**New Maryland School**

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

**Parent School Support Committee Minutes**

**Date: September 17, 2018 Time: 4:30 Location: ESST room in school**

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| **PSSC Members Present:** Krystle Roherty, Peter Dickinson, Matthew Stainforth, Natalie Holder**Chair** Natalie Holder **Vice Chair:** Matthew Stainforth **Teacher Rep:** Sarah Bird, Melissa Gaudet **PSSC Members Regrets** Loreigh Mackay, Lisa Innes | **School/DEC Representation Present:**Heather Hallett, Principal Terry Pond/DEC**School/DEC Representation Regrets:** |

**Call to Order:** 4:35

**Approval of the Agenda:** Krystle Roherty, Sarah Bird

**Approval of the Minutes from Previous** N/A

Introductions

Clarification of positions: Natalie holder will remain chair. Thank-you to Matt Stainforth for accepting the role of co-chair. The role of meeting recorder will rotate.

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

1. Speaker series:

These sessions are not being well attended. We will send out a survey to families to get a better idea of interests and needs. K. Roherty will draft a survey for committee review and approval.

1. Parent Handbook: A draft version will be shared for review at the next meering.

**Reports:**

1. **DEC Report**: Terry Pond

-Welcome to new PSSC members and welcome back to anyone returning. Thank-you for being interested in your child’s school and education. Note to chairs and/or Principals: please remember to forward your PSSC membership list with contact information as well as meeting schedule to Carol Clark-Caterini, (carol.clark-caterini@gnb.ca) at the district office as soon as possible. Minute meetings should be forwarded in the prescribed format after each meeting.

-Superintendent reports: nil

-The ASD-W DEC had our annual weekend retreat to start the year off. Much of the discussion was around the four sustainability studies we will be doing this fall: Liverpool. ForestHill, McAdam Ave. and Nashwaaksis Memorial. This will require about 12 additional DEC meetings by the end of January.

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

-New co-president Danica Sweezy

-Currently have $12,000 in the playground fund and $9000.00 in regular account

-Volunteer co-ordinator is Loriegh MacKay

-Fall Frolic to be held October 19th

1. **Principal Report:** Heather Hallett
* **Ten Year Plan Priorities:**

**Objective 3** (K-2 Literacy), **Objective 4** (K-2 Numeracy)**, Objective 6** (First Nations needs and curriculum. We continue to review, reflect on and revise as necessary our practices in these three areas. Added this year: **Objective 7** (Resilience) “Ensure all learners develop the knowledge, skills and behaviors needed to continually adapt to, and thrive in their environment.

* **DIP:** Student engagement, formative assessment and collective efficacy

-The current focus at NMES is student engagement; although not to the exclusion of the other two. Staff is co-constructing what this looks like and sounds like and what practices are most effective.

* **SIP:** review of current plan. We currently have a subject focus (Literacy and Numeracy)

***-****Improve number sense using a balanced Math program with a focus on formative assessment practices*

***-****Improve student confidence and command over the six traits of writing to ensure writing is clear and interesting.*

***-****Increase the quantity and quality of reading opportunities for all students.*

* **ISD/ Child and Youth:**

**-**We continue to have a Child and Youth team representative join our ESST meetings on a bi-weekly basis. This year it is Laura Dooley.

* **General: -**New to our school; Music teacher Eric Hanenburg

**-**Kindergarten registration for September 2019 begins October 9th

**-**EYE-DAS will be completed January 7th

* **Calendar:**

Fire Prevention week

Safe Schools week

**New Business:** a) Budget: Suggestion; painting student washroom doors with positive messages and art.

b) Policy 711; we are still waiting for confirmation of the policy from government

c) Open Gym/Playground use: Concern that open gym requires more supervision. Are there alternatives?

d) Wheel chair parking: Request has been made to facilities for better marking

e) Late FI registration: A large number of late registrations impacts staffing

f) Efficiency of services from ASD-W facilities: Wait time between submitting work order and work being completed seems unreasonable.

**Correspondence:** Gordan Porter-Tara Flood will visit this week to observe inclusion practices. Tara is the director of the Alliance for Inclusive Education in London, UK.

**Closing Comments:** We currently have 6 members. Guidelines for PSSC size: minimum 6 members and maximum 12 members.

**Date of Next Meeting:** October 15th

**Adjournment:** 6:20

**Natalie Holder**

PSSC ChairDate

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