



Kingsclear Consolidated School Parent School Support Committee

Minutes

Date: Time:

Location KCS Library

<p>PSSC Members Present: Rebecca Atkinson (Chair) Chris Dickson (Vice Chair) Nadia Byers (Secretary) Sean Wiseman Julianne Moore Dari Dunbar Nathan Jones</p> <p>PSSC Members Regrets: Chad Billington Kate Knowles</p>	<p>School/DEC Representation Present: Jason Burns (Principal) Heather Mazerolle Stephanie Haslam (DEC Rep)</p> <p>School/DEC Representation Regrets:</p>
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Call to Order:

Time 7:05

Approval of the Agenda:

Agenda: Rebecca made a motion to approve the agenda; Chris seconded.

Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Rebecca sent out minutes for approval via email and will continue to do so, as long as we receive enough approval via email.

Agenda Items:

KCS Celebration:

- everyone celebrated the DEC's decision to keep KSC open and invest
- short discussion about feelings about how everyone felt during the meeting

French Immersion Discussion Update

- October 2 Mr. Burns met with Wayne (*Director of Schools*) to discuss French immersion at KCS and urged to transparency during this process
- Rebecca informed during the DEC meeting that it is not the place of the PSSC to request French Immersion (it is operational)
- the #1 concern at this point for French immersion is due to resources (teachers and space)

ACTION: Rebecca to meet with DEC chair to discuss what the role of the PSSC is

ACTION: PSSC to review policy 309 and PSSC handbook as they seem to be slightly contradictory

- Survey to parents in regard to the demand for French Immersion as KCS
- Mr. Burns to inquire about the process of requesting French Immersion

CRAFT FAIR

- Sunday November 25 at 1PM
- Joint event with P4K.
- Rebecca reminded that the role of the PSSC is community engagement and vendor sign ups
- Currently at 26 vendors out of 31 total tables
- registration to stay open

DEC SYMPOSIUM

- November 2-4
- Sessions of different areas of interest
- about the different districts and what is going on in them
- Rebecca discussed the possibility of swapping members during sessions if other members were interested in certain sessions
- **ACTION:** Rebecca to email out session details
- **ACTION:** Stephanie to inquire if space was available to Chris to also attend
- **ACTION:** Members to decide what sessions are of most interest to them and let Rebecca know if there are any they would like her to attend or possibly attend themselves

Update from DEC

DEC UPDATE

- Discussion of long term goals including policy monitoring, pssc engagement and superintendent monitoring
- Guest speaker addressing topics surrounding first nations and wolastoqiyik peoples and students. Topics included appropriate terminology and phrases.
- Superintendent to be evaluated by the DEC following a report by her providing evidence that she is doing her job according to DEC policies
- Discussion around the DEC's role in evaluating the superintendent
- Nutrition Committee Struck within the DEC in which a letter will be drafted and given to whichever MLA and government is in place at the time
- **ACTION:** Stephanie to inquire about what really is the role of the DEC when it comes to superintendent evaluation (looking specifically from an operational standpoint)

POLICY 711 UPDATE

- Sean discussed that there is no real update in regard to this as we are still waiting on a political position
- He urged the importance of teaching students to understand nutrition and how to make balanced decisions themselves instead of making the decisions for them
- PSSC members discussed that there is a problem when it comes to fundraising events and what can be offered

- Nate expressed how this policy can be intrusive to parents and how this policy may effect children's eating habits and even productivity is we are trying to force them to eat something they do not like

CAREER FAIR

- A decision was made to have two 40 minute blocks take place for the children. These blocks will go from 10:20-11 and from 11:10-11:50. This allows the children to get in and undress from recess in for the first session and to get packed up for home, for the second.
- Deadline to confirm careers will be Friday, October 26. This will allow for teachers to have knowledge about which careers will be present and prepare accordingly.
- **ACTION:** Julianne to confirm last minute careers by Friday, as well as reach out to Science East to invite them to attend.

PARENT SURVEY

- Chad prepared 5 sample questions to give PSSC an idea of the format for the survey
- Mr. Burns and teachers also came up with a list of questions to be added that included things like parent's interest to volunteer and professional learning opportunities
- Survey can be submitted with or without a name
- Decision was made to come up with 2-3 questions per month to send home
- Chad responsible for managing the survey and reporting back to PSSC with things like approval of the questions being sent out
- **ACTION:** Chad to send to PSSC proposed survey each month

COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOLS

- quick discussion around ideas of renting out our school or getting the community involved in use of our school
- further brainstorming and discussion to take place during the November meeting

CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS

- Chair and Vice-Chair Elections took place as per handbook guidelines stating 'October'
- Chris motioned to have Rebecca remain as Chair, Nadia seconded.
- Nate mentioned to have Chris remain as Vice-Chair, Sean seconded.

Principal's Update

Update of Septembers events at KCS

Update on this month's calendar with a long list of great activities taking placing including

- STU intern starting in Mrs. O's classroom
- Literacy lead working with all teachers and students until Oct. 31
- Update on snow removal and sanding this year
- The starting of Girls Club
- October 24, Take Me Outside Day
- Discussion with other schools about promoting one another's events
- Grant to be received by the Co-Op for KCS Breakfast program
- Remembrance Day Ceremony
- KCS Christmas Concert – December 5 @ 10 (snow day, December 12)

School Improvement Plan

- each teacher's goals for their classroom
- targeted student goals
- goals are reached through a collaborative effort
- monthly goal reflections will take place to determine whether or not goals were met, how the month went and if goals were not met, to determine why (what could have been done better, what can be changed to make the goal more obtainable or fitting?)
- a goal to create a true report card for the community to represent the progress that has happened at KCS

EA UPDATE

- Currently KCS has 4 EAs (one interim EA)
- an EA position is being advertised for the school (to replace one of four)
- Current EA schedules are being adjusted to accommodate top floor coverage

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion of Parent information sessions and plans to brainstorm and discuss further of November meeting
- Discussion regarding PM and Inclusive rewards. Rebecca urged members to consider whether or not there was anyone we would like to nominate. Information about nominations attached to handout with meeting agenda. Plans to coordinate possible nominations via email.

Closing Comments

Rebecca and Mr. Burns thanked everyone for attending as well as for the support that was received during the DEC meeting and the celebration thereafter.

Date of Next Meeting

Next meeting to be held on November 19th at 7pm following P4K

Adjournment

Rebecca moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25. Chris seconded.

Rebecca Atkinson
PSSC Chair

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Date

Nadia Byers
PSSC Secretary

October 23, 2018
Date