - Field trips - If we meet our fundraising goals, we will use excess funds to assist in paying for buses/fees to reduce cost to parents for field trips

- Fundraiser suggestions & planning
 - o Halloween Dance – Oct 24th- \$645 raised
 - o Anne of Green Gables – ? Will this be happening in March for Easter
 - o Raffle for a Weekend at Mill River – Started Oct 14th, provide update on sales so far
 - o Christmas Bazaar – Save the date – December 16th
 - o Mabels Labels fundraiser complete - \$157.24
 - o Island Trails Grant - Update

- Breakfast Program Expansion – Plan to start in November.
 - o Home & School Federation meeting Oct 21 covered menu ideas
 - o Current suggestions – apples, cheese, yogurt/berry, yogurt tubes, cheerios, oranges

- New Business
 - o Update on Camera request that was submitted in June (Angela/Megan)
 - o New fundraiser suggestion – online auction – Bernadette MacDonald-Ford
 - o New request – accessibility equipment for playground (ie. Swings)
 - o ? ice cream
 - o ? pancake breakfast
 - o Christmas Dance – school/leadership or Home & School
 - o Drive a Honda
 - o Resolution suggestions to be brought forward to Home & School Federation
 - o World's Finest Chocolate Fundraising

Next Meeting: November 26th at 6pm

Fundraising goals

Sandbox

- original quote \$2800
- Callbecks Home Hardware provided the material list (remove Jess & Duane as sole contributors as all MacDonalds involved)
- Cost to school reduced to \$2251.98 – Causable money will cover this
- Materials dropped off to Somerset Gardens week of Oct 14th
- Somerset Gardens will start asap

Fundraiser suggestions & planning

1. **Halloween Dance** - Oct 24th- \$645 raised
2. **Anne of Green Gables Chocolates**
 - Will this be happening in March for Easter
 - o Candice Trainor emailed suggesting worlds finest chocolate as an alternative
 - o We send you the product, you have 30 days to pay on your invoice. Generally it takes 3 to 5 days to ship depending if we ship from the Moncton warehouse or Montreal.
 - o Here are your profit examples for selling 1 case of 3 for \$5 bars #75387CA & 79197CA Nut & peanut free, \$5 Carton & bar variety 75394CA & 75398CA, these are all 50% profit tax included.
 - o I am including a profit example for 50 cases (plus 2 free cases) of any of these 3 product selection. It would be the same for all of these products. I will give you 2 free cases one cases will cover the \$100.00 shipping cast & the other will give you an extra \$100.00 profit.
 - Rep said she would drop off samples asap, however Rachel said we would discuss if we felt we wanted to do this option or not
3. **Mill River Raffle**
 - As of 11am today
 - o etransfers received for 748 tickets
 - o - \$2545 in bank from raffle so far
 - Need to really push for all tickets to be returned to the school by Thursday
 - Week of Nov 4th determine how to sell remaining tickets
 - Rachel's thought – I have them at home, make a post to be shared on social media with details and as the etransfers come in I fill in the tickets and return to the school (any other suggestions?)
 - ? Sobeyes
 - Would love to have them all sold by Nov 14th
4. **Christmas Bazaar**
 - Save the date Dec 16th (sign up list circulating in weekly updates)
 - Will need a poster made for social media
 - Will need to see what we have vs what we need (ie. Tape, wrapping paper, bags etc)
 - Always need items for men – no clothes
5. **Mabels Labels Fundraiser**

- Total \$157.24
- Had a cheque at previous meeting for 101.08
- Final \$56.16 was mailed Oct 22nd so that is coming.

