

# SCHOOL NAME: Central New Brunswick Academy Address: 7263 Route 8 New Bandon, NB E9C 2A7 Parent School Support Committee Minutes

Date: January 25, 2023, Time: 6:30 p.m.

**Location: Multi-Purpose Room** 

School/DEC Representation Present:
Barbara A. Long, Principal
Chris Harquail, DEC
School/DEC Representation Regrets:

#### Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Olga Ross at 6:35 p.m.

## Approval of the Agenda:

Olga Ross requested the agenda be approved as presented, seconded by Melanie Stacey Munn

#### **Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

Minutes from January 2023 minutes were circulated; approved by Stacey Munn; seconded by Cassie O'Donnell-Norrad

# **Business Arising from the Minutes:**

- PSSC Budget: \$625.88 needs to be spent and items delivered by the end of March 2023
- Ideas were discussed; PSSC is willing to support grade 12 agendas and any anti-bullying initiatives; stickers, etc. Will leave it with school to decide.

## **New Business:**

Member, Melanie Hogan, moved from the area. PSSC members unanimously decided that she would not be replaced due to the time of the year and there are still five members remaining to represent the school community.

#### **DEC Representative Report**

- Chris Harquail shared that the PSSC Reform is proceeding.
- There has been no communication from the New Education Minister on this topic.

- French Immersion is still undecided, no final decision.
- Concerns were shared:
  - Will there be enough FI teachers? Will they be qualified to teach the French language?
  - What is the actual benefit to students?
  - ➤ Will it create division with the students?
  - > What is being taken out of the English curriculum to accommodate the 50% in French?
  - > There was a concern the forums are not being announced in time for parents to attend.
  - Members were encouraged to participate in survey and forums when offered.

## **Principal's Report (Principal, Barbara Long):**

- Pink Shirt Day is February 22<sup>nd.</sup>
- Christmas Market went well.
- Recognition Slips were shown, and an explanation of the program was shared.
- Breakfast Program is operating. It is expensive to operate.
- Lunch Program is operating three days a week in a partnership with Joey's Independent. We are breaking even and charging enough to cover the cost of the meals with a small overhead.
- Basketball is winding down and volleyball will be starting.
- The extra funds provided by the Department of Education was shared with spending in the areas of music, shop; courses that encourage hands on initiatives and support varied learning opportunities.
- Grade 10 Program involving Essential Skills was explained. Students engaging in Music, PDCP, Technology and Applied Technology are being offered.

## **Correspondence:**

Email from Superintendent, David McTimoney, on French Immersion was shared by the Chair, Olga Ross.

## **Closing Comments:**

N/A

# **Date of Next Meeting:**

The next PSSC Meeting is February 22, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room

### **Adjournment:**

Motion of adjournment was made by Wendy Ross at 8:30 p.m. Seconded by Stacey Munn

Respectfully submitted by Cassie O'Donnell-Norrad, Secretary