

MINUTES

St. Stephen Middle School PSSC & Home and School Meeting

March 22 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. | *Meeting called to order by* Bronwyn Tanner

In Attendance

Gail Beach
Jen Gowan
Jenn MacDonald
Naomi McConkey
Cassandra Cleghorn
Kayleigh Burkholder
Jonathan Conley (Vice Principal)
Bronwyn Tanner (Principal)
Erin Walsh (Behaviour Intervention Mentor)
Tyler Yost (Guidance Counsellor)

PSSC

1. School Improvement Planning – review of discussion from January meeting
 - a) Academic Intervention: English/Math
 - b) Peer Tutors – Literacy started (Mr. Cheney and Mrs. Dempsey)
 - c) Peer Tutors during ASAP, peer leaders have been identified, will be starting soon.
2. Education Support Services:
 - Tyler Yost (SSMS Guidance Counsellor) described his educational background and the qualifications of a counsellor. (BEd and then Masters in Counselling). He shared information on the difference between conflict and bullying and the PBIS model that SSMS uses. (www.PBIS.org). The PROWL focus was described as well as the Pyramid of Intervention model. How students access his supports was detailed. Mr. Yost writes a regular column in the Bobcat Express on a topical issue. The increasing influence of social media was discussed.
 - Erin Walsh (SSMS Behaviour Intervention Mentor) described her role in supporting student groups (using research-based interventions) as well as check-ins with students. Current groups include anger management as well as SkillsStreaming ©, which focuses on social skill development (based on student needs and built on student strengths.) This is a new role that began in 2021.
 - The Education Support Services Team was described in detail – weekly meeting with Administration, Tyler, Erin and the three Resource Teachers as well as a member of the Child and Youth Team.

Next steps:

- B. Tanner has connected with the CMHA about a parent presentation in April or May involving the other local schools (SSHS, SSES, MES and LSES) The Child and Youth Team will be presenting.

- The SSMS Team (B. Tanner, T. Yost, J. Conley, E. Walsh) will explore a parent display during Parent/Teacher interviews.
3. Bobcat Boutique – Thanks to the Home and School volunteers! Many families have been visiting. Adult clothing is very popular.

Home and School

- 1) Chase the Ace – going well! Thank you to Jenn for creating the posters each week and to all members for helping to spread the word!
- 2) Playground Improvement Project:
 - a. Cobequid Consulting is the company that has created the initial plan. This has been shared with students and staff.
 - b. J. Conley is taking the lead. A class representative from each of the 16 homerooms will be meeting with J. Conley to review the plans.
 - c. The first draft has some equipment suggestions, but these can be changed depending on student/community feedback.
 - d. J. Conley is waiting on the price tag from the company so that we can start a visual thermometer with phases/goals.
 - e. B. Tanner will include the updates in next Bobcat Express.
 - f. Some items have already been purchased:
 - i. Climate Action funding was used to buy two outdoor metal tables as well as the materials for two gaga ball courts.
 - ii. \$1000 worth of maple trees have been purchased from Mayfield's.
 - iii. The district is providing 4 new metal benches that have been in storage.
- 3) Smile Campaign
 - a. Tim Hortons has designated the Outdoor Space Project as the recipient of the Cookie Campaign in May. All proceeds from the cookies will be donated.
 - b. Here is the link: [RBI Public - 2023 Charity Toolkit - All Documents \(sharepoint.com\)](#)
 - c. The H&S will meet on Wednesday, April 12 to plan this campaign.
 - d. B. Tanner will connect with Megan Nozzolillo about BTV doing a segment...Pass on your smile, #Smileit forward were two ideas discussed.

Next Meeting

Home and School: Wednesday, April 12 @ 5:30

PPSC: Wednesday, April 19 @ 5:30