



# HENB Leadership Breakfast

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All Seasons Restaurant, Sussex

## Needs of Home Education in 10 Years

- Possible legal issues (more restrictions from government)
- Increased online learning
- Increase in Home Education
  - More variety of home educating families
  - More secular views
  - More families seeking an alternative to public school (Learning disability, class sizes etc)
- Increased need for facilitated learning outside of parent as educator (Co-ops)
- Increased amount of fathers as primary home educators

### Items for HENB to Follow Through On:

- More sessions for dads at Annual Conference
- Ensure gender neutral language at events and on website
- Explore the possibility of a Job fair for senior high school home educated students at Annual Conference

### Website Ideas:

- List resources available for online learning (obtain from Ken Biddington)
- ABCS of Getting Started (targeted to parents thinking of home education)
- Transitioning from a School System into Home Education
- Blog posts from dads?
- Section entitled, "How can you support your spouse in this journey?"
- List Regional Job Fairs through the NB universities/ colleges on HENB Calendar

## HENB's Focus Be in the Next 5 Years?

- Increase membership
- Strong political voice (be aware of the political pulse)
- Liaison with local support groups
- Educate support groups on government issues
- Liaison with HSLDA
- Work with NB University and Colleges
- Give time/ attention to more families coming out of public school system

### Website Ideas:

- How to prepare for university
- List resources for high school students which would create a transcript (homeschool tracker)
- Steps to be taken when taking your child out of the Public School System
- Increased search engine optimization

## How can HENB Best Help Support Groups?

- Visit local chapters once a year (budget for gas/ mileage for HENB Board Members)
- Encourage local support groups to create a position on their Executive for HENB rep/ ambassador
- HENB can send these HENB reps updates after each meeting
- Have a monthly newsletter in which each support group is assigned to one month to share ideas, write an article or share links
- Provide a leadership forum for Support Group Leaders through facebook

## How Can HENB Support Home Educating Families?

- Discount at field trip possibilities around the province (Cherry Brook Zoo, Kings Landing, Moncton Zoo, School Days Museum etc)
- Discounts at businesses (Staples, Amazon.ca, Michaels etc)
- Send out a request to all HENB families for discounts to any businesses that they operate
- Create a stronger facebook presence

### Website Ideas to Support Families:

- Create a forum for families across the province to connect with each other?
- Used Curriculum Forum
- Mentorship: Ask veteran home educators if they would be willing to mentor a new home educator. Provide a form on the website and have an HENB member link requests. Mentors/ Mentees could possibly meet for a session at conference.

HENB extends a huge  
thank you  
to all the leaders who  
attended the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual  
HENB Leadership Breakfast!