



**Garden Creek Elementary School**  
1360 Woodstock Rd, Fredericton, NB

**Parent School Support Committee Minutes**  
March 30, 2021 6:30pm  
Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting

**PSSC Members Present:**

Mark Taylor: Chair  
Katie Côté: Vice Chair  
Lily Smallwood (Home and School Rep)  
Pamela Kitchen, Jill Moore, Holly Goodwin  
Pacey, Coral Shuai, Kim Sorlie, Tim Yerxa

**School/DEC Representation Present:**

Katherine Campbell, Principal  
Samantha Robichaud, Vice Principal  
Catherine Sypher, Guidance

**Community Rep:**

Andrea Addison

**School/DEC Representation:**

Laura O'Brien

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

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion for approval of agenda:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Katie Côté 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lily Smallwood
- all in favor, agenda approved

**Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Pam Kitchen 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tim Yerxa
- all in favor with amendment Last Perception survey conducted in 2019, minutes approved

## **Business arising from the minutes:**

- Field Update:
  - Update from Andrea (Lead): Moving slowly due to snow on ground but good progress. Now has contact with two different engineering companies who will assess the grounds and give us an idea of cost of design plan.
  - Site visit with CBCL first, local Fredericton, division for water management April 7 and Nadine Peters from District will be present.
  - Other company Hillcon, hydrology department, two engineers coming either April 8 or 9.
  - Both companies aware of proper channels through the district. Free assessments being conducted.
  - Important to keep in mind any future changes to playground structures, i.e. future placement of a basketball court where new drainpipe is.
  - Home and school to possibly attend with that background information on the playground. Amanda will be bridging this issue. Lily to be tapped with her outdoor learning involvement.
  - Katherine to look into the outdoor teaching group's plan for outdoor space.
  - Next Steps: Get quotes for the design plan and look at funding.
  
- Home and School Update:
  - Update from Lily Smallwood on Home and School's Garden Creek Sugar Bush.
  - All classes able to participate in the sap boil.
  - Syrup to potentially be auctioned off.
  
- Parent Perception Survey/Parent Engagement:
  - Parent Perception Survey questions reviewed and updated
  - Katherine to talk to Pierre Plourde (George St) on communications model for English second language families.

## **DEC Report:**

- DEC meeting held the week of March 22nd with presentation on budget, which is balanced. Additional funding from EECD for Covid related costs.
- District plan will be one year due to Covid. Upcoming proposal will be a one-year plan focusing on social emotional well being.
- Sessions to take place in April and May regarding capital projects.
- Nomination forms should be in for DECH positions for April 8, Laura will not be reoffering.

## **Principal's Report:**

### Professional Learning:

- April upcoming on social emotional learning

### School Update:

- Shifting focus away from digital learning. Teams moved to bookings for Parent teacher. Alternative digital learning tools: Zorbits and Squiggle Park.
- Report cards to be distributed March 31.
- Working on editing and revision. Preparing students in grade 5 for grade 6.
- Looking at a year-end culmination concert.
- Outdoor learning still meeting and working on structure.
- Looking at getting more ukuleles, need to figure out storage.
- Mural of global competencies and language being worked on.
- No timeline on PSSC involvement for Catherine's one-year replacement. PSSC participates in a survey to support the hiring process.

## **Questions?**

N/A

## **Correspondence:**

N/A

## **Closing Comments:**

Katherine thanked the PSSC committee for their participation.

## **Date of Next Meeting:**

**April 27th, 2021 at 6:30pm on Microsoft Teams**

**Adjournment: 8:00pm**