SCHOOL NAME: Nashwaak Valley School Address: 747 Route 628 Durham Bridge Parent School Support Committee Minutes

Date: February 20, 2018 Time: 6:00 pm Location: Nashwaak Valley School

PSSC Members Present: School/DEC Representation Present:

Mike Gallagher - Chair Tracy Stewart - Principal

Nicole Estey-Biggar

Jenna Esligar - Teacher Rep.

Regrets: School/DEC Representation Regrets: Kim

Laurel Taylor Vice Chair Douglass

Call to order – 6:00 pm

Laurel Send regrets

Approval of the Agenda:

- ~ PSSC Budget has been spent for this year. If there is extra funding in the future, it would be great to get have other visuals displayed on walls to communicate messages that our meaningful to our school community "We Care" (other decals / painting that shows our motto, school banner for whole school events and outings, etc.)
- ~ 2017 Provincial Reading Assessment results,

66.7 % of grade 2 students passing reading assessment in 2017. District at 76-77% - same as the province. One or two students up or down can change the percentage a lot in a small school. Tracy showed our trends over the past 5 years – some fluctuations. Past two years not having as much success as previous. Results have been shared with staff, and staff are working together to make a plan to see what is successful and what might not be the highest yield practices in reading and how we can continue to improve our teaching to enhance student literacy.

~ Teacher Perception Surveys

A lot of agreement in results. Staff would like to observe peers and work collaboratively with their colleagues to enhance teacher and student learning. A plan will be put into place for 2018-2019 to ensure more peer collaboration.

~ PSST World

Icon is on school website – an online reporting tool for anyone to use to report anything surrounding safety in the schools. Ex: Social media or school safety concerns, these concerns can be made by students and parents / community members anonymously. More information will go out to parents next week.

~ Whole School Initiatives update

School review is going well, has been a good process for school administration, along with a discussion on consistency over the years. We have set a number of small improvement goals as a staff and are making great progress.

Tracy would like to know if our parent representative groups feel that there is a need to provide an opportunity for parent to give feedback to the school surrounding school climate, initiatives, etc. The consensus seemed to be from the meeting that this is not something necessary at this time as having opportunities for parents to provide feedback to the school / administration can be done on a case by case basis. The parent groups (PSSC and Home & School) are happy with the progress and culture of the school.

Next meeting

o March 20, 2018 at 6:00 pm

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Adjournment: 6:30 pm.