Nashwaaksis Memorial School

Parent School Support Committee Minutes

Date: Nov. 2, 2021 Time: 6:00pm

Location: Teams

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| PSSC Members Present:Sheena HathawayBrandi JonesRochelle FletcherJulie Gallant DaiglePSSC Regrets: | School/DEC Representation Present:Christie JordanJason BurnsSchool/DEC Representation Regrets: |

**Call to Order**: By Rochelle at 6:07 PM

**Approval of Agenda:**

No agenda was submitted

**Approval of the Minutes from previous meeting:**

Done via email.

**Agenda Items**

**Welcome:** Rochelle asked how is everyone doing? Mixed reviews on how it is going, tough with low staffing at work, organizing kids, some views that it is working a bit better than Covid times last year. Everyone is just doing their best. It is ok to not get everything done. So much teacher support, so thankful for them.

**Principal Update:**

Enrolment 354 currently with 15 EAs for this year, 5 new EAs to the school. Student wellness survey closes Dec 3rd, so we should have time to get it done (Grades 4-5 students). Data typically available come the Spring. 4-5 survey mainly covers learning habits, but also bullying. If we continue to distance learn, Jason will need to reach out to ECB for extension or send information home to try and get results.

Teacher surveys begin on Nov 15th and close on Dec 13th.

Daylight savings time reminder to go out.

Remembrance Day virtual assembly will be happening around 10:30. Hoping for more student driven, but if we are still virtual, we might have to change it a bit.

Diversity and respect week, Nov 15-20th. Application applied to have the Multicultural center to come present Dec 6th as there is a lot of requests.

Report cards on the 29th.

Rochelle: Any issues with staffing with the upcoming double vaccination requirements.

Jason: All teachers should be ok, but to stick with confidentiality we should be ok, and no mass issues foreseen.

All supply teachers/employees, student interns etc. will need to show vaccination or be tested.

**DEC Update:**

N/A

**New Business:**

Land acknowledgements – The school has received the new land acknowledgement. Directive from the province, new script to follow. Orange shirt day was the last event at the school, some changes have been made and Jason has received the new script.

No updates about the strike, we really don’t know when a resolution will be completed. We have reached out for Newcomers to be able to get support from the Multi-Cultural Association of Fredericton. They can still tutor and assist.

Purchased large green dollar store bag rather than bookbags, since we haven’t gotten them back due to the school closing. We have about 20 families that we support with the healthy food drive. We will make sure they still get what they need so we can still support them.

ESS Team made plans with special programing for students with special need, maintain food support for families in need. Ways to reach out for emotional support as well, maintain meeting needs for our families.

We don’t want to see a break in food security for our families, we are doing our best to keep all the services available.

Numbers for the hot lunch program- Pizza is the best, Pita Pit has dropped a bit (lateness and/or dislike), Comfort Catering (kids do not seem to respond to mac and cheese), Superstore numbers match close to Pizza. Looking at Sun Prince as an option for the kids’ hot lunch program.

We are happy with the existing numbers for hot lunch. Caribbean Flavors 42 orders were already made, $246 worth of food unfortunately was already made, the vendor expressed that he would now have to donate to the food bank. An option presented to the board: perhaps the parents would pay for the hot lunch as a donation (not request a refund) to assist in paying the vendor as it was not their fault that we were unable to get the food as the school was closed. An alternative: perhaps paying him cost for the food and negotiating a deal that can be made to help offset the cost.

Virtual Christmas Concert: figuring out filming, by class instead of the full concert on one video. That way the video could be shared with grandparents etc. ‘You tube’ option.

**Action item:** Looking to move the bus stop for the Leo Hayes students. Issues with cursing and smoking on our school property while waiting for the bus. We will get in contact with transportation to see if it is possible to have it moved further down the street.

**Correspondences:**

* N/A

**Closing Comments:**

**Date of Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2021, at 6pm

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm