

PSSC Meeting Minutes  
Blacks Harbour School

Date: January 30, 2023

Place: Conference Room

Time: 6:00 pm

## Regular Meeting

**Name of Chair:** Jennifer Harris

**PSSC Members in Attendance:** Tammy Surette (Principal), Joelene Aymar (Teacher) Cheri Vance (parent), Jaclyn Burns (Parent), Tiffany Henriksen (Parent), Jennifer Harris (Parent/Chair), Stefanie Boudreau (Parent)

**PSSC Members Absent:** Alyssa Draper (Teacher), Ashton Koteff (Parent), Kalie Greer (Parent), , Shelly Merrill-Mackillop (DEC)

**Visitors:** Rebecca Allen (Community Schools Coordinator)

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** Meeting called to order by Jennifer Harris, Chair.
2. **Agenda:** Motion to have the agenda approved as presented. Motioned by Cheri Vance, Seconded by Jaclyn Burns.
3. **Review of minutes from last meeting:** Motion to have the minutes approved as presented. Motioned by Jennifer Harris. Seconded by Cheri Vance.
4. **Update on PSSC Funds:** At the previous meeting the PSSC decided to use funds to support a school event that included students and families. Tammy shared that teachers have requested the use of PSSC funds to support the open house for 100's day and the welcome to kindergarten event. Both events include inviting the school community to participate in events at the school.

The PSSC voted 100% in favour of using the funds in this manner.

5. **Review and Discussion of Letter from Former DEC member Shelly Merrill-MacKillop:** Prior to her resignation, Shelly sent a drafted letter addressed to the Minister of Education, expressing concerns over the proposed changes to the DEC. She requested that our school Chair send the letter to our Minister on behalf of our PSSC team. Each member read the letter. We discussed the value of the current DEC and determined that it's valuable for our current DEC to remain in place. We voted 100% in favour of sending the letter to the minister. Jennifer Harris agreed to complete the letter with BHS details and will mail the letter on our behalf.

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6. **Review and Discussion of School Improvement Plan:** Tammy explained the development process of the SIP and the purpose of using an SIP. As a group we examined the goals and reviewed the data from our first reporting period. Members indicated that they are in favour of our SIP goals and the strategies for achieving those goals.
  
7. **Discussion of the Proposed French Curriculum Framework:** Tammy shared information on the proposed framework, including plans to have ½ the day in French for grades K-1 next school year. She explained that we are still waiting on finalized plans and formal direction should the plan be implemented next school year. Teachers and parents expressed concerns about lost literacy and math time as well as social emotional concerns. Tammy shared some ideas for how to add French learning while maintaining the integrity of the Literacy and Math time. Parents are concerned about the proposed framework, but indicated they appreciate the effort our school is making to provide a positive, productive learning experience for our students. Parents were encouraged to voice their concerns to the government. They were also encouraged to forward questions to Tammy so she can seek answers at future Principals' meetings.
  
8. **Other Business:**
  - a. **Discussion of DEC membership Opportunity Following the Resignation of Shelly Merrill-Mackillop:** Jennifer Harris presented the email that we received inviting applications for a new DEC member. PSSC members were invited to apply should they desire a DEC position.
  
9. **Adjournment of meeting**
  
10. Next Meeting: TBA – Spring Date