

PSSC Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2021 (Virtual Meeting)

*Heather began the meeting by asking about feedback on the School Improvement Plan from PSSC members after she presented the two areas of focus that the teachers have chosen for the coming school year. The focus areas will be: Numeracy & Literacy.

*Heather then explained the opportunity for the coming year with Bee Me Kidz. She introduced the program and its goals for resiliency, parent programs and helping students recognize emotions.

*Heather talked about the Welcome to Kindergarten event that will be happening this year (under Yellow COVID Operational Plan) on June 7th. Current K students will stay home this day. Incoming kindergarten students for the 2021-2022 school year, will visit for 2 hours in small groups to be introduced to the routines of school. Heather and Katie will deliver welcome packages to all incoming students during the month of June.

*Summer camp will be running this year at MES for 30 students - 2 bubble groups of 15. There will be two teachers to teach literacy and math to the two groups in the morning and then students will participate in fun activities in the afternoon, receiving breakfast, lunch and snacks.

*Heather asked about school supply lists – do parents prefer to pay money and teachers purchase all school supplies needed for the class for that year? OR do parents prefer purchasing their own school supplies? PSSC members all supplied an answer, and it was a mixed response. Some prefer purchasing their own, some prefer giving money to the classroom teacher to purchase. Heather will provide this info to teacher teams in the month of June for further discussion.

*Heather discussed the Welcome Back BBQ and how it was done the fall of 2020 – families scheduled a time to meet the teacher outside in the bus turn, the student went into the school with the teacher only while the parent waited outside. Heather asked for feedback on this procedure as we think ahead to next year's BBQ. Parents liked that each student got one-on-one time with their teacher. Parents also like getting to see the classroom that their student will be in for the year. Heather will bring this info back to the school staff for further discussion about next year's plan.

*The last item discussed was morning routine. Currently, students can be dropped off, received here at school and supervised in classrooms, at 7:45. Looking ahead to next year (if buses arrive later), Heather wondered if it was possible to move drop off time to 8:00. PSSC members felt that this was reasonable.

*Since this was the last meeting of the 2020-2021 school year, no next meeting was scheduled.