



SCHOOL NAME: Gibson-Neill Memorial Elementary School

Address: 67 Wyngate Drive

**Parent School Support Committee
Minutes**

Date: April 20, 2022 **Time:** 6:30 pm

Location: Den Meeting Room at GNMES

PSSC Members Present: Leah Carle, Chair Nancy Wilkins-Keetch Catherine Picard Lindsay Underhill Amanda Hudson Maryanne Bourgeois	School/DEC Representation Present: Tracy Stewart, Principal Colin Dolan, Vice Principal
PSSC Members Regrets: Rachel Lively Jody Peterson	School/DEC Representation Regrets: Mike Mazerolle, DEC Rep Heather Theriault, Vice Principal Ryan Gregg, Teacher Rep

Call to Order: Leah Carle

Approval of the Agenda:

Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting: Approved previously by email

Business Arising from the Minutes:

New Business: Thank you for completing the survey from EECD regarding the new governance model (feedback) they were requesting PSSC members to complete.

Feedback from group: It was felt that the survey was suggesting the potential combination of Home and School Committee and PSSC. Members have concerns about this potential merging of two very different groups. Members are interested in learning more about this new governance model. DEC Rep, Mike Mazerolle may be able to provide more information at the May meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 26. Leah proposed that we change this meeting to Monday, May 30 so that our DEC rep can attend. Members felt this was a good change.

Term 2 reporting period – Parents were appreciative of the letter sent home about the grading and expectations or benchmarks. How was it received overall by families? Many parents appreciated the Teams option for parent-teacher interviews.

Short discussion on whether or not PSSC would plan to do the corn boil at the meet and greet in the fall. Can be discussed further at next meeting.

Principal Report:

Operational Challenges – Our schools and all others in our school district have had many operational challenges this winter and while there has been some improvement in the past week at our school with this, it has still been difficult to operate our school with the many absences and scramble to get classrooms covered for the day. We are hopeful that May and June will improve with respect to these challenges.

Cafeteria Service Provider – Tracy has a meeting scheduled later this week with ASD-W Community Schools Coordinator to discuss what current options might exist within the district. The goal is to have a provider for the 2022-2023 school year.

Community Engagement – Some grade 1 classes along with a grade 4 class participated in an Easter Egg Hunt outside at the Shannex and created Easter cards for the residents. This was organized with us and Shannex through the help of Daneen Diamond through the Center of Excellence. It was a huge success and the goal is to continue this partnership when we can later this spring and into next school year.

NACTATR – re-engagement post-pandemic – Tracy shared the information from the NACTATR site on in response to the discussion and wonderings at our last meeting on how the pandemic has affected students overall.

Year-end activities – We are looking forward to ending the school year with our grade 3-5 musical, field days and regular field trips along with grade 5 celebration.

Correspondence: N/A

Closing Comments: Agenda item for next meeting: Fall Corn Boil

Date of Next Meeting: Monday, May 30, 2022

Adjournment: 7:30 PM