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D.A.T.L. PSSC Committee Meeting

October 21, 2019 6:00 pm

Present: Lisa Jardine, Lindsay Hall, Sara Creighton, Jill Brown, Cynthia Perry, Barbie Lazarri, Allison Chorley, Krista Garnett, Joel Hoyt, Richard Malone, Amy Grant, Katie Haines

1. **PSSC Overview and Introductions:** 6 members attended the PSSC orientation session. Introduction by Lisa, welcome Richard Malone, DEC Representative.
2. **School Improvement Plan:** Lisa reviewed the DATL 2019-2020 School Improvement plan and handout provided. The district has their own improvement plan, DIP, which is tied to the 10-year education plan.

3 ends policies.

1. We will learn and work in a safe, healthy and inclusive environment.
2. Students will demonstrate continuous improvement in literacy and numeracy skills reaching or exceeding provincial and district targets.
3. We will continue to develop and to strengthen family engagement and community partnerships

There are Objectives, Strategies, actions, responsibility for each ends policy
Time, money, spent should all be tied to SIP.

Questions from PSSC in regards to SIP:

- What is Positive Education (buzz word) mindfulness and that you have positive experiences in education. Looking at the interests of the individual learners. Give something that you tie into their strengths and interests.
 - Who will be leading Mindfulness training- guidance counsellor will be leading.
3. **Speech and Language Services:** Current SLP is off on maternity leave. Parents are very concerned as there have been no services offered. The maternity leave has apparently been filled, but to 0.6, cutting back the time available to DATL. The new hire is also a newer grad; thus, she is unable to supervise SLP assistants. This will in turn affect the services that the SLP assistant Amanda Fowley, can provide at SLP as she was completing some screening. PSSC is recommending this be further discussed at the next meeting.
 4. **Wednesdays in December:** Dates are December 4th and December 11, 2019 from 12:30-1:30pm. Community members come in to the school to do education sessions with children.

Some of the sessions include: Yoga, Science, Coding, Baking, Crafts, Outdoor Ed, First Nations, STEM. There will be multi-age groupings and children will be able to sign up for 3 different sessions with the hope that they get at least one of their picks.

5. Parent Education Night: PSSC discussed ideas for a Parent Education night. Group came to a consensus that an education session on the Zones of Regulation would be beneficial. We also talked further about reaching out to the community and having zones of regulation in places like Dentist/ Doctors offices.

6. Additions:

- a. Minister of Education Teaching award won by Mrs. Boyle! Nominated by the school, the minister of education contacted her to let her know she had won.
- b. Richard Malone spoke to the group on behalf of the DEC. He recommended members go to the website to review Minutes from DEC meetings. He reviewed role of DEC and it's representatives. The communication lines are open between principal or PSSC Chair and the DEC chair. The budget hasn't yet been approved, but that doesn't affect the running of the school. District won't approve budget until more money for EAs. He reports this will be discussed again in November. Council is adamant that budget not approved until EA money approved.
- c. Green Paper- DEC was not aware of any of that before it came out. Minister of Education came forward with ways to restructure the schools for improvement. Elimination of grades at k-2 level moving to multi ability in classrooms was one of the main suggestions.

Next meeting Monday Nov. 18th at 6pm.