

PSSC Meeting Minutes November 6, 2013

Present: Stephanie Prosser, Ewen Cameron, Audrey Thorne, Stacy Keeler, Krista Woodman, Tracy Henderson, Lindsay Brown, Cathy Rourke, Lisa Lewis, Cathy Ross, Tanya Rideout, Olivia Steeves, Roberta Brewer

Absent: Dan Pollock (regrets)

- **Call to Order** Moved -Lindsay Brown Seconded -Tracy Henderson
- **Approval of Agenda** Moved- Audrey Thorne Seconded - Lisa Lewis
- **Introductions**
- **Election of Chair** Audrey Thorne moved that Stacy Keeler be Chair Person accepted Seconded Lindsay Brown
- **Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting** – May, 2013: discussion re posting minutes; draft until approved at next meeting; **MSC, Tracy, Audrey to approve minutes of last meeting**
- **Business Arising out of the Minutes of Last Meeting:** sign: all materials are here; 16' posts here, worked on by shop class, being varnished; hold up is getting poles in ground; identified spot last year, in conversation with Candace Scott, who was down last Thursday, wants to make sure no issues with location; some of fence has to be removed; shop class has materials, and top is done; only thing don't have is letters; plan is to do it before ground freezes; Mr. Cameron is pushing hard for it; decision whether two sides or not; issue is that sign already done, coating on back doesn't allow for signage; expensive to do it; but, could do lettering on both sides, though involves cost of another set of letters; Tracy gave recap of sign issue, placement, etc.; **MSC, Tracy, Tanya, to vote on whether to do two sides**; unanimous decision to do two-sided;
- Correspondence: no correspondence to share
- Establish Meeting Norms: powerpoint presentation re: role of PSSC; **MSC, Lisa, Tracy to nominate Audrey as Vice Chair**; Last Year's Norms: meetings to be held first Wednesday of every month except Dec and Jun; minutes shall begin at 6 and finish no later than 8; minutes will be divided as required, elementary and 6-12; members will email principals and chair if unable to attend; members will respect role of chair; education of all students will be first obligation; democratic principals applied members will promote high standards of ethical practice; guided by school's mission statement; members will

be discreet and confidential; members will declare conflicts of interest: **MSC Krista, Audrey to accept norms as stated**; copy of Norms will be provided at next meeting;

- Nominate 3-20 Parents for the School's Appeal Committee
- PSSC Budget - \$551 – table until next meeting
- DEC Report – last year were in reorganization mode; this year, had good start; dec is reviewing policies, and developing one on mental health; program will be used from K-12; in planning stage; district with government has plan, filtered to DEC, which has to fit in with provincial plan; teachers honoured for excellence in teaching, 9 from Anglophone East; Elaine Clancy from Havelock was honoured, but none from Petitcodiac; goal is to have one from every school; would like to have more nominations, more to choose from; now that only 4 districts, each can nominate any two teachers;
- Declarations signed by everyone;
- Divided Sessions: Principal's Report (see Appendix A and B))
- Next meeting: January 15, 2014 at 6 p.m.; discussed maybe having meetings on every 3rd Wednesday;
- Motion to Adjourn; **MSC Lisa, Krista to adjourn**

PRS PSSC Norms for 2013-2014

- Meetings will normally be held the first Wednesday of every month except for December and June
- Meetings will be divided as required: elementary, grades 6-12
- Meetings shall begin at 6:00 pm and finish no later than 8:00 pm
- Members will e-mail the chair and principal if they are unable to attend
- Members will respect the role of the chair
- The education of all students will be the first obligation
- Democratic principles will be applied
- Members will promote high standards of ethical practice
- PSSC will be guided by the school's two mission statements
- Members will be discreet and respectful and honour confidentiality
- Members will declare any conflicts of interest

Appendix A

Grades 6-12 Principal's Report

November 6, 2013

PRS Mission, Vision and Values

Mission: "At PRS, we will promote literacies in all that we do"

Vision: "We will become active citizens in the global community"

Values: "We will be accountable and respectful and strive for personal excellence in all that we do."

