

PSSC UPDATE & HOME AND SCHOOL MINUTES

Date: November 14th 2018 6:30pm

Call to Order

Cheryl Stuart called to order of the BHS Home and School meeting at 6:30pm on November 14, 2018.

Attendance

Principal Jo-Ann Schwarze, Teacher Rep Joelene Aymar, Cheryl Stuart, Claudette Melanson, Sherry Henderson, Jenn Thompson, Robin Shaw, Alyssa Draper

Treasures Report – Home and School

\$4,701.25

Old Business – Home and School

- Seafood Basket brought in \$430.00
- Zip Line has been half installed will return in the spring for completion.
- We now take E-Transfers future fundraising.

PSSC Update:

- Cheryl wrote a letter to the superintendent and Director of Schools concerning the nutrition policy (appendix A).
- Mr. O'Brien contacted Cheryl with a response on the nutrition policy stating he is aware of the schools not abiding by the proper guide lines and will address the issue right away. The policy has not been revised since its release in the fall. It is expected that Nutrition Policy 711 is to be followed in all schools.
- Cheryl's notes from her conversation with Mr. O'Brien (Appendix B)

Teacher Proposals

- Alyssa Draper spoke on behalf of primary.
- Looking for 30 paint easels.
- Looking to make Math tool boxes. (3 classes need them). Gave us the list of items to make these.
- Jo-Ann brought forward information on a monthly presentation for the students.
 - Nov. Teddy Bear Clinic
 - Jan. Earth Rangers Presentation
 - Feb. Gretel and Hansel Production \$552.00 /possible skate day
 - Mar. Razzmatazz Production \$690.00
 - Apr. Science East \$300.00???
 - May. Paper Bag Princess Play Production \$960.00
 - We have agreed to pay for the Gretel and Hansel Production and Razzmatazz Production. \$1,242.00

Intermediate Looking at Imperial Theater Production of “The Which The Rhen and The Hare”.

New Business

- Decided to scrape the idea of selling tickets on a large Christmas decoration.
- Doing a Bulb Tree Lighting Ceremony Fundraiser to take place in the community park. Date to be determined.
- Will sell Christmas bulbs of \$2.00 each taking orders from all the students. We will write on them what the purchaser would like and return them. They can then bring them to the ceremony and place them on the tree or can keep them for their own tree at home.
- Will put a list of purchasers in the concert program.
- Going to laminate them
- Going to serve hot apple cider and sing Christmas Carols.
- Christmas Concert is December 18th at 10am

- Doing out Christmas baskets to sell tickets on at the Christmas concert.
Each teacher will choose a theme of their liking and have the students bring in an item to fill the baskets

Paint and Sips

- Nov. 26 5:30pm lamp post painting
- Dec. 11 5:30pm Santa painting
- Jan. ? Owl painting

Tabled Items for next Meeting

- Tree Lighting Fundraiser
- Christmas Basket Fundraiser
- Review of School Improvement Plan (PSSC)

Next Meeting is set for December 3rd at 6:30pm also a PSSC meeting at 6:00pm

APPENDIX A

Oct 24th, 2018

Attention: Derek O'Brien

I am writing on behalf of the Blacks Harbour School P.S.S.C as Chair and BHS Home and School Committee as the current President. As a committee we would like to express our concern with the new nutritional policy 711 that was put in effect for the new 2018-19 school year. The policy states (taken from the GNB website) "All foods and beverages sold, served or otherwise offered in all NB public schools require foods of higher nutritional value which are lower in saturated fat, sugar, or sodium. Includes breakfast programs, lunch, hot lunch programs, vending machines, a la carte items, canteen snacks and *FUNDRAISERS*. Also includes items that are not for sale, such as foods and beverages offered to students during classroom or school wide events."

We would like to express our frustrations not with the policy itself, but with the fact that a lot of other schools all over NB are **NOT** following these guidelines. They are continuing to offer items during school events or fundraisers that do not meet the Policy 711 guidelines. Fundraisers put on by our home and school, as with many schools, help raise money to fund field trips, events, classroom extras, breakfast and lunch programs, new and updated technology, playground equipment and the list goes on. Our school, in a small community, relies on home and school funds to help in these areas that the school budget does not cover during the school year. This year, due to the new policy, we have lost out on one of our biggest fundraisers, our annual Trunk or Treat. Our home and school members have worked hard to come up with events and fundraisers for the new year that stick with the Policy 711 guidelines, but our neighboring schools are still having events and fundraisers which the policy restricts including the serving or sale of candy, hot dogs, pop & chips, baked goods etc.

We would like to request your presence at a meeting to discuss this new policy. We ask that you clarify the guidelines and explain why our school is not allowed while so many others are. We are interested in knowing how this policy is being enforced, and whose job it is to make sure the policy and its guidelines are being met. We would also like to know what the consequences are for not keeping with the policy, and if committees like the home and school are able to keep fundraising. Parents, community members and staff have questions that need to be addressed and have answered.

Thank you for taking the time to review my letter and request and hope that we can meet and discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Stuart

Home & School President/PSSC Chair
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Here is a list of the events happening for the month of October that have been brought to my attention Two School In Charlotte County, and one in Saint John – In the Anglophone South School District as well as one in Woodstock and New Maryland. This is just what has been found for the month of October.

