

November 18, 2018

St. George Elementary School PSSC Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Stephanie Borthwick, Matthew Johnson, Julie MacDougall, Katherine Grant, Margaret Nadeau, Rebecca Cook

Regrets: Natalie Aresenault

- (1) Meeting minutes: all PSSC meeting minutes will need to be sent to a PSSC minute email address for posting and review by DEC members. Address is [ASDA.psscminutes@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:ASDA.psscminutes@nbed.nb.ca). Secretary to submit minutes following review.
- (2) Budget: There is \$628.00 in the budget to be spent on communication related items before March 2018. An electronic message board was discussed as an option for a replacement of the board currently in front of the school. It is recognized that this would be much more expensive than the money available to the PSSC. Stephanie stated that she would approach the Town of St. George to propose a partnership as the town would also benefit from an electronic sign to community events and announcements.

**Action item #1: Stephanie to contact town and report results at next PSSC meeting**

A facebook page was also discussed as a method of communication between the school and the public. Mrs. Huizinga suggested that it could be used to promote the positive things going on at the school in addition to announcements. Noted was that pictures of students could not be posted without a signed photo release.

**Action item #2 : Mr Kernighan to explore the option of a facebook page, speaking to the Middle and High School which uses this form of social media.**

- (3) K-2 research project update:
  - The EA schedule was required to be changed due to the longer school hours for k-2, but this has now been completed.
  - Busing remains an issue due to the timing of the buses leaving. Derek O'Brien has been contacted about possible solutions for next year including having a bus to Blacks dedicated to SGES and better coordination of dismissal times with the Middle and High School.
  - The teachers had expressed some stress related to the extra hour which required a review of the expectations of the project. Once the expectations were clarified (same curriculum and more play time), the teachers had a better understanding.
  - The extra FTE which was provided as part of the project (extra resource support) has proved to be very beneficial.
  - Teachers have noted less time for planning and preparing and a noted drop in wellness has resulted. Wellness activities have been organized by Mr. Hovey with good results. The school hopes to organize more of this type of activity and to keep the wellness of the teachers in mind.
  - There is a possibility that parents may be contacted for feedback regarding the project.
  - Julie, Katherine and Rebecca (who all have k-2 students) shared their feedback that their children all experienced being more tired, but seemed to be adjusting.

- (4) Positive Behaviour Intervention Support

-Jen Grant is the diversity lead and adds support around special needs. The district is getting more schools involved with this project.

-Mrs Huizinga and Jenny Maxwell will be attending a meeting regarding this on November 27<sup>th</sup> and hope to have a better understanding and a framework in place to move forward. Manners will be the next topic approached.

**Action item #3: Paddy to report on the Nov 27<sup>th</sup> meeting at the next PSSC meeting.**

(5) Relationship building with the community:

-already discussed were the facebook page approaching the town regarding an electronic announcement sign.

-Letter to Santa radio interviews are taking place soon for k-5 .

-Christmas concert will have 2 shows at 10am and 1 pm. It will be important to communicate to parents that children will need to remain at the school for both shows.

-Raffle tickets are on sale to win reserved seating and a parking place. Suggestion to make sure to announce this at the concert and make a big deal of the winners to help promote this for other years.

**Next meeting: January 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm.**