

**Gibson-Neill Memorial Elementary School**

**67 Wyngate Drive, Fredericton, NB E3A 6G1**

**Parent School Support Committee**

**Minutes**

**Date: March 22, 2021 Time: 6:30pm**

**Location: Virtual on Teams**

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| **PSSC Members Present:**  **Mike Mazerolle - Co-Chair**  **Leah Carle - Co-Chair**  **Nancy Wilkins-Keetch – Parent**  **Ryan Gregg - Teacher Rep.**  **Rachel Lively - Parent**  **Laura Oldford – Parent**  **In addition:**  **Julie Holt – Vice-Principal**  **Heather Theriault – Vice-Principal**  **PSSC Members Regrets:**  **Maryanne Bourgeois – Community Rep.**  **Shelley Wood – Parent**  **Sacha Dewolfe – Parent**  **Jody Peterson - Parent** | **School/DEC Representation Present:**  **Sherry Norton-Graham - Principal**  **School/DEC Representation Regrets:**  **Jane Buckley - DEC** |

**Call to Order: 6:30pm**

**Approval of the Agenda: Ryan Gregg, Nancy Wilkins-Keetch**

**Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting: Laura Oldford, Ryan Gregg**

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

1. **Collaborative Art Project – each class created an art project based on a book. (Sherry) - district took 4 of our pieces and will display them until June.**
2. **Snowshoes – 50 pairs of snowshoes for $3500. Grade 4 had a winter activity day and used the snowshoes as well as making sled out of cardboard and duct tape, shu-shu'd and had treats. This was in lieu of skiing this year.**
   1. **Some teachers have had an elder talk to them about making snowshoes.**

**New Business:**

1. **OUR School survey – social-emotional, relationships, etc.**
   1. Julie is taking the lead with Heather assisting. Heather is on deferred next year (until December).
   2. Bubble questions: Were you always able to find someone to play with at recess? Did having a bubble make finding a friend to play with easier? Do you think it helped decrease bullying? Would you like to continue with bubble and designated playground areas?
   3. Are there questions that you would like to have added to the survey?
2. **The remaining PSSC budget – $900 was left and spent on paper.**
3. **Staffing – no information has been received regarding next year’s plan.**
4. **Playground changes -** 
   1. **Due to the weather areas have to be reorganized. Natural playground and the field are water-laden so those 6 classes will be moved to the parent drop-off area between 9:30 and 1pm.**
   2. **Early arrivals for the 1pm pick-up will have to park in the parking lot until the parent drop-off is clear of students.**
   3. **There is lots of sidewalk chalk for the children to use. There are also balls for them to use.**
5. **Hot lunch changes have been well-received by parents and children.** 
   1. **2 days per week is doable.**
   2. **Current options of grilled cheese sandwiches and chicken nuggets are the easiest options to prepare.**
6. **Parent-Teacher Interviews – April 14**
7. **Report Cards go home March 31st**

**Closing Comments:**

**Date of Next Meeting: April 19th at 6:30**

**Adjournment: 7:00pm**

**Minutes taken by: Julie Holt (VP)**

**Approved by email: Leah Carle – Co-chair - approved by email on Monday, March 23/21**

**Mike Mazerolle – Co-chair – approved by email on Monday, March 22/21**