

# Lakefield Elementary School Parent School Support Committee Meeting

October 20, 2020 7:00pm

Minutes

## Present:

Michael O'Neill (Principal)	Melissa Crilley	Jennifer Shepard
Carolyn Campbell (Chair)	Kelly Arden	Shonna Martin
Patti Doyle (Resource Teacher)	Alexandra Ross	Julie McNamee (VP)
Megan Folkins	Roger Nesbitt (DEC)	

*Regrets:* Melissa McLean, Jenna Granger (Secretary)

## 1. Welcome and Introductions

Roundtable introductions. Many members are returning from last year. Alexandra Ross and Kelly Arden are new members this year – Welcome!

## 2. Chairperson/Secretary

Carolyn Campbell has offered to serve as chair of the Lakefield Elementary School (LES) Parent School Support Committee (PSSC). Jenna Granger has offered to act as secretary and take meeting minutes.

## 3. PSSC Orientation Meeting

**There will be no orientation meeting offered this year due to Covid restrictions. This year there will be a video prepared for members to watch. Roger Nesbitt also offered to answer any questions. He talked to the group about what the PSSC is and how we support the SIP as well as decisions made about and for the school.**

**Also discussed the budget of approximately 870\$ for the school.**

**Another option for PSSC members is to sit on the Appeals Board for Placement, Retention, Zoning and Suspensions.**

## 4. School Improvement Plan Updates

The School Improvement Plan (2018-2021) is posted on the LES website and can be found at (<https://secure1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-S/1943/Documents/School%20Improvement%20Plan%202018-21.pdf>)

The ongoing goals/ initiatives of the School Improvement Plan include increasing parent communication and involvement, curriculum development, and creating a positive learning environment.

Many pieces of the SIP are on hold due to Covid restrictions.

Teachers are setting classes up with Teams. Monthly use of Dojo and regular use of Office 365. No longer Math and Literacy Leads. Mrs. Millett has been offering Math PL to colleagues.

Positive Learning environment: Doing House Teams by classroom to build school spirit. Yoga is on hold for now but working on a way to deliver by class (3-5). We did Wellness Week Yoga. Mrs. Meahan, Mrs. Doyle and Mrs. McNamee taught all of the classes in the school that week.

### **5. New Staff and Staffing Changes at LES**

Several teachers joined the LES staff this year: Peter Wallace, Shari Patstone, Julie Mackay, Sally Peters, Josh Britten, Diane Laird and Katelyn Pin. Also new EA's in the building; Deena Sutton, Courtney Culligan and Millie Fitzgerald

### **6. PSSC Budget**

Last year's PSSC budget was \$2.40/person, totalling approximately \$870. It was used to purchase paper supplies. Mr. O'Neill requested for permission from the PSSC to use this year's budget for similar purchases. Approval was granted unanimously.

### **7. Enrolment**

There are presently 361 students enrolled at LES.

**8- Covid and Homeschool- We have 6 students being home schooled this year. Things are going well at school. Mike and Julie created a strong Operational Plan that they have altered or changed along the way.**

### **9. Happenings at LES**

- This year's house teams are set to start mid to late October. The plan is to combine house teams with UNESCO initiatives.
- The Terry Fox Walk raised \$482.
- The WITS program is ongoing again this year. WITS stands for Walk Away, Ignore, Talk It Out, Seek Help.
- Kindergarten registration for 2021-2022 is open. Online is not straightforward. Currently have 44 students registered. It was suggested that paper registration forms go out to Daycares.
- Teachers are working in their professional learning communities to set and achieve growth goals. This year seven LES teachers on D contracts will have evaluations completed.
- Dielman's fundraiser seems slower this year. May have run its course. Carolyn suggested selling consumable products.
- Big thank you to the Home and School for the new play structure. Next steps is something for field and older kids.

**Next meeting of the LES PSSC is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, 2020 at 7pm**