The image is a collage of four Facebook posts. The top-left post is from Townsview Home and School Association, dated Oct 4 at 8:56am, asking for Halloween candy donations for a movie night. The bottom-left post is also from Townsview Home and School Association, dated Oct 3 at 9:36pm, correcting the date for the movie night to Wednesday, October 24th. The top-right post is from New Maryland Elementary Home and School Association, dated Oct 10 at 9:24am, requesting help for a Fall Folic cake walk and providing a sign-up link. The bottom-right post is from New Maryland Elementary Home and School Association, dated Oct 19 at 9:30am, announcing a supper event with food from Papa John's, Monkeycakes, Churro Delight, and Big John's, plus coffee and chocolate from Tim Hortons. A 'PIC COLLAGE' watermark is visible at the bottom of the collage.

Townsview Home and School Association
Oct 4 at 8:56am · 🌐

We're looking for Halloween candy donations for our Movie Night. We want to give away treat bags for the kids.

If you'd like to help us, please drop off at the school office labeled "to Home and School".

*Peanut free.

8 3 Comments 10 Shares

Like Comment Share

Townsview Home and School Association
Oct 3 at 9:36pm · 🌐

Please note that the date for the Movie Night was incorrect in the school newsletter. The movie will be held on Wednesday, October 24th.

9 2 Shares

Like Comment Share

New Maryland Elementary Home and School Association
Oct 10 at 9:24am · 🌐

Hi NMES parents: We need help for Fall Folic.. If you are interested in bringing in a cake for the cake walk, sign up here:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fB-C9Bh8uBzmkFZ4-f6yXCJu4LUZaSgUcQXc3iZEFdE/edit?usp=sharing>

If you're able to sign up for a 30min slot at a game station, sign up here:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1H7tMEOH5tMEELTGK...> See More

Darbi Hatt Mr.Dunn/Mrs.Wallace

Fall Folic

[Cake Walk Sign Up Sheet](#)

Thank you for your willingness to donate a cake to our Fall Folic on Friday.

Like Comment Share

New Maryland Elementary Home and School Association
Oct 19 at 9:30am · 🌐

Don't forget.. We've got your supper covered tonight! We have something for everyone (Cash Only):
Pizza from **Papa John's Pizza** (provided by **New Maryland Lions Club**), **Monkeycakes** Taco truck, **Churro Delight** and **Big John's Spiral Potatoes**. Plus free coffee and hot chocolate from **Tim Hortons**

17 6 Comments · 4 Shares

Like **PIC COLLAGE**

Krista Frye
Oct 3 at 6:12 PM

Please share and spread the word 🍎👍
We will also be selling Apple Crisp 🍏 along with the Grade 8's hotdogs 🌭. Combo deal \$3

D.J.C.J Hands 4th Annual



TRUNK OR TREAT

Where Deer Head Community School
When: October 24th @ 4:00
Please have trunk ready @ 4 or treating will start at that time
Costs: Paper \$2.00 or \$1.00 per family
All Proceeds go to the D.J.C.J Hands!



ENTER TO WIN A PRIZE FOR BEST TRUNK

Mariner Nation
5 mins

The annual grade 12 Spook Walk will be October 26, 2018
Middle school 6:00-7:30
High school 8:00-9:30
Admission is \$5.00. This includes the dance and one spook walk. Every additional spook walk is \$2.00
A canteen will be available.
Thanks for supporting the Graduation Class of 2019!

Jenny



Seaside Park Elementary School "Community" Playground
Oct 5 at 10:55am

If you would like a ticket to our Spooktacular pancake breakfast on October 13th let us know! The children voted on a pirate ship name and we will tally the votes today. We will reveal the winning name at the breakfast! Hilton volunteers and members of Local 771 Saint John Firefighters Association will be cooking & serving. Come if you dare!

Seaside Park Elementary School SPOOKTACULAR PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Saturday, Oct 13, 2018
9:00 to Noon
Bake Sale & Door Prize
ADULT: \$6 CHILDREN: \$3

11 likes 6 Comments 18 Shares

Seaside Park Elementary School "Community" Playground
Oct 10 at 4:23pm

Don't forget tonight is Seaside Park's first Family Pizza Night of the school year. Order online and enter promo code: SEASIDE and they donate 20% back to our school.



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PIC COLLAGE

APPENDIX B

Response from Derek O'Brian:

Called to inform us that he received the H&S/P.S.S.C letter we had sent and to tell us that yes Policy 711 is indeed in effect and being enforced by the school district. No changes have been made to the guidelines released in the fall. Policy 711 has yet to be revised at the current time. It is to be followed by every school in ASD-S. He thanked us for voicing our concerns and frustrations and making him aware of some events going on that did not meet the new guidelines. He said they need to be brought to his or Zoe Watson's attention. He acknowledged that he understands how frustrating it is on our H&S and PSSC that we are following the guidelines and other schools are not. It is the job of the schools principals to monitor group events and making sure they are following the rules, and if not to make sure the event/fundraiser is shut down. He said that they were doing their best to try to get to the events before hand and to put a stop to them but they cant monitor every school closely and they are relying on the principals/staff, who were made aware of the policy and guidelines, to make sure they are being followed and no one is selling/serving items not allowed with the new policy 711. He thanked us as a H&S and PSSC, as well as our Principal Jo-Ann for following the rules and changing our fundraiser to keep in accordance to the policy. He wanted to contact us and let us know he was doing his best to shut down these events/fundraisers and contacting school principals and administrators to remind them of the policy. If there were any more questions or concerns that we are free to reach out at anytime to him.