

# **Fundy Middle and High School PSSC Meeting**

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**November 4, 2021 – Minutes**

## **Zoom Video Call**

**Attendance: Donna Domres, Darlene Thompson, Patrick McDade, Claire Thompson, Holly Hannan, Sadie Gagner, Shelly Merrill-MacKillop, Shawn Draper, Krista Campbell, Rob MacDougall, Jennifer Smith, Krista Kernighan, Cheryl Stuart, Shane Borthwick and Lindsay Thompson.**

**Welcome - Donna Domres**

- 1. Approval of October 2021 minutes. Motion to approve. Moved by moved by Darlene Thompson, approved by Shawn Draper.**
- 2. Business arising from minutes – Patrick stated that vandalism promoted by a popular TikTok trend has stopped.**

**3. 2021-2022 Committee List:**

- 1. Donna Domres (chair)**
- 2. Darlene Thompson (vice chair)**
- 3. Krista Campbell (teacher representative)**
- 4. Claire Thompson (student representative)**
- 5. Cheryl Stuart (home and school representative)**
- 6. Krista Kernighan**
- 7. Shane Borthwick**
- 8. Jennifer Smith**
- 9. Shawn Draper**
- 10. Holly Hannan**
- 11. Shannon Keefe**
- 12. Sadie Gagner**
- 13. Lindsay Thompson**

**Moved by Donna Domres, approved by Darlene Thompson.**

**4. Homework and Microsoft Teams**

**Donna commented on the large amount of homework that high school students have this year.**

**Patrick stated that some of our newer teachers have received and will be receiving some professional development to help them be more effective**

with the type of assignments and the number of assignments they're giving.

Patrick also stated that many of the upper-level maths require approximately an hour and a half of homework per hour of class time.

Patrick said that teachers had to start the year by filling gaps from last year and that teachers used the first week of the strike to review and reassess, but will need to move forward next week.

Shane suggested students get together to attend online classes and work on assignments. This might help to make the situation more positive.

Sadie suggested some training for students who are new to using Microsoft Teams.

#### 5. Language Contract

Patrick stated that there's not a huge amount of support from home in relation to the language contract. Many parents have streamlined their kids into immersion; with language not being the priority.

Many members commented that it was difficult to get the province to release a student from immersion.

Donna pointed out that early immersion and late immersion are being mixed. This is not ideal, but due to smaller numbers in rural areas, it occurs.

Pat suggested that Shelly report back to the DEC that the rural setup for immersion is not ideal.

**Next Meeting: December 8, 2021 at 6:30pm**