6. Island Trails Grant

- Island Trails is pleased to offer travel grants of \$500 each to two (2) Home and School groups across Prince Edward Island. These grants are designed to cover transportation costs, enabling students to visit Island Trails for an enriching nature and educational experience. Our trails provide a perfect outdoor classroom, fostering a love for the environment and promoting hands-on learning. Apply now to give your students the opportunity to explore and learn in the beautiful natural settings of PEI. Apply now to give your students the opportunity to explore and learn in the beautiful natural settings of PEI. **Deadline to apply is Oct 15, 2024.**

- UPDATE: Oct 22

Dear Somerset Consolidated Home & School
c/o Rachel Waugh

On behalf of the Island Trails Board of Directors, I am delighted to inform you that your Home and School group has been selected as one of this year's recipients of the Island Trails Travel Grant Award!

We're thrilled to support your upcoming field trip and hope it will inspire students to explore and appreciate our beautiful trails. Please let us know the best way to deliver the cheque, and we look forward to hearing all about your adventure on one of our Island Trails!

Congratulations once again, and thank you for promoting outdoor experiences for our island's youth.

Best regards, Gaylene

- Going to mail Rachel a cheque, will want details after the field trip happens.

Breakfast Program Expansion

- Home & School Federation meeting Oct 21 covered menu ideas
- Suggestions from last meeting – apples, cheese, yogurt/berry, yogurt tubes, cheerios, oranges
- A few ideas that came through from the HSF meeting: bagels, muffins, banana, yogurt and granola
- Megan working on schedule, few housekeeping items to iron out
- Aiming to start in November
- Suggestion from H&S meeting was to have a binder with all information so anyone coming in can see (ie. Toaster speed, how apples are cut for best serving etc).
- CPHO at meeting – ideally at least one person present to have food safety training, and government provides free training for volunteers. Rachel & 2 others signed up for tomorrow 6-9 in summerside
- H&S Federation Meeting – Oct 21st
 - o School Food Program
 - o \$25 per year

- Will soon be getting more federal grants to add breakfast to the school food program similar to what we have for lunch now. NS/NB currently have this

New Business

1. Cameras

- Request sent on behalf of parents June 2024
- Rachel, Megan, Angela & Ryan met September 12th to discuss before back to school BBQ
- Angela & Megan to discuss with group

2. New fundraiser suggestion – online auction – Bernadette MacDonald-Ford

- Rachel approached Bernadette for help creating letters to approach businesses to sponsor our fundraising efforts for a scoreboard.
- Bernadette suggested we use the letters to obtain items for an online auction that people can use to support our school and Christmas shop at the same time
- She has done two in the past and raised over \$7000 so I asked her to come here and just explain her experiences and how we will go about it.

3. New Fundraising Request – Inclusive Playground Equipment (ie. Swing)

- Brought forward by Emily Savoie
- See if she has anything to add
- Voting or agree to add to fundraising list

4. Ice cream/pancake breakfast

- These were thrown out as options?
- Do we want to look into this further or table them for now

5. Christmas Dance

- One put on last year by the school
- Does the school want to do this again or another Home and School fundraiser?

6. Drive a Honda – Candice Trainor

- Sept 25th – if fundraising for different things they are able to book us in again
 - ie. Last year was for gym equipment so something new this year
 - I thought perhaps we could use this as an opportunity for inclusive playground equipment
- Oct 8th

We just had a fundraising meeting. We will be able to do a test drive event for you in the spring of 2025! Would you guys be doing the BBQ and bake sale as well?

Please discuss it with home and school and let me know what weekend works for you guys.

Maybe get some leadership kids to volunteer at the event too.

Let me know if you have any questions. We are excited to be able to help out again!

7. Resolutions

- H&S Federation Meeting – Oct 21st

- Resolution deadline is January 31st and will be presented at the AGM April 12, 2025
 - o Ex. April 2024 from Bloomfield - Exempt Kindergarten from split level classes
 - o Ex. Feb 2024 – PEIHSF Vaping detectors in schools
 - o Plan to discuss Nov 26th meeting, think of suggestions and bring them to that meeting
 - o One suggestion could be having behavioral resource in all island schools
 - o H&S website has great resources on how to write up and submit a resolution