



**Gibson-Neill Memorial Elementary School  
 67 Wyngate Drive, Fredericton, NB E3A 6G1  
 Parent School Support Committee  
 Minutes  
 Date: April 19, 2021 Time: 6:30pm  
 Location: Virtual on Teams**

<p><b>PSSC Members Present:</b>  <b>Mike Mazerolle - Co-Chair</b>  <b>Leah Carle - Co-Chair</b>  <b>Ryan Gregg – Teacher Rep.</b>  <b>Nancy Wilkins-Keetch – Parent</b>  <b>Rachel Lively - Parent</b>  <b>Laura Oldford – Parent</b>  <b>Jody Peterson – Parent</b>  <b>Sacha Dewolfe - Parent</b>  <b>In addition:</b>  <b>Julie Holt – Vice-Principal</b>  <b>Heather Theriault – Vice-Principal</b>  <b>PSSC Members Regrets:</b>  <b>Maryanne Bourgeois – Community Rep.</b>  <b>Shelley Wood – Parent</b></p>	<p><b>School/DEC Representation Present:</b>  <b>Sherry Norton-Graham - Principal</b></p> <p><b>School/DEC Representation Regrets:</b>  <b>Jane Buckley - DEC</b></p>
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**Call to Order: 6:30pm**

**Approval of the Agenda: Nancy Wilkins-Keetch, Laura Oldford**

**Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting: Jody Peterson and Nancy Wilkins-Keetch**

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**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

1. **Playground changes – classes have reverted to their original play spaces**

**New Business:**

1. **OUR School Survey – Heather**

- a. **Grade 4 and 5 students complete the survey at GNMES – last class finished April 13<sup>th</sup>.**

- i. **Sense of Belonging – has been a focus at school and was a question on the survey this year. Heather contacted the Learning Bar regarding the results and was told that given the current situation the results are to be expected.**
- ii. **Instructional Environment – possible that the students were including last year in their answers.**

- iii. **Feel Safe Attending this School – coming to, while on the playground, in the school building and going home.**
  - iv. **Bullying and Exclusion – students do not necessarily understand the meaning of the word “bullying” when answering the survey questions. The teachers continue to try and help students understand the difference between being mean, having a conflict and bullying. Adults also do not always understand the difference when having conversations.**
2. **New playground additions/yard work**
    - a. **50-50 draws, hot lunch money – being used to purchase athletic equipment to go on the track plus 2 standing diggers that will go on the upper playground. Box stairs that are filled with crushed gravel are going into the hill on the path that leads down to the natural playground and the learning path.**
    - b. **Learning path and natural playground – many of the trees have broken, dead or damaged branches that need to be removed so a company is coming in to fix it.**
  3. **Lots of new technology has been purchased and distributed to the classrooms or placed on a cart.**
  4. **New Principal – decision will be made in May; Jay Colpitts sent an email looking for their input (sent to parents on the committee).**
  5. **Mike and Leah – a parent contacted them regarding nutrition guidelines and policy within the school. Mike will forward the information to the committee for review.**
  6. **Mike has put his name forward as a candidate for the District Education Council in the upcoming municipal election.**

**Closing Comments:**

**Date of Next Meeting: In-person for dinner at GNMES– Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm (following Covid operational plan)**

**Adjournment: 7:10 pm**

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

**Approved by email: Leah Carle – Co-chair - approved by email on Tuesday, April 20, 2021  
Mike Mazerolle – Co-chair – approved by email on Monday, April 19, 2021**