

Eliot River Home and School Association

As a way to establish a mandate for our association, we distributed a five-question electronic survey to all parents and received 156 responses. We used the responses to plan our activities for the year.

One concern parents raised was class size. As a result, the home and school wrote an open letter to all the education stakeholders on behalf of parents asking for them to consider all aspects when determining funding for education.

Another issue raised in the survey was bullying and anxiety in school. Therefore, in February, our home and school hosted a "Triple P" Parenting session and a session about how to cope with anxiety. These were put on in conjunction with the Provincial Home and School Federation and very well attended.

Parents also gave us input on lunch options in the school with many asking for more healthy options. The school has since initiated some changes to the lunch program, introducing a few healthier options for students.

Eliot River nominated Ricard Angel to be our representative on the Family of Schools District Advisory Council for the Bluefield family of school. Regular reports will be filed with the local home and school association in order to keep everyone up to date.

Other Activities

- As a way to raise funds, our association held a Best Seats in the House fundraiser for the grade four Christmas concert and plan to do the same for the Spring Fling.
- Our association supported Staff Appreciation Week. Various treats for all Eliot River staff were brought in by Eliot River parents.
- We continue to improve parent communication by updating our Eliot River Home and School website, Facebook page, and twitter account.
- We meet approximately four to five times a year and welcome all new members.

Eliot River Home and School Executive

Kara Smith, Co-Chair
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