

# MINUTES

## **Petitcodiac Regional School PSSC**

November 4, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Krista Woodman at 6:05 pm.

### **In attendance**

Ewen Cameron, Nicole Killam, Krista Woodman, Audrey Thorne, Stephanie Prosser, Stacey Keeler, Angela Steiflea, Lindsey Brown, Dan Pollock, Jessica Harper

Not in attendance: Cathy Ross, Roberta Brewer, Dawna-Lee Coneen

Chair: Krista Woodman                      Vice: Audrey Thorne                      Secretary: Nicole Killam

### **Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

Minutes from the last meeting were approved by Lindsey Brown and seconded by Dan Pollock.

Changes to the minutes: May 27<sup>th</sup> should replace May 1<sup>st</sup>. Amendment approved by Angela Steiflea and seconded by Audrey Thorne.

### **Business arising out of the minutes from last meeting**

New bussing area and CN railway crossing was discussed. If CN will take out the rails, the Village will pave the area. This will be more conducive for the busses leaving the school.

Is the district taking any initiative in this? It is "in the works". Ewen will contact district to request support with the village and MLA on this issue

Letter about trades: Lindsey asked for clarification on this

Who is the letter going to? The DEC. Minister of Education. Superintendent.

What is the tone? Non-adversarial.

Content? We need to point out that PRS does not have an adequate trades program.

History – Petitcodiac once had the best trades program and now has the worst. The addition of the elementary wing was discussed with regards to how it affected our k-12 school situation.

Where would these new areas go in our current building?

Not all types of students are having their needs met. Employers need skilled trades people and our school is not producing that product. 30 of the fastest growing fields are trades!

District has capital improvement and repairs list – our parking area was chosen. It is prioritized and a living document that changes as needs arise. Trades for PRS is on the list, but no timeline is offered.

Riverview high has new shops and culinary tech labs.

## Principal's Reports

Mr. Ewen Cameron prepared a report with copies for everyone: PRS mission, vision, values, enrolment, site improvement, Middle and High School happenings, Technology update, and upcoming events. Ewen requested feedback on the foldout outlining policies and procedures.

Ms. Prosser shared her report verbally. Enrolment, Kindergarten kickoff rescheduled for Nov 12.

## Committee Reports

### DEC REPORT

## Correspondence

## Ten Year Plan

Ewen shared a power point about the 10 year plan. Ewen and Stephanie left.

### Q1 What is working well within the current education system in NB?

Kindergarten is a good program.

Overall student success is good. Many students are getting scholarships, jobs, and going to college.

Immersion starting in grade 6 is a benefit. Basics in English are established first.

Inclusion – the benefits outweigh the negatives. However, resources must be available to make this work. Classroom support is imperative.

### Q2 What is your vision of the future state of the education system in NB 10 years from now?

\* Resources dedicated to enrichment. Resources are not currently fairly distributed. Efforts tend to focus on struggling learners, but others need resources to reach their full potential.

\* Revamped system - Block program where students stay until they achieve the outcomes at an acceptable level. Kindergarten-grade 2 as an encompassing 3 years, stay there till you get it. 3-5 is the next block. Students should not be moving on until they achieve. This new all-inclusive model will have more choices and flexible schedules for high school students as the current system is too strict regarding grad requirements and does not allow students to focus on their strengths or future goals. Specialized high school building (English literature, trades, STEM etc.) would help students focus their efforts at an earlier age.

\* Teachers must be respected and given the opportunity to teach. Administrative stuff is taking away from good teaching.

\*Every class should have support: an Educational Assistant to support inclusion.

Q3 How can we reach your vision-what actions need to be implemented?

\*Resources and financing must be dedicated to enrichment as well as guidance from district offices. Budgeting and auditing for school districts should be transparent to encourage accountability and ensure decisions are being made to increase student learning.

\*E – learning and distance education should be used to offer students options for learning.

\* Grammar should be a focus in English as efficient communication is important for everyone.

**Next Meeting**

Wed. January 6th

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:35 by Krista Woodman.