



George Street Middle School
575 George Street, Fredericton, NB

Parent School Support Committee Minutes

Sept 24, 2018 6:00pm

George Street Middle School Library

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| <p>PSSC Members Present: Dave Bowen, Chair Darren MacKenzie, Vice Chair, H&S Rep Andrea Addison, Secretary</p> <p>Donna Davis, Sabrina deJong, Jeff Earle, Heather O’Connell, Debra Weyman, Natasha Whyte, Tim Yerxa</p> | <p>School/DEC Representation Present: Pierre Plourde, Principal</p> <p>School/DEC Representation Regrets: Peter Manson, Teacher Rep Terry Pond, DEC Rep</p> |
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Call to Order: 6:02pm

Housekeeping Items:

- Role of PSSC support of Principal and Administration; community partnerships, language and culture, positive learning environment
- parent voice in shaping of school policies, e.g. grade 6 entrance changed to gym door
- provide guidance and consultation on the School Improvement Plan
- more information available on the ASD-W website regarding member duties and responsibilities
- Forms to sign - paperwork required for members, phone number and email
- GSMS large, able to have 12 members, minimum 10 including staff
- Discussion – DEC rep has difficulty attending meetings – can we schedule our meetings to enable DEC rep in being able to attend, provide DEC rep our meeting schedule early

Election of Chair and Formation of 2018-19 George Street PSSC:

Motions for election of:

Chair: Dave Bowen; Motion by Darren MacKenzie, 2nd Heather O’Connell

Vice Chair: Darren Mackenzie; Motion by Dave Bowen, 2nd Heather O’Connell

Teacher Representative: Peter Manson

Home and School Representative: Darren MacKenzie

DEC Representative: Terry Pond

Secretary: Andrea Addison

Parent Members: by acclimation: Donna Davis, Sabrina deJong, Jeff Earle, Heather O'Connell, Debra Weyman, Natasha Whyte, Tim Yerxa

Principal's Report:

- GSMS 762 students, this year 252 families for whom English or French are not the 1st language
- School Improvement Plan – will send out copy of SIP, also available on website
- this year planning for SIP meeting with community involvement
- Possibly Tim Yerxa may chair this committee? Help from Barb, Cheryl; Tim will consider
- Budget – available is \$2144 to officially spend by March 31st, use towards SIP meeting
- Apple campaign funds are school raised, run by students, current campaign monies for library

Teacher Report: submitted via email by Peter Manson

- 4 new teachers: Jennifer Jones (7); Matthew Lynch (7); Stephanie Wilson (8); Dick Paul (First Nations Culture)
- Grade 6 Orientation successful, homeroom teachers had more one on one time with classes
- Soccer has started with large rosters to maximize participation
- Cross-country has begun, first meet Sept 19th, open to all students no tryouts
- Production, choir and band auditions underway
- Eric Hanenberg and Kelly Waterhouse join GSMS as new band directors
- Student Vote program has launched, LA, FILA and Social Studies teachers have incorporated pre-election into classroom; mock election, importance of being an 'informed voter'

DEC Representative's Report: submitted via email by Terry Pond

- 4 schools identified for sustainability studies (Liverpool, Forest Hill, McAdam Ave, Nashwaaksis Memorial), additional meetings will be held for this purpose
- David Perley - First Nations Rep led session on Calls to Action ~ Truth and Reconciliation
- Spring Symposium canceled due to flooding rescheduled November 2, 3 Fredericton Inn
- PSSC members previously registered and still active may attend, possibly additional spaces
- Next DEC meeting Thursday September 20th, 2018

Home and School Report: Darren MacKenzie

- November Nonsense scheduled for November 16th, a few changes e.g. build a second nerf gun location, bring in Abony Tennis
- Won't be running magazine campaign in the spring this year, will run a pre-Christmas raffle of basket of gift cards
- proceeds of events will go to library growth

New Business:

- **Dates of Meetings** 4th Monday of the month
- **2018:** October 22nd, November 26th
- **2019:** January 28th (PL day but will still have meeting), March 25th, April 22, May 27th
- (February 25th possible make up meeting if necessary)

Closing Discussion:

- EdCan Wire – Canadian group involved in the education system, once Dave has emails he can share topics with PSSC monthly, conferences across Canada, paper copies are sent to schools
- Policy 711 – Nutrition Policy – clarification coming

- Sales in cafeteria are up, white milk, soda water, cut out high sugar foods (e.g yogurt fruit)
- PSSC to work with school on implementation of policy – e.g. multicultural events, families bring national dishes, e.g. desserts
- personnel from Health and Safety stay on site during events oversee how foods set up
- require guidance on how to reconcile policy with events hosted at the school with students in attendance, e.g. cultural dishes brought into school that may not comply
- SRC Rep attend PSSC meetings – possibly have member(s) of Student Representative Council attend PSSC meetings throughout the year
- frequency – a couple of meetings a year, or each meeting?
- could place SRC reps at top of agenda so that they make presentation, participate in discussion; meeting then continues as normal in their absence for items that include voting etc
- Possibly SRC reps could alternate so that as many as possible get a chance participate
- discuss at October PSSC meeting, possibly implement in November

Adjournment: 6:56pm

Motion to adjourn: Darren MacKenzie; 2nd: Natasha Whyte