



PSSC Minutes

Chair: Candace Muir

Meeting Room: HES Library

Date: Monday March 18, 2019

Meeting Time: 6:30-7:37

Present (✓) Regrets (R)

R	Mrs. Blanchard	✓	Sue DeLong	✓	Christa Brown
✓	Mrs. J Stewart	R	Lindsay Hall	R	Stephanie Estey
✓	Ms. Jen Salgado	R	Jennifer Sheils	R	Richard Malone(DEC)
✓	Pam Wallace(recorder)	R	Kathy LeBail	R	Angela Guptill
✓	Candace Muir (chair)	R	Kate McCann	✓	Sharma Coleman
X	Elizabeth Dickson (H&S liaison)				

Agenda Items

Discussion / Action		Owner
1.0	Approval of Agenda	PSSC members
2.0	<p>Principal's Report</p> <p>Demographics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 273 students (steady) <p>Staffing: New Positions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Long has retired and Ms. Shannon has replaced her. <p>Staff Learning Days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 22: Staff Learning about ESS Connects and half day for report card preparation <p>Attendance Policy Update: Chronic absenteeism is defined as missing 10% or more school time.</p> <p>Office Referrals: Minimal and classes working on skill streaming. Referrals down.</p> <p>Safety Procedures: Will be up and running as the weather improves.</p> <p>Review of February/March:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> January Book swap- very successful with students being able to access more than one book February: Pink shirt day, safe internet week and Theatre NB Gretel and Hansel March Break March Nutrition Month and review of new food guide. Caught you eating Fruit and vegetable initiative. <p>French Immersion Provincial Consultation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Despite calls for teachers to stick with the 10 year plan, the new government has initiated a survey on French Immersion. No outcomes as of yet. 	Mrs. Stewart
3.0	<p>Grants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bilingual Learning Environment grant Universal Design for Learning Action Research Grant Federal Accessibility Grant \$99, 900 	Mrs. Stewart
4.0	<p>School Improvement Plan (SIP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Benchmarks are currently being completed Provincial Grade 4 Assessment (literacy, numeracy, science) Dr. Chorney in Saint John April 4th talking about screen time and social media SIP #1: Literacy: Universal Design for Learning grant has been used to employ the Words Their Way program to improve spelling with good improvements noted on reassessments. A paper is to be published in partnership with UNB. SIP #2 Numeracy: Teachers are working on math fact fluency and problem solving. Some strategies include the problem of the week and the STEM/STEAM "Grinch Day" that had students involved in critical thinking. SIP #3 Positive Learning Environments: Student Author night being planned for April. Adjustments also made to Synervoice to have highlights before the full message from the principal. Well received by families. 	Mrs. Stewart

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<p>5.0 Home and School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$280, 000 of \$300,000 received for new playground. School is still waiting on Provincial commitment. Teardown will commence in June 2019. Some adjustments made to design due to problems with drainage in the area. A new company has been hired (ABC).Candace Muir to send a thank you card from PSSC to Tammy and Andrea on the Home and School who have worked so hard to achieve this goal. • New company chosen to help with big fair Day who will provide staff to man the stations. Some parent volunteers are still welcome/needed. 	Mrs. Stewart
6.0 DEC Report:	No representative
<p>7.0 Parent Power Night</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Vickers to present on April 15 at 6:30 at HES • He is a member of CNY team on ISD and is a child and youth psychologist • Presenting on developing resilience and grit- perseverance • PSSC volunteers asked to come in for 6:00 to help with set up. 	
<p>8.0 New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell them from Me Survey Results: Teacher Perception <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Strengths: Explicitly stated learning goals, access to resources, participation in school activities, feeling safe, PLC time assigned to schedule ○ Area for Improvement: Feeling supported by administration, Curriculum resources and discipline. Staff meetings have already been done to address these concerns demonstrating access to online curriculum resources and developing strategies for discipline plans that meet the needs of individual students. • Budget: \$293.25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Resource books purchased for growth Mindset and on display in staff room • PSSC Spring Symposium May 10/11, 2019 in Miramichi- RSVP by March 30 • Resumption of Chocolate Milk: Sharma Coleman presented concerns about chocolate milk not being offered at HES although it has resumed at HMS and DATL. Discussion held about the merits of calcium consumption at an early age and standardized milk content throughout the schools. Concerns were raised about students in delivery service of milk and conflict that can arise when students felt chocolate was ordered when parents might have ordered white milk. Mrs. Stewart to present parent concerns to staff for consideration in next school year. 	<p>Mrs. Stewart</p> <p>Candace Muir</p>
<p>9.0 Upcoming Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 22: AM: EECD PM ½ day report card prep • March 30: Fund raising breakfast at St Alphonsus church 8:30 to 11 • April 1: Report Cards go Home • April 4/5 Parent teacher • April 15: Parent Power Night 	

Adjournment: 7:40

Minutes submitted by: *Pamela Wallace*

Next Meeting: Monday, April 15, 2019 at 6:00 in HES library

Topics for next meeting:

- Parent Power night
- Follow up on DATL yoga- application for wellness grants?
- Chocolate Milk