**New Maryland School**

**75 Clover st, New Maryland E3C 1C5**

**Parent School Support Committee Minutes**

**Date: April 16, 2018 Time: 4:30 Location: ESST room in school**

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| **PSSC Members Present:** Loreigh MacKay, Krystle Roherty, Matthew Stainforth, Peter Dickinson  **Chair** Natalie Holder  **Vice Chair** Dave Lavigne  **Teacher Rep:** Sarah Bird  **PSSC Members Regrets** Dave Lavigne, Karyn Hamilton, Lisa Innes, Angela Kelly, Natalie Holder | **School/DEC Representation Present:**  Heather Hallett, Principal  Terry Pond/DEC  **School/DEC Representation Regrets:** |

**Call to Order: 4:35**

**Approval of the Agenda:** Roherty, Gaudet

**Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting:** Stainforth, MacKay

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

1. Speaker series: Suggested topic “Drugs and what parents need to know” projected date: May 9th
2. Parent handbook: Input has been received from the school staff and PSSC members. We hope to have a draft copy ready for review by the next meeting.

**Budget:** Spent

**Reports:**

1. **DEC Report Terry Pond**

**-**There was a public meeting April 12th

**-**Capital projects are required to be ordered by priority soon

1. **Home and School Report Natalie Holder**

-Spell-A-Thon was very successful

-The purchase of mats for the gym have been approved

**Principal Report**

**Ten Year Plan**

Strengthen research partnerships with local universities

-UNB: K Bridging program Heidi Taylor (2016-17)

-UNB: Purposeful Play Susan Wallace: later extended to all K teachers (2017-18)

-University of Moncton: Connected with the school and then visited through a Brilliant Labs initiative

Improve Numeracy and Literacy skills K-2

-At the PDU meeting held at NMES there was some consensus that both the professional learning opportunities as well the bench marking assessments should extend to grades K-5 not just K-2.

**DIP:**

Formative Assessment

-Reading records have been submitted, reviewed by ESST and remediation put in place as

necessary

-Teachers reported having significant formative data to draw on for the report cards

**SIP** :

-Numeracy lead for Grades 3-5 is currently in house

-“Good for Kids” mentor and K-2 literacy lead have moved on to new locations.

-The winter block of ELF ends this week.

-Author Visit April 12th One of each grade 2,3 4,5

-Worlds Unbound from UNB presenting Science concepts to classes in May

-Teachers have been invited to recognize “Talk With Our Kids About Money Day”

-Very successful at regional Drama Festival; an onsite evening show will be held at the school

soon.

-Earth Day will be recognized in classrooms in various ways. The whole school will be invired

to participate in a “litter less lunch” on April 20th

-School review process is changing. Teachers have been asked for feedback on possible best practice.

-Reading Buddies program kick off (Currently the bulk of volunteers are PNB Zoomers)

**ISD/ Child and Youth:**

-There has been indication that workers are now at capacity; especially at the high school level.

**New Business:** A concern was voiced to the school regarding Grade 1 students visiting the DECH during the high point of cold and flu season. Students will be confined to one room and not tour the hospital.

**-**Collection of feedback from members on the ½ day PL sessions scheduled this year.

**Calendar: T Correspondence:** Nil

**Closing Comments:** Nil

**Date of Next Meeting:** May 28th, 2018

**Adjournment:** 6:10

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**PSSC Chair Date**

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**PSSC Secretary Date**