Enrolment:

Middle School - 202

High School - 149

Total - 367

Professional Development – On the afternoon of November 8th, staff will be introduced to the new policy on Inclusion, Policy 322. The ESS Team is participating in a series of seminars over the next few months and will be leading the session on October 8th.

If It Hurts Its Wrong – On October 29th Middle School Lead Teacher Kandice Carter and High School Lead Teacher, Anik Dupuis-Leger along with 4 students from Middle School and 4 Students from High School attended a one-day training session in Riverview with Denise Koebcke in preparation for the Provincial Anti-Bullying Awareness Week, November 18 to 22nd. Denise is the creator and director of Team Lead, a bystander leadership and student empowerment program for schools, communities, and corporations.

Dessert Theatre - Theatre Arts 120 and Culinary Tech class present a DESSERT THEATRE. Theatre Arts will present The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton on Thursday, Nov 28, 2013 at 7pm. Tickets will be sold at the door. Cost: \$5. Guests are to be seated in the theatre by 6:50pm. There will be an intermission where the Culinary Tech class will be serving delicious desserts for a fee of \$4. Bring your appetite for dessert and theatre! Advisors: Mrs. Wanda Jones (Theatre), Mrs. Tanya Rideout (Culinary Tech)

The Robb Nash Project: Make Today Count - PRS High School students will be traveling to Moncton Thursday morning, November 7th to experience the Robb Nash Project. Robb Nash has performed to nearly 800,000 youth in Canada and will be sharing his inspiring story including how he overcame a near death experience. The Robb Nash Project, presented by Anglophone East School District, Moncton Youth Residences and Codiack RCMP, is aimed at helping youth stay hopeful and make positive choices through personal songs, stories and videos.

Guidance News - If you have a child in grade 11 or 12 and would like for them to be part of a wellness group, please contact Mme Dupuis Leger in Guidance. This group will offer discussions, tips, and strategies to help them cope with different types of situations and achieve a positive mental health. The group will be guided by Mme Dupuis Leger and Mrs. McKnight, Regional Community Worker from the

Canadian Mental Health Association. Group begins November 5th. This same group will also be offered to grade 9 and 10 students second semester.

SPOT Food Drive - Students, parents and staff of Petitcodiac Regional School recently held a food drive for SPOT (Support People of Today) following their devastating fire. On October 18th all students in grades K-12 walked to the Petitcodiac Village Office with their food items with a goal of filling our mini bus. In addition to filling the mini bus, two and a half 1/2-ton trucks were filled. Students also contributed \$362 in monetary donations while teachers and support staff contributed \$570. This act of kindness by our students, staff and parents was felt throughout our entire community. Thank you!

Take Your Kid to Work Day - Wednesday, November 6th is Take Your Kid to Work Day for all grade 9 students. By now you should have received information home from your student in grade 9 about this. Our goal at PRS is for ALL grade 9 students to be at an employer on November 6th. Signed forms are due back in to Mrs. Keating, your child's English teacher, no later than Nov. 1.

Grad Class News- The PRS Grad Class of 2014 is currently selling raffle tickets on a Christmas Gift Card Tree that includes approximately \$900 in various gift cards. Tickets are available at the Scotia bank Branch in Petitcodiac (where the tree is on display) or from any PRS grade 12 student. Tickets are \$2 each or \$5 for 3 tickets. The Class of 2014 is also holding a Bake Sale at Scotia bank on November 27th from 10 am -3:00 pm.

Parent-Teacher Interviews - This year, all middle and high school teachers will be in the cafeteria for parent-teacher interviews. Interviews run Thursday, November 7th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm and Friday, November 8th from 8:30 to 11:30 am.

