

Fairvale Elementary School Parent School Support Committee

Date: November 4, 2020

Chair: Joanne Hanson

Secretary:

Meeting Time: 7:30pm-9pm

Location: Teams

Attendees

Jill MacDonald-regrets	Brianna Gillis- regrets	Angela Little
Nela Ramirez- regrets	Leah Trevor-regrets	Sharf Chowdhury-regrets
Patti Scott	Melissa Brown	Drew Palmer
Bonnie Hierlihy	Sarah Richards	Joanne Hanson

Agenda Items		Responsible
1.0 Call to order	Acceptance and additions to agenda	
2.0 Review minutes	October 7 th , 2020	
3.0 Standing Items	<p>3.1 Operational Plan:</p> <p>a-Updates to school operational plan</p> <p>Bonnie shared that the plan is reviewed twice a month- once during the Joint Health & Safety meeting and once during the FES Staff Meeting. This plan is an ever-changing document, dependent on the current phase of the GNB Recovery Plan and the ongoing needs of the school. When changes are made, Bonnie will update the plan on the FES website and send to district. Recent updates included: Section 4 Building Access- when children arrive at school, they are no longer given hand sanitizer when they first enter due to glove wearing. Students sanitize when they enter their classroom. EA's are stationed in the hallway to remind students. Prior to making this change, Bonnie reached out to our Healthy Learners Nurses to ensure that students are not required to sanitize twice. Only visitors to building Monday, Oct. 26th. A second change was Section 6 Physical Distancing- staff are now required to wear masks in meetings and when they are together even if they can maintain the 2 meter distance. This change came about when Moncton went to Orange Phase. In addition to this change, teachers are also required to wear masks always in the hallway even when they are travelling as a bubble with their class.</p>	Bonnie
	<p>3.2 Curriculum Updates:</p> <p>a-Professional Learning day update</p> <p>Sarah shared that EAs viewed two webinars on social emotional learning and had a productive discussion/reflection time after each webinar. Teachers worked on developing their class Team to prepare in the case that at-home learning is required. Some teachers are creating bitmoji classrooms. Melissa Brown,</p>	Sarah

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	<p>Resource Teacher, shared what this would look like. She described the Teams classroom as having links to different activities/websites/games/word work activities. Sarah shared that teachers are engaging students during the school day so that kids are ready to go virtual. In order to engage parents with Teams, some teachers have created channels and are sending pictures for families to see.</p>	
	<p>3.3 Improvement Plans:</p> <p>a-District Improvement Plan (DIP): There have been some changes to the DIP due to our current reality- narrowed focus. For at least this year, there has been a reduction in the number of ends policies (K-12 goals) from 7 to 4. Ends Policy #1 Provide safe healthy inclusive learning and working environment has an additional focus on outdoor physical activity. Ends Policy #2 Continuous improvement on Social Emotional Learning practices. Very important with Covid. Ends Policy #3 Diversity focus- All members of school community be welcomed Ends Policy #4 Maximizing engagement of families and community for example our school’s partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters and RNS. We are working at coming up with more creative ways to do this</p> <p>b-School Improvement Plan (SIP): FES will now have a more narrow focus (two goals only) We are part of a Pilot Program with 6 schools. We were required to align our SIP with the DIP but some items that are a focus for the district are areas that we may have mastered. The pilot came about from a working group that identified the need for schools to have more autonomy when creating their SIP goals. To narrow our focus, we went through a large document of indicators and rated ourselves. Our Core Leadership Team and then whole staff identified two areas of focus: Global Competencies and Assessment for Learning. We then worked as a staff to determine how to explicitly teach Global Competencies. Sarah shared the second focus which is assessment for learning: learning goals, success criteria, student self-assessment, goal setting.</p>	Bonnie
4.0 New Business	<p>4.1 Report cards/Parent teacher meetings- New curricular focus on Exploration in K-2 plus literacy and numeracy; gr 3-4 literacy, numeracy and Cross Curricular Block. Formatting will be the same just different topics. Parent-Teacher will be Virtual via Teams Thurs. Dec 3 & Fri Dec 4.</p>	Bonnie

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5.0 Once around the table	Bonnie thanked committee for agreeing to use the budget for our morning signs. We purchased signs for morning and after school. We will look into adding pylons to the drop-off zone during after school time. Update: The sign indicating that the drop-off zone is not accessible after school, arrived within a week of the meeting so pylons were not required.
Adjournment	

Upcoming Meetings: January 13th, February 10th, April 7th, May 12th, 2021