



Claude D. Taylor School P.S.S.C. Minutes

Date: December 6, 2016

Time: 6:00

Present

Angela Pleshka

James Trenholm

Lore Young

Peter Walker

Jamie Richardson

Brenda Mawhinney

Chris MacDonald

Absent

Tina Hughes

Candy Cornell

Ben Kelly

Minutes

1. **Call to Order** Mrs. Richardson welcomed everyone

2. Presentation from DEC representative- Brenda Mawhinney

Minister of Education has not met with them yet. Discussions were held that discussed, strategic planning, having focus groups, gathering information from students and collecting data. Chris MacDonald suggested having a Town Hall to get feedback from parents. Provincial Assessments were reviewed. The difficult level of questioning in math involves language. Very literacy based. Not a fair reflection of what they know. Letter was sent to the Minister of Education asking for a review of the types of questions that are being asked. Especially the Grade 6 Math. Item Banks are no longer provided to the teachers to help prepare students.

3. Signing Declarations: Chris MacDonald

4. Approval of October Minutes - Jamie Richardson and Peter Walker

5. Principal Report

Enrolment K-2 - 136 students Grade 3-5 - 166 Total - 302

Staffing- Mme. Allen will be co-teaching with Dominique Dufour until December 23rd. Upon returning in January, the students will have Ms. Dufour as their teacher for the remainder of the year.

School Improvement Plan -

- Riverview Community of Schools is working to improve Tier 1 of the Response to Intervention Framework by focusing on Daily instructional practices. (Focus on intentional lesson planning)
- Rationale was reviewed by P.S.S.C. Mr. MacDonald questioned if this was a realistic and attainable goal. Ms. Pleshka explained that it was very much so. It is a school wide approach. It is

intentional daily lesson planning. We will address the diverse needs of learners.

- **PLWEP Goals**

Goal 1- Self-Regulation - Spin Bike. One was purchased for students on PLP's. Home and School is purchasing another one. Our goal is to have one bike per wing. Zones of Regulation was introduced in every class last year. Calming kits are in classrooms. This year we are using the Mind Up curriculum. Guidance is introducing the first two lessons and then the teacher will continue. It is a collaborative, co-teaching process. Books to support this program are also being purchased. Flex and Stretch has begun again. Brain Breaks are being implemented in all classrooms. A wellness area is also set up with couch, chair, table and plants.

- Goal 2- CDT Matrix- This Fall we started with the Classroom section. Song, video and cheer was introduced at an assembly. Matrix was also translated into French. Blue Paw for being caught doing the right thing. Leadership students are taking on a more active role.
- Special Activities K-2 and 3-5 Christmas Breakfast. Christmas Concert. Sing-a-long.

6. Cursive Writing- Peter Walker brought forth his concerns with cursive writing is no longer being taught. Ms. Pleshka polled the teachers and it is in the curriculum. They would teach them the skill, show them proper letter formation. It is not taught in isolation. CDT has a cursive writing club. Teachers will send booklets to parents if requested. Ms. Pleshka at the next staff meeting will mention the importance of modeling cursive writing, mini lessons on proper letter formation and having displays in the classroom.

7. Sidewalk Concerns- Chris MacDonald brought forth his concerns with having no sidewalks especially on Canussa. We have spoken to Town

Council regarding this. Ms. Pleshka suggested having the P.S.S.C. write a letter to the town of Riverview rather than a petition. It is a safety concern as we are a walking school. Vote was taken to see if the P.S.S.C. should write a letter. Chris MacDonald will help draft a letter with Jamie Richardson to present to Town Council. It will then be mailed to the Town Clerk.

8. Document, "Robert's Rules of Order" was presented to the P.S.S.C. The document will be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting.

****Next meeting will be January 25 of 2017**

Motion to adjourn, First by Peter and seconded by Chris.