Remembrance Day Ceremony - Petitcodiac Regional School's Remembrance Day Ceremony will be held on Nov 7th at 12:30 pm in the school gymnasium. PRS has made it a tradition to stop and remember the sacrifices that have been made for our freedom and security by the Armed Forces of Canada. This assembly brings together our entire school population from kindergarten to grade 12. We also invite the Legion members and the community to come and share this important moment with us. After the ceremony we have a small get-together in the staffroom with refreshments for our dignitaries. Students also participate in the poster and writing contest from the Canadian Legion.

Seeking International Student Host Families - Petitcodiac Regional School will be looking for 3-4 good homes for international students from South America for second semester. These students will be 16-17 years old and will come from Brazil, Colombia, and possibly Mexico. They will have some English language skills and are very motivated to do well academically. These students have gone through many levels of references and competitions in order to come to Canada for 1 semester (5 months). They are very polite, intelligent and industrious. Eastern Canada is one of the main areas of choice due to our safe environment. As well, there is a reimbursement formula in place to assist families that agree to host a student. On November 13th there will be an information session at PRS starting at 6:30 pm hosted by Mr. Malcolm Stewart.

Middle School and High School SIPs reviewed on portal.

Appendix B

Grades K-5 Principal's Report

November 6, 2013

K-5 Enrolment – 201

K Hopper – 21	3 Ayles – 14
K Silverthorn – 21	3 Hamer – 14
1 Clarke – 20	4 Berry – 18
1 Steeves – 18	4 Lewis (replacing Mme. Cornect) – 18
1/2 Dorken – 13 (6/7)	5 McFee – 28
2 Ross – 16	

K-5 Resource – Kevin Chambers (replacing Mrs. Carr)
K-5 Guidance – Leila Paddock (Mondays)
10 EAs

Professional Development

Inclusion and Universal Design for Learning (UDL)
Weekly Grade Level Team Meetings (PLC) – 1 hour
Monthly Literacy and Math Meetings

Positive Learning Environment

Bucket Filling
Monthly Panther Pride Assembly
Wildcats All-Stars Program
Tell Them From Me Surveys

Assessments

K-2 – Aimsweb (administered 3 times a year)
K-5 – Math Screeners (administered 3 times a year)
Jan/Feb – Grade 5 Intensive French Oral and Written Proficiency (20% of schools)
May - Grade 2 Provincial Literacy Assessment (20% of schools)
May - Grade 5 Provincial Math Assessment (20% of schools)

What Has Been/Will Be Happening

September 25th – K-2 visited Belliveau Orchard
October 9th – K-5 Fire Safety Presentations by Petitcodiac Fire Dept.
October 15th-18th – 2014 Kindergarten Registration
October 21st-25th – Red Ribbon Week (Drug Awareness presentations by Petitcodiac B&G Club)
Grade 4s have completed swimming program.
Mr. Hamer's grade 3 class is participating in Roots of Empathy program.
November 14th – Dairy Queen Fundraiser (20% of profit from 5-8 p.m.)
November 22nd – Symphony New Brunswick (oboe & bassoon to perform music from around the world)
December 6th – K-8 Report Cards
December 11th – Christmas Concert

School Improvement Plan

Mission

Our mission is to be... Literate for Life

Vision

An educational community that inspires independence and accountability in our students.

Values

We will continue to be:

P rofessional

R espectful

E ver-evolving

S upportive Educators

Literacy Goals (Reading)

Kindergarten-Grade 3

80% of students will be reading at grade level at each reporting period. The remaining 20% of students will continue to make appropriate developmental gains.

Grade 4

70% of students will achieve appropriate or higher on literal and inferential questions according to report card criteria.

Grade 5

By February 2014, 70% of students will achieve appropriate or higher in reading in French according to report card criteria.

Literacy Goals (Writing)

Kindergarten-Grade 3

By June 2014, 80% of students will meet the grade level writing criteria for conventions.

Grade 4

By June 2014, 70% of students will achieve appropriate or higher in writing according to report card criteria.

Grade 5

By February 2014, 70% of students will achieve appropriate or higher in writing in French according to report card criteria.

Math Goal

Kindergarten-Grade 5

80% of students will achieve 80% or higher on the June Math Screener.